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Mexico's Licensed Beggary.

In Mexico there are no almshouses to shelter the paupers, but mendicants are regularly licensed, and they live on their lives in their own way, as long as not considered dangerous.

English View of American Hotels.

It, on the other hand, we turn to the United States, we find a country in which prevails a hotel system the most elaborate and the most expensive in the world.

Adam Preferable to the Bartholomew.

But, on the other hand—look at Adam. What have we done for Adam? Nothing. What has Adam done for us? Everything.

A School in Tunis.

We visited a college for young boys. The classrooms were small, without windows, and lighted from the entrance door only.

Had Hooker Onto Me.

The man who was about to marry for the sixth time, and who replied, "We've usually got," when asked by his minister to stand up, has been heard from again.

Divers' Work.

"What different sorts of work do divers do?" "Well, they lay sea walls, blast rocks, build piers for bridges, repair vessels, tear up wrecks, search for dead bodies, recover things that have fallen overboard, and do anything that is to be done under the water."

The Success of Co-Operative Societies.

In this country, co-operative societies have been a failure. Indeed they cannot be said to have succeeded anywhere except in England, and there only in one kind of business, to-wit, in stores for distributing goods at a small advance over cost price.

An Honest German's Dilemma.

A German farmer was on trial in one of the justice courts the other day for assault and battery, and had pleaded not guilty. When the cross-examination came the opposing counsel asked: "Jacob, there was trouble between you and the plaintiff, wasn't there?"

Bound to See the Procession.

A wisp of boy, about five years of age, New York, Monday afternoon for the procession. He was clubbed by a policeman for not getting out of the way.

Fre蒙特's Duel and Candidacy.

The other evening I met Mr. J. C. Derby, the veteran publisher, who is about to publish his reminiscences under the cover of "Fifty Years with Authors."

No Mystery to Him.

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Kissing Men.

The Russian men kiss each other on Easter morn, and the Latin men on any occasion when seized with a spasm of friendship or affection. It is nauseating.

Novel Artillery Projectile.

Herr Krupp, of Essen, has just taken out a patent for a flat-headed artillery projectile. It tapers slightly at the butt, and not only pierces the plates more easily than the pointed kind, which are apt to deflect when striking iron at certain angles, but it is calculated to hit the ironclads below the water-line.

Grasshoppers.

In one district of Yucatan in a fortnight there were killed 30,000 pounds of grasshoppers and over 11,000 pounds of locusts.

SAGE AT A CANDY STAND.

How the Millionaire Characteristically Extends his Business Instincts to Dollars and Cents. "Ducks Bill" in Chicago Herald.

Grant and Ward.

The friends of Gen. Grant throughout the country may be interested to know that his private affairs are in a flourishing condition. He has one-fourth interest in the banking firm of Grant & Ward, which had an original capital of \$400,000 paid in by Ulysses S. Grant, Jr., put in \$100,000 and James D. Fish, the silent partner, \$100,000.

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RAPID TRANSIT IN NEW YORK.

The Broadway Underground Railroad for the Next Candidate for Public Approval. [Crockett in Pioneer Press.] Rapid transit in New York still clamors for solution.

At an Old-Time Bar.

"Are any of the old-time, ante-bellum bar-keepers still living?" "Jimmie McElroy is probably the only one of any prominence. For many years he presided over the bar at Bar-num's at a time when the receipts from this source would have alone set the table for the entire hotel.

"Bahama's" Criticism of Washington Monument.

The most prominent object in the District of Columbia, from every point of view, is the Washington monument, which has gone skyward at a great rate since spring, and stands now at the highest point of the city.

"For the Brave Dead."

An old story and a good one can be told of Sheahan. He was a fresh lieutenant in command of raw recruits at Fort Ridgely when that post was besieged by the Sioux in 1862.

A Pig-Headed Sovereign.

"A friend of mine, who was lately in St. Petersburg," says Mr. Labouchere, "and who had when there a good opportunity to look behind the scenes, tells me that the emperor is a pig-headed fool, incredibly ignorant, that, unless he is pushed by his entourage, he is not likely to trouble the peace of the world by any grandiose scheme of foreign conquest."

A DILEMMA.

To write, or not to write, that is the question. Whether it is nobler in the mind to suffer the reputation of being asked by a young lady to write in her autograph album, and having kept the book two years, more or less.

Mary Anderson's Foes.

Oliver Logan writes from London that the talk of 5 o'clock teas is Mary Anderson's staturesque pose. Gossip has it that she frequents the British museum and learns of the sculptured Hebe and of Helen the secret of their charms.

KINGS OF THE KITCHEN.

The Artistic Dignity and Importance of Master Cooks—Salaries and Perquisites Enjoyed by Chefs. [Philadelphia Press Interview.] "Do cooks, or perhaps it would be better to say chief cooks, receive large salaries?"

Grant's Pass.

Speaking of the origin of some names in Oregon, the Oregonian says in Grant's pass: "When Grant was a lieutenant in the army, he was with a party of soldiers, and they got to playing encircled for \$1 on the corner. The game stood three to three. Grant picked up his cards and had the right bower, so he king. He concluded to pass, thinking he had caught there with a party of busy miners. The result was that he lost his dollar, and the place was called 'Grant's pass.'"

How do you know when a cyclone is coming?"

"How do you know when a cyclone is coming?" asked a stranger of a western man. "Oh, we get wind of them," was the answer.

The New York Elevated Roads Draw the Line at Dogs and People with Big Baskets.

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