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A pretty and loving tribute was paid to the memory of the late General M. G. Vallejo by the Ladies' Improvement Club of Sonoma when they planted a memorial tree in the historic plaza where the Bear Flag was first raised.

DISINFECTING A SHIP.

When the vessel has tied up to the wharf in New Orleans, the first step is the removal of the bedding, clothing and other fabric articles to be sent to a quarantine shed.

HOW THE CHINESE GET RAIN

It is one of the peculiarities of the Chinese that, while they have developed elaborate philosophies, none of them has led to any confidence in the infirmity of nature.

BRIEF REVIEW.

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Pigeons Interrupt Service.

The pigeons at St. Paul's Cathedral are considered to be one of the sights of London.

Blindness an Inheritance.

There are eleven of the present Herreshoffs and five of them are blind, but they know how to build boats.

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Russia's Bad Showing. M. de Witte is perhaps the greatest finance minister Russia has ever had and in his last report has painted as gloomy a view of the industrial and economic situation of the empire as any of his predecessors have done in its darkest days of war, bankruptcy, and famine.

Uncle Sam at the Head.

In the world's race after the rolling dollars Uncle Sam comes in far ahead. The treasury bureau of statistics has just received the yearbook of the London Daily Mail for 1902.

Sponges.

Sponges grow in odd, fantastic shapes. Some of them have an ever-growing, resembling huge warts. There are some suggesting hands, hats and figures of idols.

Housecleaning by Air.

The first stationary compressed air cleaning apparatus to be placed in a hotel in the United States, if not in the world, was put in operation in Milwaukee recently.

Easy Way to Make Money.

About the easiest money making scheme ever seen is at Jerome, Ariz., in the opinion of L. T. Stoddard, secretary of Arizona.

Youngsters in a Postoffice.

The postmaster at Jasper, Mo., announced some weeks ago that he would no longer deliver mail between 4 and 4:30 p. m. to children going home from school.

The Peanut in London.

Noting the introduction of the baked peanut in London, the Pall Mall Gazette observes: "We do not know whether that excellent feature of British civilization, the hot potato, flourishes on winter nights at the street corners of New York.

Had Looked Out For Number One.

"Have you ever done anything to better the condition of any part of the human race?" said the very serious man.

A Test of Friendship.

A gentleman has tried the following peculiar way of proving the ties of friendship. He sent letters to twenty intimate friends asking for a loan of a pound.

December's Names.

December, so called from being the tenth month when the year began in March, has probably had more names conferred upon it than any other of the twelve into which our year is now divided.

Not to Blame.

She—Saturday is our silver wedding. Don't you think we ought to kill the pig and have a feast?

A Way to Kill.

Fashionable Doctor (out for a day's shooting)—Never saw such luck. What's the matter with the birds? I can't kill one of them!

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