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Remain Outside Society.

bery and scoff at social struggles," and fear that a sharp drawing of finanwrites Elizabeth Bisland in the Sep- cial lines in congress will result in barm tember Ladies' Home Journal, "but to the republicans. One of the main when a man is ambitious or a woman is objects of the monetary commission is proud he or she desires to secure for to insist that there shall be an attempt himself or herself, and for their children at finencial legislation at the coming the privilege of being received as an session of congress and that the attempt equal everywhere. And however much shall be recommended by President one may rail, the fact remains that McKinley and be pushed by the whole wealth and fashion do set, and have power and influence of the administraalways set, the standard in social life, tion. The lines are already being mapand that if one wishes a free admission ped out, and the prediction has been everywhere one must conform one's made that the financial fight in congress self to that standard. A great many will be the bitterest and most exciting people who are not what is known as since the Force bill was before congress. 'in society,' are fond of pointing out The fighting will be mostly in the senwith triumphant rancorousness that ate, as it will be an easy matter to put 'The Four Hundred' are not more cul- any bill supported by the president and tured, intellectual, wealthy or witty Speaker Reed through the house. It is than many whom they refuse to admit to assumed that any bill proposed by those association with them in their pleasures, who are pushing this movement will be and these resentful folk demand in bit- antagonized by the silver men in the ter amazement why any one admits senate, and as they control that body by their pretensions, or struggles for their a slight margin it requires no prophet to recognition. The answer is not far to say that it will be difficult, if not imposseek. A man may have all the intellec- sible, to pass any such measure in the tual attributes, and yet not be of suffici- senate. ent importance to be admitted to the

nor standards, nor be overburdened as far as the ceremonies of life go, brilcomes along who insists upon joining that others should let it alone. capital S."

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encourage shipments. It seems doubtful if the distant shipment of fresh figs will ever become a profitable business. The fruit is more perishable than any other that is generally marketed. It can be handled only by the most careful and experienced persons, and even then it is not in a condition to show its best many well known fruits and not being especially attractive to the eye, fresh

figs would at best gain favor slowly.

The fact that many people do not care for them at the first would be another obstacle in the way of their popularity. Moreover, the fig is a tedious crop to handle when in proper condition for the market. It is necessary to pick the trees With large trees this involves much labor. The acrid juice of the immature and packers, while rainy weather occasions heavy loss by the cracking of the fruit, which renders it unfit for market. -Southern States.

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KILLED BY A FALL.

Last Monday while at work painting sity in Engene, Henry A. McCrady fell in Oregon. Monthly \$65,00 and expenses. from the roof to the ground a distance of Position steady. Reference. Enclose 6) feet sustaining injuries from which self-addressed stamped envelope. The he died next morning.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

WASH., Oct. 11th, 1897. The monetary commission resumed its sittings in Washington to-lay, after a recess of two weeks. The gentlemen composing this commission believe that there is going to be a big political fight started in congress soon after that body assembles, although many shrewd poli "THE FOUR HUNDRED." ticians among the republicans are working to prevent the financial issue being One Must Conform to Their Standard or raised in congress, because of their doubt as to whether any legislation of that character can be put through dur-"We may, if we choose, sneer at snob- ing the life of the present congress,

If there is any reason why any set of orchestra of society, and the musicians men in Washington should hold a meetmay say, 'We admit that you are good ing for the purpose of ratifying the nomand elever, but you can't play the violin | ination of a candidate for mayor of New and you can't become a member of our York City, it is not apparent to the eyes of an ordinary individual. But "Now the 'swell,' as he is commonly reason, or no reason, the single taxers termed, is the man who is an artist in of Washington and vicinity, more enliving; he may have neither moral ideas thusiastic than numerous, held a meeting and proceeded to ratify the nomiwith brains, but he knows how to live, nation of Henry George to be mayor of New York City. There are two reasons liantly, gayly, imposingly, and he col- why Mr. George was probably not lects around him others who have the deeply interested in this meeting; none same talent, and together they succeed of those who attended had votes in New in forming a sort of orchestra of society, York, and the single tax is not the all of them playing in tune and in time issue, or even one of the issues that Mr. with one another, and making a mag- George is making in the present camnificient harmony of ceremony and paign. In fact, he hasn't said a word social intercourse. And when a person about it himself, and is probably willing

Whether England refused to particitremely rude in their refusal, and cause pate in a conference over the protection much enmity, or else they listen to the of the seals in Behring sea and thereainstrument he plays and find it well bout at which Russia and Japan, as well played, and so take him into their band, as the United States should be repreenvy to the others who have been de- do so, has about got down to a question nied admittance. And that is the of veracity between ex-Secretary of State whole answer to the conundrum, Mrs. B Foster, who has had charge of all the weeps over. Mrs. A knows how to play seal negotiations for the United States the social instrument, and Mrs. B does for several years, and Lord Salisbury. not, and unless she learns to play it she Mr. Foster says Lord Salisbury agreed will stay forever outside of society- to have England represented in the that society which spells itself with a conference to which the United States had invited Russia and Japan to send representatives; Lord Salisbury says he did not; that he agreed that there should be a conference between representatives of England and of the United States on the subject and that he will have agents in Washington to attend it, but that they will not be allowed to take part part in a conference with agents of Russia and Japan. Officials of the department of state are reticent, but there are grounds for the belief that the department of state has accepted Mr. Foster's version of the controversy and will so state in a friendly but vigorous communication to the English government. Meanwhile arrangements are being made for two quality. Ripening in midsummer, when seal conferences; one between U. S., the northern markets are crowded with Russia and Japan, and one between the

U. S. and England. Judging from official atterances only, one would suppose that the president and his cabinet were entirely satisfied with the progress being made by Spain in its alleged efforts to bring about over carefully every day during the sea- peace in Cuba, but such is really not will cr much fruit will be overripe, the case. The recall of Gen. Weyler by Spain is, of course, pleasing to them, tig eats into the fingers of the pickers but they regard it with more or less suspicion, believing it and all the rest of the beautiful professions of the new Spanish ministry to be tinged with trickery, having for its object the prevention of interference by this government, Believing this, and being thoroughly aware that public sentiment that would put a speedy end to the war in Cuba, President McKinley and his

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advisers are watching the actions of the new Spanish ministry with great care, and if they become convinced that Spain is not acting in good faith, this government will act, and in no uncertain way. President McKinley, like nearly everybody else, wants the war brought to a close. If Spain can do it in a reasonable time all right; if not, he knows this

PARSONS' TWO FEATS.

A HARD STROKE AND A REMARKABLE RIDE DURING THE CIVIL WAR.

Two Hundred Miles In Eighteen Hours.

It is claimed by authorities on the art of war that the greatest blow of the eampaign between Greece and Turkey was struck by Colonel Mahmoud Bey, who with one swift stroke of his sword completely severed a Greek officer's head from his body. These same authorities generously admit that this trick may have been quite common in ancient times, when stalwart men swung heavy battleaxes, but they agree that it is practically unknown in modern war-

History is silent on the subject. There is not a plethora of literature bearing on its accomplishment. The original of all such stories is, of course, "The Adventures of Jack the Giant Killer,' which, for obvious reasons, does not help the subject. Scott describes a simepisode in "The Talisman," but the best decapitation story, from an artistic point of view, is found in the memoirs of Captain John Smith. The doughty captain vouches for the veracity of the details, though that is no good reason why we should not use the customary pinch of salt. According to his truthful chronicle, he overcame in tournament the three champions of the Turkish army, decapitating each one with a single blow of his heavy sword.

A writer who is evidently informed on the subject claims that Mahmond Bey could not have accomplished the feat of decapitation with an ordinary saber and asserts that the Turk's vataghan was "loaded" with quicksilver. The yataghan, he explains, is a short sword, shaped something like a butcher's cleaver, with an apparently hollow tube running along the back from hilt to point. This tube carries a charge of quicksilver. When the sword is laid up right, this quicksilver rests at the hilt. As a blow is struck the liquid metal is hurled down the grooved channel, lending deadly additional weight to the

The assertion made that this is the sole instance of its kind in the history of 100 years is not borne out by facts. The same feat was performed during the civil war, not with a "loaded" yataghan, but with an ordinary United States army suber. The man who wielded the sword in this episode, Colonel E. Bloss Parsons, died recently in Rochester. Colonel Parsons was one of the wealthiest and best known men in New York state, and though he had never related the story the details were found among his private papers after his death. The incident was illustrated and described in Harper's Weekly at the time.

It was in 1864. Colonel Parsons, who was noted as a horseman, was attached to General Sheridan's staff. While reconnoitering one day with a squad of a rebel officer level a revolver at General Davis' head. Jabbing the spurs into his Lorse, he swung his saber above his head, and, dashing by just as the silk officer fired, he made a terrific full leaped from the shoulders as swiftly as if it had been severed by a guillotine. The feat is more remarkable when it is considered that Parsons was a slim, beardless fellow of 21. In comparison Mahmoud Bey's single slash with his

yataghan loses much of its importance. Colonel Parsons was brevetted general for distinguished services during the war, but characteristic modesty forbade the use of that title when he returned to civilian life. Not only did he perform the only authentic feat of decapitation during the civil war, but he was the bero of a remarkable ride. A few days before the battle of Gettysburg was fought General Meade had an important message to send to General Harding, 100 miles distant. As the route was through a country swarming with rebels, the message was written on tissue paper, that it might be swallowed in case the carrier was captured. The commander was in doubt regarding suitable messenger. He summoned General Davis to headquarters.

'General, who is the hardest rider. as well as the most trustworthy man, in the service?" asked Meade. "Colonel Parsons, sir," was the prompt reply.

'Send him to me at once.' It was 6 o'clock on a Monday night arable friends forever afterward. when General Meade gave the young officer his instructions. He was to ride with all haste to General Harding's beadquarters and return at once with

The messenger retired. Two hundred miles were to be covered. The roads were beavy, and they led through the enemy's country.

Exactly at noon on the following day Colonel Parsons entered General Meade's tent. The latter's face grew purple with rage, and he ripped out a string of oathe.

"Is this the way you obey orders?" he thundered. "What are you hanging around camp for? You ought to be with General Harding by this time."

"I have just returned from General Harding, sir." 'You lie!" exclaimed the exasperated general.

Parson's face paled, and he dug the nails in his hands to restrain himself. "General Meade," he said in a voice that ill concealed his anger, "if you were not my commanding officer, I would knock you down for that insult Without the formality of a salute he turned on his heel and left the tent.

Meade afterward made an ample apol-Colonel Parsons killed two borses and went himself without a particle of food. For 18 hours he was not out of the sad-

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STUART, THE PAINTER.

"I don't want people to look at my pictures and say how beautiful the drapery is. The face is what I care about. said Stuart, the great American painter. loves. He was once asked what be considered the most characteristic feature of the face. He replied by pressing the end of his pencil against the tip of his nose, distorting it oddly.

His faculty at reading physiognomy sometimes made curious hits. There was a person in Newport celebrated for his powers of calculation, but in other espects almost an idiot. One day Stuart, being in the British museum, came upon a bust whose likeness was apparently unmistakable. Calling the curator, he said, 'I see you have a head of 'Calculating Jemmy.

'Calculating Jemmy!' " the curator in amazement. "That is the head of Sir Isaac Newton."

On another occasion, while dining with the Duke of Northumberland, his host privily called his attention to a gentleman and asked the painter if he new him. Stuart had never seen him

"Tell me what sort of a man he is."

"I may speak frankly?" "By all means."

"Well, if the Almighty ever wrote a legible hand he is the greatest rascal that ever disgraced society. It appeared that the man was an at-

torney who had been detected in sundry dishonorable acts. Stuart's daughter tells a pretty story of her father's garret, where many of

is unfinished pictures were stored: "The garret was my playground, and beautiful sketch of Mme. Bonaparte was the idol that I worshiped. At last I got possession of colors and an old panel and fell to work copying the picture. Suddenly I heard a frightful roaring sound. The kitchen chimney was on Presently my father appeared, to see if the fire was likely to do any damage. He saw that I looked very foolish at being caught at such presumptuous employment and pretended not to see me. But presently he could not resist

looking over my shoulder. "'Why, boy,' said he-so he used to address me-'you must not mix your colors with turpentine. You must have dream. some oil.

It is pleasant to add that the little girl who thus found her inspiration eventually became a portrait painter of merit. - Youth's Companion.

FOR AN OCEAN VOYAGE.

"Take only half the clothing that you think you will need for an ocean voyage and do not attempt to have a small trunk in your stateroom," writes Emma M. Hooper in The Ladies' Home Journal. "Have in your largest shawl strap a traveling rug, heavy wrap-a you do not know where it may fall, golf cape is excellent-sun umbrella rubbers, small cushion to tie on the back of your deck chair, a warm dress of plain design, and a flannel wrapper to use as a nightgown. Wear a chamois pocket well secured with a tape about sagacity. Fools are never uneasy. the waist for your letter of credit, jewelry, money, etc.

'In a large traveling bag place a change of underwear, hose, bedroom slippers and needed toilet articles, with which include a small hot water bag, bottle of salts, vaseline, box of cathartic pills and bottle of camphor. Do not forget a comfortable cloth steamer cap and a gauze veil if you are afraid of a troopers under General Davis they were little sunburn. Wear a jacket suit of the raliation of many minds pointing to surprised by a detachment of Confeder- mixed cheviot or serge and a silk waist on board. After starting put on the old er gown and lounge in it until you land when it can be given to a stewardess Some travelers try to dress for dinner and carry a steamer trunk filled with waists and fancy neckwear, but for an eight day journey this is poor taste arm sweep. The Confederate's head and a lot of trouble. Others have the small trunk in the cabin, and before landing pack the things in it that are to be used only on the return voyage, and send it to the ship company's office until their return. It must be remembered that 30 pounds of baggage is the average weight allowed free on the continent. Warm wraps and woolen underwear are necessary at all seasons going across the Atlantic."

Friendship In Kentucky.

When Judge Pendleton grows reminisent, he is always interesting, and when Mr. Henry Tompkins walked in he said: 'Mr. Tompkins, your cousin, Louis Garth, was the only bully I ever saw who was a brave man. He was the most overbearing man I ever saw. He was in a poker game in camp with Lieutenant the first link of the chain, man is the Forrest, a brother of General N. B. Forrest, and he called Forrest a liar. Forrest pulled his pistol, a double barreled weapon, and, placing it to Garth's breast, he pulled the trigger. The cartridge failed to fire, and Garth spat out a chew of tobacco and without moving a muscle said, "Lieutenant, you had better try the other barrel." put his weapon up and said, "Garth, you are a brave man, and I will not shoot a brave man." They were insep-Owensboro Inquirer.

The Spear.

In old days, when the spear was used as a weapon of war, men had to be very careful how they carried it. If in a strange country they bore their spears point forward, it was taken as a declaration of war, while if they carried them on their shoulders with the point backward they were treated as friends.

It is my creed that a man has no claim upon his fellow creatures beyond bread and water and a grave, unless be can win it by his own strength or skill.

Let him who neglects to raise the fallen fear lest when be falls no one will stretch out his hand to lift him

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It is believed by some naturalists that wasps, like bees, establish sentinels at the door of the nest to prevent the cn-

The peach blossom indicates submi on, though why nobody has been

Literary.

ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.)

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Nowhere would there be consolation

if religion were not. The shortest road to riches lie

through contempt of riches. Revenge at first, though sweet, bitter

ere long back on itself recoils, Pleasure is the flower that fades

remembrance is the lasting perfume. Repentance clothes in grass and flowers, the grave in which the past

Vulgar minds refuse to crouch beneath their load; the brave bear theirs without repining.

He who goes round about in his requests wants commonly more than

chooses to appear to want. Nothing has ever remained of any resolution but what was ripe in the

conscience of the masses. All sects are different because they

the same because it comes from God. Wood burns because it has the proper stuff in it and a man becomes famous because he has the proper stuff in him. One cause, which is not always ob-

served of insufficiency of riches, is that Rogues are always found out in some way. Whoever is a wolf will act as a wolf, that is the most certain of all

Of all the riches that we hug, of all the pleasures we enjoy, we can carry no more out of this world than out of a

What is opportunity to the man who can't use it? An unfecundated egg, into nonentity.

Some men are, in regard to ridicule like tin-roofed buildings in regard to hail; all that hits them bounds off, not a stone goes through. Never confide your secrets to paper,

it is like throwing a stone in the air, and if you know who throws the stone

uneasy in the morning. Uneasiness is, indeed, a species of sagacity-a passive The ship retains her anchorage yet drifts with a certain range, subject to

wind and tide. So we have for anchorage the cardinal truths of the gospel. More is learned in a public than in a private school from emulation: there

is the collision of mind with mind, or To be ruined in your own way is some comfort. When so many people would

ruin us, it is a triumph over the villainy of the world to be ruined after one's Science is a first rate piece of furniture for a man's upper chamber if he Eugene,

has common sense on the ground floor. But if a man hasn't got good common sense, the more science he has the worse for his patient. If a man should register all his opin-

ions upon love, politics, religion, learning etc., begining from his youth, and so on to old age, what a bundle of inconsistencies and contradictions would appear at last.

They may say what they like; everything is organized matter. The tree is last. Men are young, the earth is old. Vegetable and animal chemistry are still in their infancy. Electricity, galvanism,-what discoveries in a few years.

'Tis much the doctrine of the times that men should not please themselves, but deny themselves everything they take delight in; not look upon beauty, wear no good clothes, eat no good meat, etc., which seems the greatest accusation that can be upon the Maker of all good things. If they are not to be used why did God make them?

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