

A Guardsman's Trouble.

From the Detroit (Mich.) Journal. The promptness with which the National Guard of the different states responded to President McKinley's call for troops at the beginning of the war with Spain made the whole country proud of its citizen soldiers. In Detroit there are few guardsmen more popular and efficient than Max E. Davies, first sergeant of Co. B. He has been a resident of Detroit for the past six years, and his home is at 416 Third Avenue. For four years he was connected with the well known wholesale drug house of Furrand, Williams & Clark, in the capacity of bookkeeper. "I have charged up many thousand orders for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People," said Mr. Davies, "but never knew their worth until I used them for the cure of chronic dyspepsia. For two years I suffered and doctored for that aggravating trouble but could only be helped temporarily. "Chronic dyspepsia is one of the most stubborn of ailments, and there is scarcely a clerk or office man but what it more or less troubles him. Some days I could eat anything, while at other times I would be starving. Those distressing pains would force me to quit work. "I tried the hot-water treatment thoroughly, but it did not affect my case. I have tried many advertised remedies but they would help only for a time. A friend of mine recommended Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, but I did not try much of them. "I finally was induced to try the pills and commenced using them. After taking a few doses I found much relief. I do not remember how many boxes of the pills I used, but I know they will cure dyspepsia of the worst form and I am pleased to recommend them.



The First Sergeant.

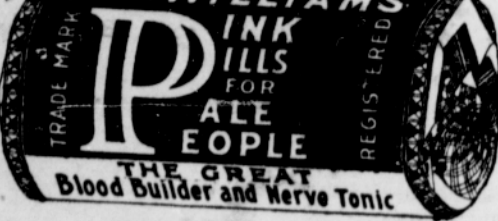
AN AFFAIR OF THE NATION

It has been said of Americans that they are "a nation of dyspeptics" and it is true that few are entirely free from disorders of the digestive tract, indigestion, dyspepsia, stomach and bowel trouble, catarrh of the stomach, or constipation. The treatment of these diseases with Cathartic medicines too often aggravates the trouble.

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LONG DISTANCE MAILS.

Time of Letters From New York to Far-away Destinations. A letter sent from New York to Bangkok, Siam, travels overland to San Francisco and thence by water, reaching its destination in about 43 days, and is carried nearly 13,000 miles. A letter mailed here for Adelaide, Australia, also goes via San Francisco, travels 12,845 miles and is delivered usually within 35 days. New York mail destined for Calcutta goes by way of London, traveling 11,120 miles in 29 days, while mail sent from this city to Cape Town, goes 125 miles farther in two days' less time.

Mail communication between New York and Hongkong ordinarily consumes one month of time. The letters go by way of San Francisco and cover 10,500 miles of distance. To reach Melbourne, Australia, from this city a letter will travel 12,265 miles in about 32 days, and to reach Sydney a letter will travel 11,570 miles in 31 days. The mail route from New York to Yokohama, via San Francisco, is 7,348 miles long, and about 23 days are consumed in transit. To go to Honolulu from this city a letter travels 5,645 miles in 13 days.

Leaving New York on steamer days, mail matter is scheduled to reach Rome in about ten days, Madrid in ten days, London and Liverpool in eight days, Rotterdam in nine days, St. Petersburg in 11 days, Vienna in nine days, Paris in eight days, Berlin in nine days and Athens and Alexandria in 14 days. Communication with South American ports is much slower. It takes 34 days for a letter to go from New York to Rio Janeiro, which is only about 50 miles farther from this city than Alexandria. Mail matter going from New York to Buenos Ayres, which is 5,845 miles distant, consumes 29 or 30 days. —New York Times.

VEGETABLE GEMS.

Bamboo Opals and Cocount Pearls Found in the Philippines, Though Rarely. Among other queer things found in the Philippines are vegetable gems. There are not many of them, though. The bamboo is empty normally. One might cut open a jungle of giant grass and find unaltered hollows. But once in a million times or more a cicada brings to light in the bamboo stem a gem. Nature has molded into a lump a little of the flinty material which makes the outer stem so hard. The nodule usually presents the appearance of an opal, and several specimens are in the museums which reproduce the characteristic lines of that gem. These nodules are known as tobacco. It is interesting to note that the first chemical and mineralogical examination of them was made by the James Smithsonian whose munificence established the first of the scientific bureaus of the American government. In the condition in which the fruit is known in the United States the milk in the cocount is considered its only content. The really ripe nut, however, is filled with a white spongy mass, rich in the finest oil which the nut produces. This sponge is exposed to the hot sun for two or three days in a wooden trough until thoroughly pulped. The last of the oil is then extracted by squeezing the soft sponge in the hands. Very rarely this careful handling has developed the presence of small spheres which have much of the lustre of the pearl. Eight or ten of these cocount pearls, all discovered in the Philippines, are treasured in European museums. They range from the size of a pinhead to that of a very small pea. —New York Sun.

CHINESE SQUEEZES.

Official Promotions Go Hand in Hand With Enormous Bribes. Prior to each promotion the official has to be received in audience by the emperor. But this is a very costly affair, for no one's presence in the capital city is recognized until he has bribed the gatekeeper until he has named as having passed into the city and duly report his advent. That Li Hung Chang had to pay an enormous sum in tips and bribes—over \$1,000,000—on his last visit to Peking is a matter of common knowledge, but the narration of two instances that have come directly under my notice may perhaps serve to make the English reader realize even more vividly how inexorable and how shamelessly open is the systematic corruption. The governor of Kiang-su province, who was an intimate friend of Prince Kung, thought to take advantage of his great influence by coming into the city without bribing the gatekeeper. When he called upon his royal friend, Prince Kung exclaimed: "When did you come? I cannot possibly recognize your presence, for I have not seen your name in the change-men report," and he had to return and pay double the usual bribe to the gatekeeper before Prince Kung would receive him. Even more remarkable is the case of Tso-Tung-Tung, one of the greatest of our generalissimo's, who, having suppressed the Mohomedan rebellion in Turkestan, had acquired for himself the Celestial empire territory about half as large as China itself. The emperor, who held him in high esteem, wished to see him and sent a special summons calling him to an audience at Peking. When on his coming to the city the change-men, or gatekeeper, demanded 80,000 taels, he refused to pay anything. But even he was not officially reported, and after he had remained several months in Peking, waiting for an audience, the emperor issued another edict, asking why he had never come. Tso-Tung-Tung responded by telling the whole story, adding that, having spent all his own and his family's money on the support of soldiers during the war, he had no means with which to pay such a bribe. He appealed to the emperor graciously to relieve him of the imposition. In reply the emperor said: "This (the feeing of the gatekeeper) is a general and ancient usage, and the vicerey and generalissimo must submit to it like another." And as Tso-Tung-Tung really had not the money, his friends raised a subscription, the dowager empress herself contributing £10,000,000. —Fortnightly Review.

Queer and Shocking.

Recent advertisements in the daily papers are calculated to make Dime museum freaks gasp with envy. The "bearded lady" would be an ordinary mortal beside the curiosity quoted here. "Lost, a dark green leather lady's pocketbook." Think of a dark green leather lady! In another advertisement we learn that "girls are wanted to sew buttons on the second story of the Smith & Jones building," and while we are wondering what the second story is going to do with the buttons after they are "sewed on" we see that Brown & Co. want "a saleslady in corsets and undergarments," and we are so shocked that we never read any more "wants." —Boston Gazette.

Origin of Cuba.

Haiti is a native name, meaning mountainous country. The name Cuba is of native origin. The meaning is unknown. The Real Sufferer. "Is it so bad as that—pinch as you may, you will have had work to make both ends meet?" "Dash it—I don't mind it so far as I am personally concerned, but it will be terribly hard for my valet to have to put up with domestic cigars after the prime havanas he has been used to." —Boston Transcript.

The Probable Reason.

"I wonder why people so like to wear squeaky shoes to church," said the nervous boarder. "Perhaps," said Ashbury Peppers, "they do so to call the pastor's attention to their soles." —Cincinnati Enquirer.

Opitician—Yes; you see double. I can correct the fault with spectacles. Patient—Harry! Maybe it isn't twins, after all! —Jewelers' Weekly.

MAGYAR FOLKLORE VERSES.

Oh, how maddy's our country lanes After autumn rains have soak'd the dust! But worthy, worthy is the girl I love, Of all the girls a youthful lover move, And I may top her beauty make Willingly for her sweet sake.

ASHES OF ROSES.

On that particular morning I was in a decidedly sentimental mood, because the day before I had heard a young and charming woman accompanying herself at the piano and singing the tenderest of romances in which during the last note the butterfly of the song linger at the heart of the roses.

Its flower beds, where blue, red and yellow balsams were ranged with as much precision as the Sevres cups and Saxony statuettes on a whatnet of a provincial housewife; the sand of its paths, where the rakes had left markings as distinct, straight and exact as the lines in a bar of music, and its correct and uniform borders, stiff as the correct of a dress that has not been crushed, seemed to suggest the ambition of a very pleasant ideal—an ideal in perfect taste, without violence or exaggeration; narrow, elegant, pretty and quite suited to furnish water color subjects. A July sun lavished its gold and threw into the garden all the infinite that a bouquet is capable of holding. A butterfly which was fluttering around like two flower petals set free by the wind brushed past my head, leaving on it a little of its fine, white powder. "White butterfly," said I, for the remembrance of the song led me into such conversation with this delicate winged creature, "white butterfly, do not hasten away, but stay, rather, and settle down on this leaf—a flower would take too much of your attention—and listen to a question which I have always wanted to ask you or one of your kind."

The Absentminded Man. An amusing case of absentmindedness was experienced by a young son of the other evening. The young man is usually of a bright nature, but for some time past his friends have been noticing that he does some peculiar things. Not long ago he was at a reception, and a few minutes before closing time he went to the coat box and secured his hat and coat. Then he walked up stairs to the dancing floor and picked up another coat and walked home with it on his arm. Arriving at his home, he found that he had one coat on and another on his arm. The next day he found the owner of the extra coat, and mutual explanations followed and all was well. But that he had been eclipsed by his latest exploits. He had finished his toilet and started for the street. As soon as he made his appearance he was greeted with smiles from everybody who saw him. He walked down the street and could not imagine what made the passerby smile at him. Finally he reached the restaurant where he takes his meals, and then he realized that he was carrying something in his hand. He looked at it and found that he had carried the lighted lamp from his room and had walked with it in his hand.

Another case is cited concerning the same young man. At the office where he is employed he has occasion to answer many calls at the telephone. One evening he was reading a book in his room when an alarm clock rang in the adjoining room. The absentminded youth got up and commenced to yell "Hello! Hello!" and when the yell part of the other room inquired as to the cause of the yelling the young man said in a sheepish manner, "Oh, I thought it was the telephone bell ringing." —Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

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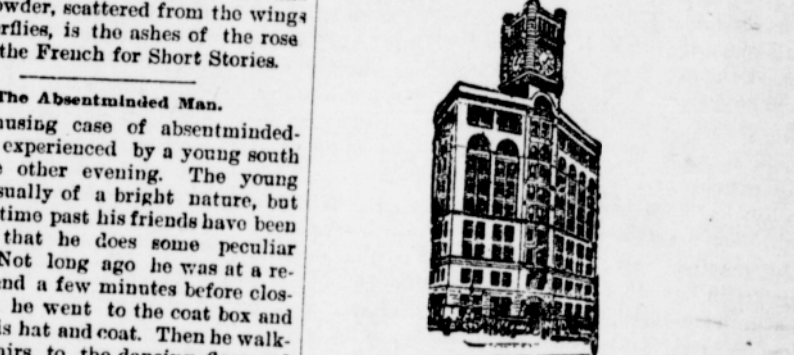
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