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X. himself ran to the door in a rage and found his friend Z. "What the dickens do you mean by ringing that way?" exclaimed X. indig-"Don't you see what's written

"Yes," answered Z, "I do see-that's why I pulled so hard."

X. looked at the writing and saw. "Pull urgently." A passing wag had added the "ur." X. has now muffled

the bell.-London Telegraph. Artillery Terms.

All artillery may be divided into two main classes, heavy and light. Heavy artillery is called also garrison artillery. Heavy artillery guns are placed perma nently in forts, and the men who handle them form foot artillery batteries and regiments. Light artillery refers to guns not permanently emplaced-that is, light enough to be taken from place to place by means of borses and maneuvered by hand. In our army the light artillery gunners ride on the caissons and gun carriages. In horse artiflery the gunners ride borses, so that a horse artillery battery bas a great many more horses than a light battery. We have no horse batteries in our army. A field battery is a light battery. A flying battery is a horse battery. Siege guns are between beavy and light artillery. They are intended to be placed permanently for the time being and are brought to their places by teams, but they are not maneuvered as light guns ara. - New York Sun.

FERTILE PORTO RICO

THE ISLAND IS AS BEAUTIFUL AS IT

It Has Thirteen Hundred Streams, a Wealth of Vegetation, Highly Cultivable Soil and Vast Deposits of Minerals—Few Reptiles, but Many Insects.

Mr. Frederick A. Ober, late commissioner in Porto Rico of the Columbian exposition, contributes to The Century an article on "The Island of Porto Rico." Mr. Ober says:

In the extreme northeast rises the highest peak of the central cordillera in the Luquillo sierra, known as "El Yunque," or "The Anvil," variously estimated at from 3,600 to 4,500 feet in height. The hills are of lesser elevation toward the west and southwest, but the whole north central country is rugged and uneven. Between the spurs from the main range lie innumerable secluded valleys, where the soil is of great fertility. The impressive features of the landscape are the rounded summits of the multitudinous hills, which leave the coast in constantly rising billows that finally break against the cordillera vertebra; yet all are cultivable,

and cultivated to their very crests, though the higher mountain peaks are More than 1,300 streams, it is said, of which number perhaps 40 or 50 attain to the dignity of rivers, rise in the hills and seek the coasts, most of them running northerly, though the best harbors are in the west and south. But notwithstanding the great river flow portions of the island in the southwest are afflicted with drought at times, owing to the precipitation of the north-

the tropics that does not flourish here. In the littoral levels, between the mountains and the sea, grows the sugar cane, which may be cultivated up to an altitude of 3,000 feet. It was introduced here from Santo Domingo, having been brought to America either from Spain or the Canaries. The annu- however, the sealing wax red and the

pounds. It may be cultivated on the and cushions brings it within the limit hills, but the true mountain lover is the of upholstered comfort. coffee, which does not do well below 600 feet and is at its best 1,000 feet above the sea. It was first brought here from Martinique in 1722, and now yields to the extent of 17,000 tons annually. Maize, the true Indian corn, is indigenous, as is the yucca, the aboriginal "staff of life," and both grow everywhere, as well as the pineapple, which is more reliable and more universal than the peach of our north temperate zone. Cotton and rice are found at nearly all elevations, the latter, which is the chief food of many labor-

ers, being what is known as the moun-Bananas and plaintains are wonderfully prolific, bearing fruit in ten months from planting. The plants virtually last 60 years, being equally long lived with the cocca palm, which produces nuts in six or seven years and thereafter during the space of an ordinary life, its yield being reckoned at 100 nuts a year. The annual product of bananas is given as 200,000,000 and of cocoanuts 3,000,000. The entire range of tropical fruits is represented here, such as the guava, lime, orange, aguacate, sapodilla and avocado pear, while all subtropic vegetables may be ruised. including those of the south temperate

zone, such, for instance, as are grown in Florida. The mineral kingdom has not been so exhaustively exploited as the vegetable, but more than traces bave been found of copper, coal and iron, as well as vast deposits of salt. The rivers at one time ran to the sea over bads of golden sand, and from the streams today (as in the neighboring island of Santo Domingo, where the first American gold was discovered) the natives wash out nuggets by the crude processes of that distant day when Agueynaba went prospecting with his false

lo, but birds are relatively numerous, with a few of fine song and some of brilliant plumage. All domestic fowl do well here, and the great pastures of the northeast and southeast support vast herds of cattle and horses, which suffice not only for the needs of the island, but are exported to all parts of the West Indies, being held in high esteem. There are no poisonous reptiles to be feared, but insects of questionable character are too numerous for comfort This island indeed were a paradise without them; even with them the

scorpions, centipeds, tarantulas, wasps, mosquitoes, some species of auts, ticks, chigoes and fleas. The heat of a tropical of coal these warships cousume. climate like that of Porto Rico, which, though rarely exceeding 90 degrees, is much they'd consume if it were winter. continuous, is conducive to the breeding of insect pests of all sorts. 'Dar isn't much comfort in de re-

inhabitants seem to experience httle

trouble. The worst of these are the

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east "trades" against the northern hills. The higher hills are clothed in the exuberant and diversified vegetation of the tropical forest, where tree ferns flourish, and great gum trees and mountain palms tower aloft. At lower levels are the cedar and mahogany, walnut and laurel, with many others noted for their useful woods. Throughout the island are found those trees and shrubs valuable for their gums, as the mamey, guaiacum and copal, while the list of medicinal plants includes most of those, invaluable to our pharmacopæias, which tropical America has given to the world. These are the silvestres, nature's wild children, but of cultivated plants there is no species peculiar to

friend, Ponce de Leon.

There are no native quadrupeds here larger than the agonti and the armadil-

mahk dat contentment is better dan riches," said Uncle Eben. "Oue is jes" about as hahd to git as de other."-

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In his "Highways and Byways In Devon and Cornwall" Arthur H. Norway tells of a fragment of antiquity that still "lingers in the neighborhood of Redruth, where the country people, when they see a ghost, say, 'Numny dumny!' "and he adds, "I leave the riddle to be solved by any one who is curious enough to undertake a useful piece of practice in unraveling the cor-

ruption of language. The phrase is probably a corruption of "In nomine Domini," the Latin for "In the tame of the Lord," a phrase so familiar in the devotion of the middle

A New Porch Chair. A novelty in wicker furniture is a wide chair or narrow settle, as you elect

to describe it.

It has a very high back and is evidently modeled after the high English draft chairs that are popular in many drawing rooms. The new shadings of wicker furniture combine almost every tint known, with.

al yield of sugar is estimated at about forest green still much in evidence. The durability and cleanliness of the In these fertile lowlands also tobacco wicker furniture is adding markedly to annual its use as all around service, while the production is said to be quite 7,000,000 possibility of relieving it with pillows

> May Be Proprietor Some Day. Spacer-The office boy seems to have had quite a good time on his holiday.

Liner-What makes you think so? Spacer-Since his return all his letters come addressed as "editor."-Bos

Social Influences. "Mrs. Riprap has grown dreadfully rude to me all of a sudden." "Perhaps she has found out that your

owes her husband some money."-Detroit Free Press.

He Needn't Worry. "How is your Don't Worry club getting along?' "Fine-fine as silk. We elected Blanco an honorary member last even-

ing. '-- Indianapolis Journal.

on this car?"

A Gentleman, Though. Conductor-Say, can't you read? Man With the Cigar-Of course I can. Conductor-Well, don't you see that sign that says, "Gents will not smoke

Man With the Cigar (indignantly)-I want you to understand, sir, that I am no gent. -Chicago News. "Hear about that tune the American

bands played just before the action?" "They opened up on that chorus ginning, 'Thy Land Is My Land.' I understand the Spaniards took it as some-

thing personal."-Cincinnati Enquirer.

"Cervera appears to have some fine traits of character," remarked the broad "Yes," replied the unrelenting friend

'He's been at sea all his life and never

had occasion to mix with other Span-tards much." - Washington Star. Pauline has put this sign on her

the whole summer go by without proposing."-Pittsburg Dispatch. A Bug Hunter. "Yaas," said Mr. Haiced to the sum-

mer boarder, "we had one of them bug

hunters at the farm last summer. I

think he is what they call a insectar-

"She's atraid Mr. McDabb will let

piazza, 'No war talk allowed here.''

"What's that for?"

ian."-Indianapolis Journal. Not to De Thought Of. Subbubs-What an enormous quantity

-New York Truth Red, White and Blue Good Enough. "War makes society functions an easy matter."

His Wife-But just imagine how

"How so?"

HER ONLY THOUGHT.

How Weyler's Wife Proved Herself Like All doubt regarding the ability of America to successfully invade Spain after the conquest of Cuba, the Canaries and the Philippines had been set at rest. A terrific bombardment of the coast paved the way for a land force. Before the haughty hidalgoes could realize their peril a victorious army was storming at the gates of Madrid. The Spaniards made a last desperate stand. For days the conflict raged without ceasins, and the fortune of battle hung in the balance. balance. In her palace sat Mrs. Weyler, sadly sewing and shuddering at the hourse booming of the gaus that tore

the town to piecea.
"Valeriano!" she murmured. "My tustand, Val"-Crash! The door flew open with a bang, and in rushed General Weyler, bloody and disheveled, followed by his

"Pasquita," he hassily order "something to eat at once for myself and men! Quick!" Bursting into tears, she fled from the

room. With angry stride the general

"What means this foolery?" he cried. 'Speak!'
"Oh, V-V-V-aleriano," she sobbed, "and you once p-p-promised never to b-bring anybody home to dinner with-out telling me b-b-beforehaud! P-p-perfect strangers, t-t-too, and not a th-th-

thing in the house f-f-fit to eat!"-New York Journal.

A Practical Joker Punished A "practical" joker is at present taking a good, hard dose of his own medicine. About two weeks ago he packed a
dry goods box with old shoes, empty
tin cans and other rubbish and sent it off to Tampa, Fla., consigned to one of the companies of the Third regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, with express charges collect. The soldier boys thought it was a box of supplies sent by some kind friends, and gladly paid the

charges.

Their chagrin in discovering the contents of the box may be imagined. But they have since been turning the tables with a vengeance. They learned the name of the joker, and for a week past nearly every man in the company has been writing a letter of thanks every day to the sender of the box. The letters are mailed with the soldiers' privilege of sending mail without stamps, postage to be collected from the receiver.

he is receiving, and he's wondering how much longer they will continue to come.
--Philadelphia Record.

The "joker" is paying about \$2 a day in postage for the letters of thanks

Offer Accepted. Nervous Passenger (to mother of howling imp in parlor car)-Madam, is

there anything any of us can do to—to pacify your little boy? Fond Mother (of spoiled child)—Oh, thank you, yes; you are very kind. You see, the dear little fellow wants to throw his lunch at the passengers, and I'm afraid they wouldn't like it. Just stand where you are, please. Now stop cry-ing, my pet. This kind gentleman wants you to play with him.—New York Weekly.

The Quick and the Dead. White-Our friend Green, the sprinter, has enlisted—he is to act as substitute for a relay courier of dispatches in

case he is killed. See? Black-Ob, I see. When the courier of dispatches is dispatched, Green is dispatched to carry along the dispatched courier's dispatches with all possible dispatch—it is perfectly plain.—New

Willing to Pay For Silence. "Say, I'm paying this war tax without a blessed grumble." "Why so cheerful?"

"You know that typewriter who

"Well, I keep her licking stamps all

day long."-Cleveland Plain Dealer. The antimonopolistic sentiment in this country is not a modern idea. In

dinner decorations."—Chicago Record. titled "to prevent monopoly and op-1777 Massachusetts passed an act en-

talks all the time?'

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