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NELSON AND SCHLEY.

Schley disobeyed orders. So did Nelson, who is the hero of British naval history.

If school children will turn to the page of the record of brilliant achievements of England's men of sea war, they will read a story something like this:

In April, 1801, one hundred years ago, Viscount Horatio Nelson, celebrated English admiral, fought and won the battle of Copenhagen, defeating Napoleon's plan for the invasion of England, and preventing the permanent alteration of the map of Europe. Nelson was under the command of some superior officer, (history does not remember who he was.) During the fight, the tide turned against the British fleet, and ignominious retreat was apparently the only alternative. That unknown superior commanding admiral signalled Nelson's and the other ships to withdraw, leaving the seas in the possession of the allied forces of Denmark and France. Nelson had one blind eye. When one of his officers called his attention to the fact that retreating signals were being blown from the masthead of the flagship of the fleet, Nelson took his sea glass and placed it at his blind eye, saying in reply: "I don't see any such signals." He ordered his men to "Give them hell, bullocks," or words to that effect, and that was just what Nelson did, with the result that the battle of Copenhagen was changed from disgraceful defeat to glorious victory for the British ships, and Napoleon was frustrated in his plans of conquest, and history was written quite differently from what the great French emperor planned.

It will not be good logic for the youth to draw from this the conclusion that disobedience of orders is the mark of a good soldier. Indeed, obedience for child or sailor or soldier is a cardinal virtue. But, also it is true that sometimes, when the exigencies of the situation after the conditions, commanders are justified in doing not what their superiors commanded. This was what Schley did. He refused to obey the orders sent by the board of strategy who were closeted in Washington, 1500 miles from the scene of action. By so refusing he gained a great victory, and added luster to the fame of the American seaman on our men-of-war.

HANNA'S GREAT FIGHT.

The fight against Mark Hanna is on, and all of the powers of the administration are to be returned to the compulsory retirement of the Ohio senator from the leadership of the republican party. This is apparent from all the bearings upon the party management by the president, and this is the view taken by the politicians of Washington. It will work for tremendous changes in the state political machines everywhere.

States machines of the prevailing party are always dependent on the distribution of the federal patronage, excepting, in a degree, in states in which the official plums of the commonwealth alone are of importance. But, even in them, the federal patronage is a thing the machine must have to hold its followers.

The smashing of the Hanna machine, and that is certain to occur unless Roosevelt's own machine be smashed, will cut off the heads of many men who supposed they had a "clinch" on the control of the local organizations. It is claimed that Senator Fairbanks, of Indiana, is the first of the big men to be compelled to place his head upon the block, and that the appointment of Payne, of Wisconsin, vice-chairman of the republican party, to be postmaster general is the one big fact portending the new order of anti-Hanna things.

It is of doubtful wisdom for Roosevelt to name for a cabinet position a man so representative of the practical in politics. This is not to say that he should have named a dreamer, an impractical. But, to place in his cabinet one who is a synonym for hard headed politics, is something that rather disappoints the friends of the president.

However, Payne may, perhaps, be like Jell, now governor of New York. Jell was the very incarnation of Plutonium in the Empire state. His election to the governorship was heralded as the triumph of the grafter in politics. But, once he was fairly seated at Albany, he announced that no jobs would be permitted, and he permitted none. He turned his knowledge of politics to the good of the people. Here is a chance for Payne to do the same and in so doing, perform wonders in riding Washington of some of its horde of self-seekers.

MAKING FACES.

There is a characteristic that is part and parcel of the feminine multitude. It is leaning toward experimenting and investigations.

This trait, which, apparently, is born in every girl baby, is the strange compelling emotion which compels women to taste everything when cleaning out the pantry—little packages of powders, you know, or jars or boxes, when the contents may be almost anything, silver polish, applications for felons or an anti-killing preparation. "Have you heard of that face cream. It is made of lard and egg and epsom salts and a little mercury, I think. Oh, its just fine," says Miss Silly to Miss Sillier.

Then both experiment.

It takes each one four weeks to get a new face, but she has followed the strange insisting notion that is part of her makeup. She has wanted to know something, and she has found it out.

Pure cosmetics protect one's complexion, give firmness, build tissues, keep the skin clean and help supply the oily nutriment that soap and water and plain every day dirt are constantly taking away. But, though awful and discouraging may be the statement, all cosmetics are not pure. It is a wise woman who is careful what she puts on her face as she is careful what she puts in her stomach. The foolish lady is careful about neither, taking her chances of getting "indigestion" or a flayed alive complexion

with an equal amount of placid unconcern. Perhaps she thinks she can't die but once, anyhow, and might as well have a lot of fun while she is here. Certainly, she will not die from lack of experiments, although there's a good chance that she will die from the effects of them.

Cheery cold creams are made from lard or white vasoline. Both of these are hair tonics of the finest and most active merits. Good facial creams are usually made with a basis of oil of sweet almonds, nature's very splendidest complexion tonic and builder. In fact, cold cream evolved from the use of olive oil. Clear oil is disagreeable to apply. Spermaceti and white wax were added to the oil as hardening agents. After that it was discovered that a little water in some form or other—rosewater, orange flower water or the like—would make a fluffier cream, and one that looked more enticing to the feminine eyes, and that would appeal to that interesting article of wearing apparel, the feminine pocketbook. Thus, cold cream was given to a waiting, anxious world.

Since almond oil is decidedly more expensive than some other kinds known to the druggist, he does not always build his creamy cosmetics with it. The buyer, timid lady, thinks she is getting something very nice because it is all "smelly with rose." The perfume wont make you beautiful. Not a bit. But the almond oil will, and the other good things that are put in pure applications for my lady's snowy brow. (That sounds nice, but it isn't true. My lady's brow is not always snowy.)—Record-Herald.

FORNINST THE CANAL.

The craziest scheme that any great nation ever had is that of building the Nicaragua canal.

It is supreme folly. It is idiotic. It is suicide.

Why should we build a quarter billion dollar canal for the benefit of British and European commerce? Whose ships would chiefly use it? Why should we change God's laws by cutting a continent in two parts?

Why should we pay a quarter of a billion dollars for the privilege of trading the Oriental commerce with England and the nations of Europe? Why should we abdicate the supremacy in the world's commerce guaranteed by the absence of a canal across the Isthmus?

It is folly to pay money for that which would do us no injury.

It is idiotic to ask leave to construct a canal which can only bring ruin to our people.

It is suicide to yield the monopoly of Asiatic commerce, even by nature and by nature's God. It is suicide for us to surrender ourselves of a great protection given by nature for a great purpose.

Billions to defeat the canal. Not a cent for its construction. These should be our watchwords.—Astoria News.

POWER.

Blue and golden butterfly
"To the question, what are you,
"I am only," you reply,
"Two trembling colors, gold and blue."

What are you who soars so high
Through the clear air while you sing?
Thrillingly your notes reply:
"I am only song and wing."

Tiny flower, sweet and shy
"To the query, what are you?
Low your fragrant lips reply:
"Nothing,—only sun and dew."

What is man? The swift reply
Follows boldy:—"I am strong,—
I can crush the butterfly,
Stop the flight and silence song;

"I can break the tender flower,
I can bruise and I can slay;
I have universal power—
I have all embracing away!"

What is God? A soft reply
Through the silence seems to float,—
"See me in the butterfly,
Hear me in the skylark's throat;

"Meet me in the blossom's plan,
Breathe me in the violet;
Only by mine image man
Is my power doubted yet,

"That frail life that he hath stilled
By his strength unheededly
To create required the skilled
Hand he pierced on Calvary."
—Jennie Betts Hartawick,
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UNDERSTOOD.

You speak the thoughts that I have thought
And pondered over long.
You sing the words that I have set
In humbler, simpler song.
And yet I feel my eyes are wet,
In that your soul and mine have met.

What matters that to yours is given
A beauty not in mine;
My thought to greater height and depth
Hath grown in words of thine.
A thought is no less sweet or good
Uttered or only understood.
—Alice Hamilton Rich,
Shanghai, China.

The following extract from the Spokane Chronicle tells how cheaply some men regard their wives: "A good wife is about the same as a good horse, and she saves the expense of a hired girl." On the strength of this assertion, claimed to have been made by William Huff, a farmer, and with other sorrowful tales of mistreatment, Mrs. Jennie Huff was granted a divorce by Judge Belt.

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