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THE RIGHT OF PRIVATEERING.

The latest silliness finds expression in a note of alarm lest Spain should employ privateers to harry our commerce in the event of war. Privateering is a legitimate incident of war, of which the United States would not hesitate to avail itself, and of which it could avail itself in a degree that Spain could not approach. The ethics of privateering were discussed by Thomas Jefferson in a paper dated July 4, 1812. He said:

What is war? It is simply a contest between factions as to which can do the most harm to the other. Who carries on the war? Armies and navies that are made up of individuals. How is the battle gained? By the death of individuals. What produces peace? The distress of individuals occasioned by the conduct of war. Of what difference is it to the loser of a merchant vessel whether his ship is captured by a man-of-war or a privateer?

This is a clear statement of a dreadful case, says the Inter Ocean. War is dreadful. The most merciful conduct of war is that which most quickly produces what Jefferson called such "distress of individuals" as will bring it to a close. Such distress as the result of loss of property is less deplorable than that which is the result of loss of life. The function of a privateer is capture or destruction of the maritime property of a nation that is at war with another.

So much for the ethics of privateering. Now for the law of the case. At the close of the Crimean war all the European powers, Spain being excepted, entered into an agreement by which privateering was abolished. Britain then was the dominant power in European politics, and as the largest owner of goods afloat had most to fear from their capture by privateering vessels. Spain declined to be a party to the agreement for the very sufficient reason that while she was unable to keep a great navy in readiness for war, and had comparatively little commerce afloat, she could at any time become dangerous by issuing letters of marque to privateers. The United States declined to become a party to the treaty upon a higher ground. This country met the British proposition for the absolute prohibition of privateering by a most equitable counter proposition. It demanded that vessels of war, as well as privateers, should be restrained from attacking and capturing or destroying ships or cargoes that were the property of individuals. This would have reduced war on the ocean to the condition of that on land, in which private property is exempt from seizure.

But Britain would not consent. Its policy was to prevent a foreign nation from supplementing its regular navy by privateers that should act as commerce destroyers, while using its own great, and at that time unrivaled, navy as an instrument for the destruction of the commerce of any nation with which it might be at war. Europe, Spain excepted, acquiesced in Britain's demand, and has regretted its folly a thousand times. There were diplomats in Britain in those days, and the treaty for abolition of privateering is a monument to their art. The United States had diplomats also, and by their shrewdness we were saved from falling into the British trap. The

outcome is that if there be war we can employ privateers, and it is probable that we shall.

GATORS' GETTING SCARCE.

The Northern Girl Carries the Young Ones Away for Pets.

There is serious danger of Florida alligators becoming extinct. This is quite a disaster to the flowery state, for the ugly, alleged child-eating monsters have been quite a source of revenue.

Sportsmen from the northern states have hunted them as Englishmen delight to hunt tigers in India. The Seminole Indians, too, make regular war on the saurians for their hides.

But, singularly enough, says a southern exchange, it is the dainty northern girl who is chiefly to blame for their diminishing numbers. It is she who rathlessly carries them off by the hundreds and thousands each season as pets! Of course, these are the babies, little fellows, ten or twelve inches long.

The baby gators are boxed by the curio dealers and sold to ladies who affect great interest in the ugly things for pets. As the gators live on air and muddy water and an occasional chunk of meat every three or four days, they are not troublesome. But the increase in price will perhaps stop some of this cruelty. The Indians, knowing of the scarcity of alligators in all of the Florida streams, have irritated the pal-face curio dealers and charge more for their gators.

The baby alligators, while not valuable for their small hides, are killed by the hundreds and mounted. Some serve as thermometers—the tube running up the back. Another curio is a baby alligator standing upon his hind feet and playing a violin with his forefeet. Others are arrayed as waiters offering some article for sale or holding a lamp to light visitors to a tank holding a 16-foot or 18-foot live saurian.

Alligators three or four feet in length, mounted, serve as grotesque advertisements and appear to be "so natural" that the stranger is frequently in doubt whether "the thing is alive" or not, and makes a detour in order to be on the safe side.

AN ENORMOUS SAPPHIRE.

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The London Times tells of a Ceylon sapphire in that city, the property of Maj. Gen. Robley, which is not less remarkable for its size than for its translucency and the brilliance of the optical effects it can show. The weight of the gem is 638 karats and it is of a dark, milky blue color, perfectly transparent and flawless.

Large sapphires have been known, but they have usually, if not always, been dull and muddy, instead of having the clear, translucent color of this specimen. But in addition it possesses a property occasionally found in slightly cloudy or milky Ceylon sapphires—and sometimes in other gems, too—which greatly enhances its value in the eyes of believers in the occult powers of precious stones to confer health and good fortune on their wearers. It is a star sapphire, or asteria. That is, being cut en cabochon, it displays a beautiful opalescent star, dividing its six rays at the apex, which changes its position according to the movement of the source of light by which it is viewed. By employing two or three sources of light, two or three of these stars can be simultaneously seen in the gem.

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The Dalles March 1, 1898.
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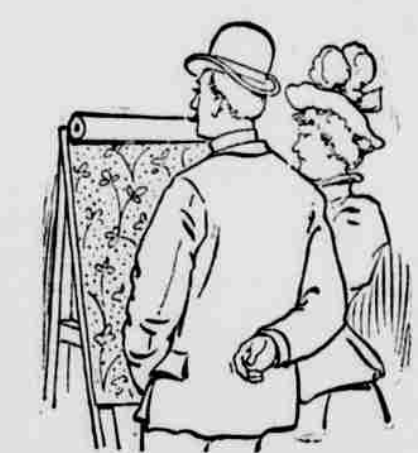


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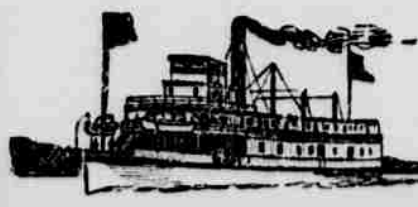


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No. 3, from Spokane and Great Northern, arrives at 6:30 a. m., departs at 6:35 a. m. No. 1, from Baker City and Union Pacific, arrives at 3:20 a. m., departs at 3:30 a. m.

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