Gift That Blaine Had.

James G. Blaine had the rare gift of dismissing from his presence any one who had come to him for a favor which he could not grant, with a feeling that he was his big brother, and grieved to death at the compulsion of refusal. Although Blaine was universally beloved, yet he was defeated for the highest office in the gift of the people.—From the Magazine of American History.

Once Exclusive Pet of Royalty.

The Pekingese spaniel, or "lion dog," now so popular among dog lovers, was formerly an exclusive possession of China's rulers, and it was a capital offense to remove one of the diminutive creatures from the imperial palace. A pair of them were brought to Europe after the capture of Pekin in 1860, and from these and a few others the American specimens of the breed are descended.

Where the Difficulty Lay.

Bouttown—Better not go to the St. Fashion hotel. Their bill of fare is in French. Cultured Friend (indignantly)—I can understand French. Bouttown—Yes, but the waiters can't, and neither can the cook.—New York Weekly.

The Gold Age.

It has been well said that nowadays people know the price of everything and the value of nothing.

Friendship Suffers Much.

Whoever looks for a friend without imperfections will never find what he seeks. We love ourselves with all our faults, and we ought to love our friends in like manner.

New Patent of Merit.

A nail puller consisting of a curved shoulder and a toothed wheel eccentrically mounted is carried on one side of a hammer patented by a Washington man.

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Street Rules in Paris.

It is a misdemeanor to throw a piece of waste paper upon a Paris street. If a policeman sees you drop a piece of paper he walks up to you, pats you on the shoulder, begs your pardon for addressing you, tells you you have violated the law and asks you to pick up what you have thrown down.

Wifey Gets It.

"What is a beneficiary, pa?" "The woman who gets the ready money when her husband proves that his life insurance policy is good for something."

Go After Rare Specimen.

A museum might seem the last place in the world to foster a spirit of adventure. Yet we read that members of the staff of the American Museum of Natural History have sailed for Japan to hunt the gray California whale, a specimen of which is needed for the collection.

REBELS ARE BEATEN

U. S. Troops In Nicaragua Capture "Impregnable" Position.

Four Marines Killed and Several Wounded.—Rebel General Zeledon Killed By Federals.

Washington, D. C.—In a gallant assault, American marines and bluejackets drove the Nicaraguan revolutionary leader, General Zeledon, and his forces from Coyotepe and Barrancans hills, near Masaya, after 37 minutes of fighting, but in the action four privates of the United States Marine Corps were killed and several were wounded.

Coyotepe Hill is noted in Central American warfare as impregnable. It was never captured by assault until the Americans took it.

The victory of the Americans opened the way for the Nicaraguan government troops to assault the town of Masaya, which they took from the revolutionists, and its starving inhabitants were relieved.

The revolutionist losses were heavy, while the government force lost 100 killed and 200 wounded.

General Zeledon, the rebel, escaped, but later was cornered and killed by a troop of Federal cavalry.

One thousand American marines and bluejackets, under Lieutenant Colonel Charles G. Long, are moving on the city of Leon, the remaining rebel stronghold.

The American marines killed were: Private Ralph Victor Bobbett, Nevada, Mo.; Private Charles Hays Durham, Junction City, Ky.; Private Clarence Henry McGill, Portland, Me.; Private Harry Pollard, Medway, Mass.

Admiral Southerland in reporting the battle to the Navy department, said: "The department and the country have every reason to be proud of the officers, marines and bluejackets who were engaged in this action."

Admiral Southerland's dispatches made it plain that the defeat of the rebels was complete. Zeledon, a Nicaraguan and formerly supporter of Zelaya, fled toward the Costa Rican boundary for escape. A band of Federal cavalrymen discovered him some distance from Masaya and gave fight. When they defeated him and his followers he was found fatally wounded and died later.

The shedding of American blood in Central America is expected to bring to a climax in congress the dispute over the right of this government to intervene in Nicaragua.

SLOOP CAPSIZED; FIVE PERISH

Heavy Sea at Newport Harbor Overturns Fishing Craft.

Newport, Or.—Crossing over South Spit bar with a heavy sea rolling and a crew unfamiliar with the harbor entrance, the fishing sloop Pilgrim capsized and the crew of five men were lost.

The life-saving crew hastened to give assistance, with the launch Ollie S., but the little vessel turned turtle too quickly and dumped its human freight into the sea before any possible aid could have been given.

Entry Refused to Prince.

New York—Powerful influences, it is said, worked all day Monday for the release of Prince Ludovic Pignatelli d'Aragon, son of the Spanish pretender, who chafed and fretted at his confinement at Ellis Island. The cables were plied with messages to establish or discredit the contention that he as expelled from France for running a gambling house and is therefore ineligible to enter the United States; also that he tried to kill himself and was likely to become a public charge. A special board of inquiry will investigate his case.

Eight Joyriders Killed.

Philadelphia—A collision on a bridge in which three automobiles were involved resulted in the death of eight men in this city Saturday night. One of the machines containing nine men came on the bridge at terrific speed. Its rapid approach was seen by John I. Spade, a Philadelphia contractor who was going over the bridge in the opposite direction in a motor. He tried to avoid the car but he was too late in steering out of its way and a collision occurred. A third automobile then ran into the speeding car.

Great Area Is Disturbed.

The Balkan Peninsula, now invoved in threatened war, is the easternmost of the three southern penisuals of Europe, between the Adriatic and Ioian seas on the West and the Black sea, the sea of Marmosa and the Aegean sea on the East. The area in round figures is 200,000 square miles. It comprises, as the term Balkan peninsula is generally accepted, European Turkey, including Thrace, Macedonia and Albania; Bulgaria, with Rumelia; Servia, Montenegro, Bosnia, Herzegovina, Dalmatia and Greece.

Alaska Gold Pours In.

Seattle—The steamship Senator arrived from St. Michael with $2,250,000 of gold and 335 passengers, this being the largest passenger list of the year from the North. Of the gold $500,000 came from the Iditarod and Ruby, the remainder from Nome and Fairbanks. Nearly all the returning miners had gold, many of them from $10,000 to $15,000. Four steamships are yet to leave Nome before the ice closes Bering sea.

Italy to Pay Indemnity.

Lausanne, Switzerland—The Turco-Italian peace treaty awaiting ratification provides for Turkish recognition of Italian sovereignity in Tripoli, according to the Lausanne Gazette. The Italian government, it is said, is to pay an indemnity to Turkey and is also to recognize the religious authority of the Khalif over the Mussulmans of Tripoli.

ARMY OFFICERS ARRESTED.

Raid on Hotel to Capture Mexican Rebel Brings Clash.

Douglas, Ariz.—In a clash of civil and military authorities Manuel Cuesta, Mexican consul at Douglas; Powell Roberts, chief of the Mexican government secret service, and four officers of the United States army were arrested by the county sheriff and charged with unlawfully entering the Hotel Mexico and assaulting the proprietor, D. J. Genardini, or aiding therein, in a search without a warrant for a rebel leader, whom they designed to take into custody. Consul Cuesta and Powell Roberts were released shortly after their arrest on bonds.

The Mexican consul, the chief of the Mexican secret service and First Lieutenants Holderness and Howard, of the Ninth cavalry, will be arraigned on justice of the peace warrants. Holderness is acting adjutant of the regiment. He and his fellow officers are said to have acted under instructions from Colonel Guilfoyle.

The arrests are the result of the attempts of the Mexican authorities to utilize he United States army officials after the county and state authorities had refused to act.

A few days ago the county authorities were asked to arrest Joaquin Esquera, a supposed rebel leader. The county authorities refused to issue a warrant or make the arrest. Meanwhile, it is alleged, Colonel Guilfoil, commanding the Ninth cavalry, had received orders to arrest any rebel leader found on American soil.

STEAM TURBINE EXPLODES; THREE DEAD, 6 WOUNDED

Newport, R. I.—The explosion of the forward end of the port turbine, together with the steam chest, on the torpedo boat destroyer Walke, off Brenton's reef lightship, killed Lieutenant Donald P. Morrison, the chief engineer, and wounded eight others, two of whom, J. W. Rumpf and H. L. Wilder, both machinists mates of the first class, died on the hospital ship Solace.

E. B. Crawford, gunner's mate, of the destroyer Patterson, one of the umpires named to watch the speed tests of the Walke, and John Delaney, a first class fireman, of the Walke, were said to be in a critical condition. Others injured are:

Lieutenant Robert L. Montgomery, of the destroyer Fanning, and umpire of the speed tests.

D. S. Kelley, chief machinists' mate.

W. E. Kraus and F. B. Conway, oilers.

The explosion came just as the Walke started on a full-speed test, in company with other destroyers.

The discipline of the crew is said to have been perfect, and their conduct in leaping down into the steam-filled engine-room to carry out their wounded comrades brought the highest praise from their superiors. Lieutenant Charles R. Train, the commanding officers on the bridge at the time, handled the situation in a way to gain personal commendation from Rear Admiral Hugo Osterhaus, commander of the Atlantic fleet.

BREAD AND BUTTER EXTRA.

New York Hotelmen Also Stop Splitting Single Portions.

New York—With butter selling at 41 cents a pound and flour at $6 a barrel, the hotel men of New York have decided that their patrons will have to pay for their bread and butter now by portion, just as if it were an entree.

So if you want bread and butter with your meals now it will cost you ten cents extra, that being the price agreed upon by the members of the Hotel Men's association. Moreover, no more single portions of anything are to be served to two persons. From now on only one plate and one set of knives and forks go with a single order.

By these little economies hotel men figure they can save a large sum annually. The hotels that have actually put the "ten-cent bread and butter" plan into effect include the Plaza, Imperial, Park Avenue, Waldorf, Breslin, Astor, Manhattan, Prince George, St. Regis, Victoria, Martinique and Louis Martin's.

Coal Miners on Strike.

Great Falls, Mont.—Pending action on the proposed new wage scale prepared at a conference of mine owners and representatives of the United Mineworkers of America last week, every coal miner in Montana walked out Wednesday. The former wage agreement expired Wednesday morning. The various locals will vote on the new agreement Friday and it is expected it will be adopted. The new scale, which, if indorsed, will be effective for two years, provides for an increase over the old scale.

Women Take to Cigars.

London—Smoking is becoming far more common among women in society. The habit is indulged in more openly than it was, and it is not an uncommon sight to see a woman motorist who is making calls puffing away at a cigarette between visits or a woman golfer doing the same thing. At many of the West End restaurants women no longer take the trouble to conceal their liking for the cigarette. Many women, however, have gone beyond the cigarette stage and smoke cigars—mild Havanas.

Auto Makers Help Roads.

Atlantic City, N. J.—Announcement was made at the closing session of the American Road congress by H. E. Batcheler, chairman of the executive committee of the American Automobile association, that automobile manufacturers of the United States had agreed to contribute one-third of one per cent of their gross returns during the year 1913 for the good roads cause. This will create a fund of $15,000,000, he said.

Congressman Is Killed.

Fostoria, O.—Representative Carl O. Anderson, of Fostoria, O., was killed here when an automobile in which he was riding overturned near this city.

TO MAKE DUSTLESS DUSTERS

Cloths Should Be Soaked in Kerosene Oil and Put Away for Twenty-Four Hours.

Dustless dusters are prepared by soaking cloths, preferably cheesecloths or something similar, in kerosene oil, and then putting them away for not less than twenty-four hours in a tin box. They are then ready for use.

The reason of them lying immersed for this length of time is to allow the kerosene to practically dry into the cloth.

If freshly dampened before using the result would be streaks and smears on floors and furniture generally.

When the kerosene is completely absorbed by the material the cloth will, of course, take up the dust without scattering it as the ordinary duster is apt to do.

One housekeeper uses the legs of stockings cut flat for dustless dusters, after treating with kerosene, of course.

She also keeps an old stocking (treated) for slipping over her hand for dusting small or delicate ornaments. The woolly substance absorbs the dust.

Smallest Book in the World.

The smallest book in the world is in the library of congress, always under lock and key. It is a copy of the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam. The tiny volume was made by Nathan Dale of Cleveland, O. It was photographed, each page separately. Four books of the same size would just cover a postage stamp. Three hundred of them would weigh a pound.

Think Human Tears of Value.

In Persia the past and present are linked by the belief that human tears are a remedy for certain diseases. At every funeral, each mourner is given a sponge with which to mop off the eyes and cheeks After the burial the wet sponges are given to a priest, who squeezes the tears into bottles, which he keeps for curative purposes. This is one of the most ancient of eastern customs. See Fifty-sixth Psalm, verse eight, where David says: "Put thou my tears into thy bottle." This custom is still followed in Persia.—From Bombaugh's "Facts and Fancies."

Domestic Animals Protected.

The mayor of a little commune in the Pyrenees has just issued the following decree: "Whereas the young people of the commune are wont to meet and dance every Sunday after mass and the noise they make frightens the cocks, hens and other animals of the village and whereas the result is prejudicial to agriculture, we hereby prohibit dancing within the bounds of the commune during the hours in which the domestic animals take their repose."

Matter of Credentials.

"I am honest, intelligent, discreet industrious, and capable of making friends," said the young man who was looking for employment. "Well," replied Senator Sorghum, "you ought to get along; although I have seen a lot of men go before conventions with those same recommendations and fail to get more than a complimentary vote."

Sad Sequel to Wedding.

A landau in which a newly-married couple, the chief bridesmaid, and the "best man" were driving from church was knocked over by an electric tramcar in Lille, near Paris, the other morning. The coachman had his legs broken, the bride, a girl of twenty-one, broke her right arm and was badly hurt in the head, her husband escaped without a scratch, and the bridesmaid and "best man" received internal injuries.

Justifiable.

"Why, it is a nasty old photo. It's not like me. I am better looking than that," said a woman at Lambeth who, when charged with disorderly conduct, handed the magistrate her photograph to look at. "Look at that," she said, indignantly, "and see if you wouldn't swear if you were took like that."

Not a Time to Be Hasty.

"Father, our daughter is being courted by a poet." "Is that so, mother; I'll kick him out." "Not so fast. Investigate first and find out whether he works for a magazine or for a breakfast food factory."—Louisville Courier-Journ

By the Way They Are Met.

Difficulties are things that show what men are.—Epictetus.

His Best Friend.

Many great writers besides Cicero and Emerson have written on friendship, but it may be doubted whether any essayist had a more definite idea than a small boy who was recently asked what he meant by "best friend." "My best friend," he replied, "is a person who knows me and yet likes me."—Collier's

Intolerance Not a Virtue.

Persons sometimes associate intolerance with strength and firmness of conviction; but intolerance is far more a feature of ignorance, defective sympathy, imperfect grasp of truth. We want the charity that makes allowance for other people's points of view without wavering from its own.

Safer Way.

"Why do you let that policeman gobble your peanuts?" "I don't want to be murdered," answered the New York vender, with a grin.

The Spinster.

Marriage is a delightful thing; but it is not, and never can me, a duty; nor is it as a duty that men and women have hitherto zealously practiced it.—Agnes Repplier, Litt. D.

Uncle Pennywise Says:

"On the level, I never heard anybody emit an epigram in my life."