

On Reading Fiction

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ANARCHY ON THE ISTHUS.

The Church Party in Power for the First Time in Its History—Caucas Forces Collecting a Forced Loan of \$2,000,000 in Antioquia.

On April 29, writes a Panama correspondent to The New York Sun, a treaty was signed by Gen. Alzupurn, then in command of the troops from Cauca, commanded by Col. Mantoya...

After the landing of the Cauca troops the Colombian flag was hoisted with some solemnity over the government-house, and its appearance was saluted with a hail of twenty-one guns, fired at the railroad station by Admiral Jouett...

The particulars of the massacre of the night of April 4 are as follows: Four untrained Cauca soldiers were sent on foot from Imperador to Culebra, both important places of the canal, to keep guard over a circus...

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tionists immediately took possession of it. It is said the rebel forces have captured the British schooner Minnie and imprisoned the crew.

There is great unanimity of opinion now on the isthmus in favor of the revolution against Dr. Nunez. The arrival of the Cauca forces as invaders has intensified the feeling here that all parties should combine if they do not wish to be entirely subject to the caprice of whoever may be ruling in the adjoining powerful state of Cauca...

A Lost Opportunity.

Through the pig-headedness or lack of public spirit on the part of a firm of attorneys in St. Louis the world has lost one of those opportunities which came but once in a life-time.

The occasion was a suit in the Criminal Court, the defendants being two noted mediums who were on trial for fraud in producing alleged "spiritual manifestations." To the reality and good faith of the manifestations as well as to their spiritual origin there were numerous witnesses. They were, however, the stereotyped sort. There were the observers who go to a "seance" to see aunts and other relatives, and who are determined to be deceived. There was the credulous professional man, who went "merely in the interest of science," and was startled to find himself conversing with the spirit of his first love, who repeated whole passages from his last letter to her, but could tell nothing about his first letter to her successor...

Recognizing the unsatisfactory nature of this testimony, and desirous of promoting the ends of justice, the presiding Judge proposed, with remarkable liberality, that the defendants should call the spirits themselves as witnesses. The spirits, he urged, had been represented as eager to establish the truth of spiritualism; why not call one or more of them to the witness stand? "Why not show me," he said, "that there mediumship of actual communication with the dead by practical illustration? If there is a friendly relationship existing between the medium and the spirits of the departed, as insisted upon by the defense in this case, why should not said spirits be eager to display themselves on this stage of action and vindicate the defendants?"

Had this proposal been accepted the world might to-day be in possession of conclusive proof in respect to a subject concerning which there is the very broadest diversity of opinion, and at times the fiercest conflict. Had the spirits appeared, had they testified on oath, had they withstood the bludgeonings of the attorneys on their own side and the withering cross-examination of the opposing counsel, there would have been a basis such as there is not now for belief in their existence, and in their generous service of the mediums who subsist on their alleged bounty. The skeptic would have been confounded and the hearer of believers would have been correspondingly elated. On the other hand if the spirits had refused to obey the subpoena or to testify when summoned, or had their testimony been adverse to the mediumistic theory, the cause of truth would have been immeasurably advanced, and the light of wisdom would have been turned on for the benefit of future generations with the power of forty statutes (fully potentiated) of liberty enlightening the world. But it was not to be. Regardless of the enormous public interests at stake, oblivious to the welfare of future generations yet unborn, the callous counsel for the defense refused to accept the proposition of the court. The golden opportunity was lost and may never occur again.—Detroit Free Press.

Garden Truck on W heels.

The Whitehall Times agricultural editor hastens to offer a few practical hints to gardeners.

Shake the dust from gardens now, and give some man four dollars per day to lubricate the soil with a spade. Be sure and throw the weeds over the fence into your neighbor's yard, and then—

Plant your yeast deep, if you want to raise good bread.

Plant a few bottles of whisky in the center of well made beds, and see how large a crop of beats you can raise.

Plant old tobacco stumps, if you would like an extra brand of Havana weed cigarettes.

Plant seeds of idleness to raise a big mortgage on your garden.

Plant a free lunch under your best shade trees, and see what a large crop of hogs you can raise.

Plant a pair of tight boots on the foot of every bed and then gather in your corns.

Plant Paris green in every hill of rubbish and you will have plenty of fresh baked piezon your garden.

Plant a few healthy chickens in your garden if you want to "raise the deuce" with your truck.