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Sing as something full of laughter. Tune your harp and twang the strings. Till your glad voice, chirping after, Mates the song that robins sing.

Loose your lips and let them flutter. Like the songs of wanton birds; Though they naught but laughter utter, Laugh and we'll not miss the words. —Riley.

AMERICAN MARKSMANSHIP BEST IN THE WORLD

If this country should ever become involved in a great war, would the marksmanship of the army and navy be equal to the occasion? This question is answered by Livingston Wright in an article entitled "Shooting to Hit with Big Guns," in the Technical World for April.

To appreciate this shooting it is necessary to understand that every single shot was necessarily studied out in the light of the following facts and conditions: The curvature of the earth, the speed of the projectile, the distance of the target, the density of the air, the direction and speed of the wind, the temperature and age of the powder when placed in the gun, the height of the tide at the moment of firing, and the "drift" of the projectile, which answers to the "curve" of a baseball.

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Congressman Morse, of Wisconsin, says "The farther into the timber one goes the bigger men he finds," which would seem to indicate a belief that LaFollette is a bigger man than Taft, the scales to the contrary notwithstanding.

What, then, will be thought of the statement that recently a ten-inch battery in the fort in Boston harbor, firing at a target four and a half miles distant, and moving at the rate of five miles an hour, struck it with every one of six successive shots, fired within less than four minutes, and that on the following day even this record was exceeded by a battery of twelve-inch guns? The size of the target is not given, but the hits of both batteries were lunched in a rectangle of ten by twenty feet.

At Fortross Munroe Captain Kilbourn was called upon recently to fire at a moving pyramidal target, without knowing its distance or speed. Its distance was, in fact, three and a half miles. The calibre of the gun is not given, but according to an Eastern exchange, Captain Kilbourn put four shots through the target in less than one minute and nine seconds, the last shot demolishing it.

At Magdalena bay the whole fleet, streaming back and forth in battle formation, fired at a target twelve by twenty-one feet in size at a distance of 1700 yards. The world's battery record was broken, and on the Maryland the record of hits with its six-inch guns was 8.41 per gun per minute, while the record of one of these guns was 12.55 hits per minute, which is close to the world's record for a single gun.

This is not exactly surprising, as the Americans have always had a reputation for marksmanship, and now it is gratifying to their pride to know that they are living up to their reputation.

nounced March 22, and the third on April 7, says the California Fruit Grower. Redberries, importers and jobbers expected an advance, but prices rise within fifteen days was more than they had looked for. The greatest rise is in fruit sugar, 30 cents a hundred, and came just as the fruit packing season is about to commence. Among the reasons ascribed to the rapid rise of that staple is the short Cuban crop, the short crop in Porto Rico, and the shortage of beet sugar production in Germany. One of the local San Francisco financiers, in illustrating the natural sequence of the rise, stated that the Cuban crop will be less than 1,000,000 tons this season, while last year's crop was 1,476,000 tons, and that was none too much to meet the demand.

An exchange wants to know what has become of the old-fashioned hired girl. It is easily answered. She has degenerated into the house servant and is known among the shabby aristocracy as the maid of all work, the kitchen maid, or some other kind of a maid. Anyway, she is classed as a servant, and the very title itself is revolting to any right-minded American girl. And this accounts for the difficulty experienced in procuring efficient household help. The average bright American girl who thinks anything of herself would prefer a thousand times to work in a store or office than to submit to the petty tyranny of the mistress of a house. In the former position she is at least enabled to preserve her self-respect, that cannot be retained in the servile position of a servant.

Pendleton has the credit of being the first town in Oregon outside of Portland to pave its streets. Several blocks were paved three years ago and this summer thirty or forty more are to be added to the paved district. The East Oregonian states that property owners who were left out of the paved district are now anxious to get inside. That's the way it always works, and here in Eugene some of those who are now blocking the extension of the paved district will be anxious next year or the year after to be included in the limits. Property along paved streets always increases in value more than the cost of the improvement.

Los Angeles and San Diego and other Southern California towns are in favor of a larger navy, now that they have received a visit from the fighting craft and men of Uncle Sam's fleet. We are constrained to believe that if the battleship fleet could only make a tour of the United States and stop a few days at each of the principal interior cities such a pressure would be brought upon the lawmakers that they would be compelled to build a navy that would outclass all the other nations of the world combined. There is nothing like a little missionary work to bring the other fellow to your way of thinking, after all.

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"I know I did," retorted Butler grimly, "but I didn't divide eternity with you."—Washington Herald.

It Reached the Spot. Mr. E. Humphrey, who owns a large general store at Omega, O., and is president of the Adams County Telephone Company, as well as of the Home Telephone Company of Pike county, O., says of Dr. King's New Discovery: "I saved my life once—at least I think it did. It seemed to reach the spot—the very seat of my cough—when everything else failed." Dr. King's New Discovery not only reaches the cough spot—it heals the sore spots and the weak spots in throat, lung and chest. Sold under guarantee at W. Kuyken's drug store, 300 and 311. Trial bottle free.

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CHANCELLOR VON BULOW.

Socialist demonstrations in Germany have revived talk of the resignation of Chancellor von Bulow, who has been the uncompromising enemy of these reformers. His objection to the marriage of the crown prince to Princess Cecilie arrayed those notables against him, and it is common gossip in Berlin that their influence has gone a long way toward antagonizing the emperor and the chancellor. Unquestionably von Bulow is no longer the powerful arbiter at court that he once was.

ON THE WRONG SCENT. A prominent citizen of Washington was traveling over a line of railway with which he was unfamiliar. At a certain point the road passes a fertilizer factory, the odor from which is offensive. It is particularly disagreeable to a lady who is compelled to make the journey daily. As a protection from the obnoxious atmosphere, she is accustomed to carry a bottle of lavender salts. As the train approached the factory she produced the vial as usual, unstopped it and applied it to her nostrils. Presently the odors from the factory began to permeate the car. The Washington man endured it as long as he felt that he could. At last he rose to his feet and, approaching the lady, said, in his most polite manner: "Madam, may I request you to replace the stopper in that bottle?" Youth's Companion.

THE WIDOW. "Dudyard Kipling, when he dined with me," said, with some pride, a literary Chicagoan, "told me about Simla." "It seems that Simla is up in the mountains—the hills, as they say in India—and the ladies go there in the hot weather to escape the heat of the low country." "Well, Kipling said that one lovely cool morning at Simla, he was presented to a grass widow. They call those ladies grass widows whose husbands are detained by work in the hot cities of the plains." "She was awfully pretty and charming, and as they talked together in the pleasant coolness, Kipling said: 'I suppose you can't help thinking of your poor husband grilling down below?'" "The lady gave him a strange look, and he learned afterward that she was a real widow."

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