PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

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tunity for education, except in one or two of the largest cities, and even there the facilities offered are very poor. . . . . .

"Delinquent taxpayers are treated with the utmost severity. The first step is usually to strip them to the waist, tie them to a bench or post, and beat them unmercifully. Even women are subjected to that treatment. If this does not suffice, imprisonment follows, while pressure is brought to bear on relatives and friends. Daughters are not infrequently offered an opportunity to secure the liberation of a parent at the expense of their own honor. Should none of these methods prove effective, deportation follows, with confiscation of property, and the leaving of women and children to shift for themselves.

"Should a native manage to get abroad and secure some little education, he is likely to be invited on board a gunboat some evening and not be heard from thereafter, the reason for his disappearance being that he knew to much."

This taxation without representation is one of the chief grievances of the insurgents. Another grievance is the civil power of the friars. The Filipinos do not ask independence; they only ask freedom from Spain. General Aguinaldo said to Mr. Mannix:

"The people of these islands would be happy if the United States, Great Britian, or any other progressive and humane nation would take these islands under its protection. The natives are struggling for their freedom, but they are not convinced of their ability to successfully govern themselves."

In view of the probable speedy fulfilment of General Aguinaldo's wish, the climate of the islands takes on a peculiar interest to prospective American visitors. The remarks of Mr. Mannix on this point are not very reassuring:

"That the climate of the Philippines is particularly severe and unhealthy is evident from the very great mortality among Spanish soldiers during the rebellion. During the fifteen months immediately succeeding the outbreak of the insurrection in August, 1896, fully 25 per cent of the 28,000 to 30,000 soldiers sent from the peninsula died from the effect of the climate. The climate is so severe upon the unacclimated that the rebel leaders, very early in the revolt, decided upon a defensive campaign. They sought rendezvous in the mountain fastnesses of Luzon, only to come forth occasionally and do guerrilla fighting. They thought they could pursue these easy tactics and the climate would do the rest. I am absolutely convinced at least 5,000 Spaniards died on account of the climate. Capt.-Gen. Primo de Rivera was thoroughly disheartened on account of the frightful ravages among his troops. Altho the insurrection was very formidable, the captain-general declared. not more than six months since, that if the rebellion was to be suppressed it would be by native volunteers—that Spaniards could not stand the climate of the islands. The captain-general refused to ask for more troops from Spain, saying it was simply murder to get conscripts from home. The climate is especially humid, and in the low, swampy land in the interior there is much malaria. The hottest season is between the middle of Mar. and the middle of May. Then follows the very trying rainy season, with alternating showers and blistering sunshine for about six months. Then follow a few months when the weather is comparatively agreeable.

THE DESCENT OF MAN.

There! I do believe that Apollo T Turker has fallen down again. How did I ever happen to marry such an awkward man? That's a mystery that not even a woman can solve. And Mrs. Turker found her thoughts sadly straying away from the work over which she had been bending industriously for two hours.

The door opened softly behind her and Mrs. Turker turned half round. Well Polly, I heard an unearthly rumble outside. It sounded as if the whole woodbox had collapsed. What was the matter? But no answer came, and Mrs. Turker turned her stately imposing form quite around. There stood her Apollo T. Turker, his tall figure seemed at that moment to embody more of the aspect of awkwardness than ever before. A faint flush of deprecatory excitement marked his thin cheeks. He stood there in silence for a few moments and then the words came forth hesitatingly:

Susan, I pushed something over out here.

Pushed something over! That is a mild expression I must say. It sounds more as if something knocked you over. And Mrs Apollo T. Turker snatched up the lamp and made her way out of the room, led by her husband.

But they did not go far. For Mr. Turker's progress across the floor was arrested by a yell of rage which was echoed by a commiserating cry from himself.

There! you've ste ped on Pinker's tail. I suppose? ejaculated Mrs Turker.

And so it proved. The light disclosed a strange scene. Over the floor were strewn promiscuously sticks of wood, and intermingled with the wood were six kittins, tiny and helpless. The interest of the scene was heightened by the continued "me-ows" of the mother cat, as she hurried excitedly from one small bundle of fur to the other.

Well, Apollo, its fortunate that the wood went first, and the cats on top How did you ever have foresight enough to drop it before you deposited the cats?

Well Susan, my dear, replied Apollo, it really is quite fortunate for Pinker and her decendants that they didn't go first, but really, my dear, I don't like to take credit for what I don't deserve. Really now, I'll confess that the order of sequence of events was quite unplanned by me. You see I fell first, perhaps it would have been better had the cats gone first, as I wouldn't have felt the fall so much. But after I went the wood had to follow, and some of it knocked over the basket of cats you had put on the bench. Really my dear, it was exceedingly strange and quite unpremeditated, I assure you. Have you finished your declamation?

Mrs. Turker did not deign to reply. She stood holding the lamp aloft while her helpmate proceeded to clear the floor. Then she returned to the library and sat down to finish her work.

Two hours had passed in silence. At last the quiet hush that brooded over Mrs. Turker's home was broken by his wife. Polly, I have finished this declamation. But no; don't ask to hear it. It's going to be a surprise to you. Wait until t morrow night at the town hall, and then you shall enjoy it to your heart's content. It was fortunate I was given that part of addressing the face of Lincoln as it is unveiled. It will be most effective.

Mr. Turker knew better than to entreat his wife to read her article to him, so he waited as patiently as a man can for the morrow's joys. Patience has a reward for every one; and at last the eventful occasion rolled around.

The hall was crowded with all the town folks. The platform was draped with American flags and banners, and every urchin in the assembly carried a flag. The whole event proved that Merritown was not behind-hand in declaring its whole allegiance to Uncle Sam against those "brandishing Spanyards," as the groceryman designated the foes of the Union.

The grand culmination of the affair was the unveiling of a picture of Lincoln. Why Merritown chose such a feature of the occasion as its climax, may seem strange. But the spirit of Lincoln-worship had always prevaded the place, and now it seemed a fitting tribute of honor to his memory when the nation, which he had once piloted safely, was passing through another crisis.

There in the corner was concealed the object of all expectations. A long curtain hung before it, and it had been arranged that just when Mrs. Turker turned to it with the words "Behold ye the countenance of the God-like hero!" the curtain should fall by means of a mechanical contrivance. Mrs. Turker's husband was to manage the unveiling process from behind the scenes.

The program passed off well and most creditably to the patriotic townspeople. And now came the grandest event of all. Mrs. Turker stepped upon the platform with a dignified and awe-inspiring mein. Her address was thrilling, and cheer after cheer drowned out her voice. Mrs. Turker was living the grandest moments of her life. She seemed to be borne along on the wings of eloquence. Sentence after sentence flowed from her lips without effort. At last the critical moment came. Impressively Mrs. Apollo Turker lifted her right hand, and through the hush came the words: "Behold ye the countenance of the god like—Apollo!" shrieked Mrs. Turker. For a terrible crash had broken the thread of her thoughts; the curtain had indeed fallen; and the speakers finger pointed impressively toward the picture suspended in mid air; a frame, artistic in design, and one well worthy of the noble features that looked forth from it—the face of Apollo T. Turker, flushed, amazed, terrified.

Silence reigned supreme. Then such a cheer went up through the hall as never had been heard before in Merritown. And amid the applause Mrs. Turker retired.

The walk home that evening was unusually quiet and constrained. It was only when the house was reached that the hero who had usurped Lincoln's honors dared to speak.

Susan, my dear; Susan!

Well, Apollo T. Turker!

Really, Susan, you see I feel kind of—well, kind of to blame for some things that have come about this evening. The ladder slipped, and of course, since I was depending on it for my foundation I went too. It was most fortunate that the picture was hanging there or I should perhaps have been seriously injured. As it was, I am more grateful to Abe Lincoln than any other fellow in town. And really you must feel in somewhat the same mind, Susan. You see my dear it was very strange and quite unpremeditated, I assure you.

Mr. Turker remained his wife's "god-like Apollo" for some time. but women are most patient and forgiving; and after a time the old familiar form of "Polly" greeted the ears of Mrs. Turker's husband.—Duata, in University of Oregon Monthly.

QUENCHING A SOLDIERS THIRST.

Everybody at all familiar with the actual conditions of an army on the march appreciates the great practical difficulties in the way of obtaining an uncontaminated supply of drinking water; and one of the most valuable suggestions was made by a gentleman who imagined the possibility of making use of "driven" wells, through which safe water might be obtained, and, fortunately, there is carefully recorded experience to testify to their value.

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Dated at Hillsboro this 9th day of June 1898.

ELIZABETH TWIGG,
Executrix of the last will and testament of William Twigg deceased. 3-7

Notice of Final Settlement

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT I, John J Kuratli, administrator of the estate of William J White deceased has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington county, my final account as such administrator and that the 25th day of July 1898 at 10 o,clock a m at the courtroom of said court, at the court house in Hillsboro in said county and state has been duly appointed by the judge of said court for the hearing of objections to said final account and the settlement thereof.

JOHN J KURATLI,
Administrator of the estate of William J White deceased. 4-8

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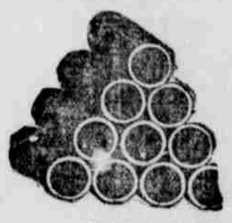

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