

## WARRIORS OF THE WORLD.

A son of Gen. Pope and grandsons of Gen. Sherman and Gen. C. F. Smith were among the latest entries as cadets at West Point.

CAPT. CHARLES H. HEYL, of the Twenty-third infantry, has been detailed to represent the war department exhibit at the world's fair.

FLIES are so pestilential in Siam that every soldier is compelled to assist in reducing their number by catching enough of them every day to fill a match box.

By a recently issued decree all soldiers of the Russian empire must in future use handkerchiefs, which have heretofore been restricted to the officers.

The Prussian army is said to contain but one officer from the ranks—Col. Lademann, who was promoted for acts of exceptional bravery in the Schleswig-Holstein campaign in 1864. He has just been gazetted commander of the Sixtieth infantry.

THERE is a population of 70,000 in Iceland, yet the only military force employed consists of two policemen, stationed at the capital, Reykjavic, and the only two lawyers in the island are the state's attorney, as he may be called, and another, who is on hand to defend anybody that may be put on trial.

## RUMBLINGS ON THE RAILS.

TRAINS in Russia run twenty-two miles an hour.

GREAT BRITAIN is reported to have 16,860 locomotives.

On several of the railroads in Russia iron telegraph poles are to be substituted for wooden ones.

MEXICO has 22,560 miles of telegraph and 6,600 of railroad. A district messenger service will soon be introduced.

The life of a locomotive crank pin, which is almost the first thing about an engine to wear out, is 60,000 miles, and the life of a 33-inch wheel is 66,733 miles.

The Japanese government contemplates the construction of six lines of railway, aggregating 800 miles in length. The purchase of the private railways by the state is also projected.

On foggy winter days English railroads employ thousands of extra hands to place detonating signals on rails, the ordinary semaphores being invisible. A new method of signalling is by an electric bell on the locomotive, a contact device causing each signal station to sound automatically the number of boats required to tell whether to stop or proceed.

## SPARKS AND FLASHES.

Plowing by electricity is in contemplation for a large property in Central Spain.

The Pennsylvania railroad is equipping its anthracite collieries with electric light plants, and will cut coal twenty-four hours a day.

The importance of electricity on modern steamships is shown by the fact that the new English battleship, Royal Sovereign, has no less than eight hundred electric lights and thirty miles of wire.

## A Stylish Corpse.

"She was the most stylish corpse," we heard a woman remark the other day in speaking of a leader of fashion lately deceased, and, prompted by curiosity, we inquired what went to make up a "stylish corpse."

"Oh!" replied the gusher, with no hesitation, "she wore a black velvet gown with point lace trimmings, and her eyebrows penciled and cheeks and lips rouged, besides having her hair done in the most delightful fashion possible. Positively, to be such a beautiful corpse was worth dying for."

To our prosaic mind the solemnity of death seemed to have been robbed of all its grandeur and force by the artificial trappings and adornments of the complexion specialist; yet in this age of fads the time is not far off when just such caprices may be expected, for if fashion sets the pace there will be, besides other modish follies, fads in funerals that will probably be even more ridiculous than the others.—Philadelphia Times.

## Too Cheap.

Some people value a pet grievance far above money or anything which money can buy. A good many years

ago there lived in Washington a United States naval officer who thought himself unjustly treated by the naval retiring board and made incessant complaint about it to his brother officers.

"Well, Sam," said one of his friends, who was a little worn out by hearing the same story over and over, "why in the world do you submit to it, if it is so? There is a man here who will investigate it for twenty dollars, and may correct it."

"What!" ejaculated the complaining officer, whose reasoning powers had evidently become a little confused through meditation on his wrongs, "do you suppose for one instant that I would take twenty dollars for a grievance like this? You don't know me!" —Youth's Companion.

## Baby Jack's Theology.

The doctrine of original sin is a difficult one to controvert, taking the world at large into consideration, but it is one which Baby Jack, aetat twenty-three months, steadily and sturdily refuses to admit into his theology. He says: "Now I lay me," with the utmost fervor and in a language of his own, which only the audacity of a mother would claim to mean anything. He asks: "Dod" to "b'ess" every one of his relatives to the forty-fourth degree, not forgetting his pet cat and "Hoo-Polly" the unclean rag-doll, but when mamma prompts: "Please make Jack a good boy," Master Jack says: "Das" in response as earnest as that of any good Methodist brother. "Das" means "yes," and Jack thinks he is a good boy, and no moral suasion can induce him to suggest to Providence that there is the slightest necessity for making over.—N. Y. Recorder.

## PEOPLE ACROSS THE SEA.

EMIN PASHA is now perfectly destitute, according to the latest news. He is living with an Arab at Tabora, and cannot leave until he receives help.

POPE LEO XIII. attributes his long life and general good health to the regularity of his habits and his abstinence from anything but the simplest fare.

NYMAK PASHA, the senior field marshal of the Turkish army, lately died at the age of 110 years. His eldest son, who is over 70, is also an Ottoman field marshal.

The rapidity with which caste is giving way in India is indicated by the fact that it recently cost a wealthy man who had lost caste only \$300 to be reinstated. Seventy years ago it would have cost him \$100,000.

MAVROYENI BEY, Turkish minister to Washington, is not a solemn and secluded person like most of his countrymen, but a jolly little "Frenchy" sort of man, with a fondness for social life. He lately added a knowledge of tennis to his other accomplishments.

## SALT AND PEPPER.

"Do you have natural gas here?" said the stranger in Washington. "No," was the reply; "congress isn't in session now."—Washington Star.

SHE—"That's a perfect goose. I met him at a watering place last year." He—"Eminently proper place to meet with him, I should say."—N. Y. Herald.

AND HE WENT AWAY.—Gruff Customer (slouching into barber shop)—"Who's ahead of me, old Lathers?" Barber—"Two gentlemen!"—Chicago Tribune.

HICKS—"What did you ever see about Ticker to make you think he was a millionaire?" DIX—"Cracker and cheese crumbs in his coat pocket."—N. Y. Herald.

SECRETARY NIBBES—"Did you discover any irregularities in the Red Tape bureau?" Inspector Sharp—"Yes. Four of the employes were hard at work."—N. Y. Herald.

WHAT IS THE GAIN?—Jinks—"This railroad is a soulless corporation, is it not?" Filkins—"Yes." Jinks—"Well, then, I don't see what it can hope to gain by issuing half-fare tickets to the clergy."—N. Y. Sun.

A SPOONFUL of stewed tomatoes put in the gravy of either roasted or fried meats is an improvement.

BROIL steak without salting. Salt draws the juices in cooking, and it is desirable to keep these in if possible.

TO CLEAN oil cloths use milk and water and wipe with a flannel cloth. A brush and soap will ruin them.—Chris-

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