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Treasure Hidden in Texas Not Found by Searchers.

Spanish Loot Was Obtained During Victorious March of Mexicans Under Santa Anna in 1836.

One of the stories of buried treasure known to every old Texan, and particularly to Mexicans, is that relating to a vast sum in Spanish gold and jewelry buried at the foot of a tree near what is now Summit Place.

The story deals with the victorious march of the Mexican troops under Santa Anna in 1836, when, after the Alamo and after Goliad, they went to meet the little band of Texas patriots at San Jacinto. On the march followers of the Mexican leader are said to have possessed themselves of money and jewelry in large quantities. Santa Anna is declared to have confiscated all this wealth, intending later to restore it to its owners.

But Santa Anna never had the opportunity. Gen. Sam Houston met the Mexicans at San Jacinto and before the sun had set on April 21 the Texans had routed the Mexicans. Santa Anna and a large part of his forces were taken prisoners, but not all of them. The treasure bearers are said to have escaped and started for Mexico. On arrival at San Antonio, where news of the decisive defeat of Santa Anna had been received, they were afraid to venture farther with their precious burden.

Beside a gnarled oak to the north of San Antonio, some distance from the Camino Real, the men are said to have buried the treasure. This oak tree is known to many, and even at this late date gold hunters have dug in search of the pile.

On Salinas street San Antonio, are two ramshackle huts accredited with holding a fortune of gold and silver. One of them, at least seventy-five years of age, was once the haunt of a band of French freebooters, whose leader wore a huge black beard. These men, the legend says, fled to absent themselves from San Antonio for days at a time, and their return always coincided with stories of wagon trains being held up and looted. The report says they buried much of their loot in the floor of the adobe hut, and searchers for it have appeared off and on for half a century. The most recent was a half-Indian "medicine man," who came there from San Marcos about three years ago. The man carried a divining rod and sought to locate the treasure by its means. The various holes he and others dug are still visible.

Health of Prisoners.

Those who study prisons and try to find out why men get there will be interested in this news from New York city. Out of 1,600 men of military age registered on June 5 in penal institutions of that city less than 5 per cent were physically fit for service. In Blackwell's Island prison not one was fit for the army. Every one was a physical discard. A great many persons who have studied such things much will say that perhaps the physical condition of these young men may be the chief reason for their presence in prison. And most of us feel quite sure that fine, healthy bodies and normal minds are most likely to keep their owners out of prison. It is with some satisfaction that we reflect upon the fact that this war will do a great deal to make human bodies stronger and healthier—and to that extent make prisons useless.—Illinois State Journal.

Remedy for Caterpillar Plague.

An efficient modern remedy for the caterpillar plague seems yet to seek, and no one apparently cares to resort to the methods of the past. In the year 1120 the bishop of Laon sought to stay such a plague by solemn sentence of excommunication against the insects, and in later centuries this procedure was frequently repeated. One admonition, dated 1516, runs: "We grant the request of the inhabitants of Villeneuve and warn the caterpillars to retire within six days. In default of this we declare them accursed and excommunicated." With a nice feeling for justice, an advocate was appointed in one instance to plead the cause of the insects against that of the farmers before sentence was pronounced.

Land Where Childhood Is Cherished.

Japan has been called the Land of the Chrysanthemums and the Land of the Cherry Blossoms. It may well be called the Land Where Children are Loved.

There is probably no country in the world where childhood is more deeply cherished than in Japan; where such pains are taken to make childhood happy; where the education of children is made to brighten instead of clouding the sunny morning of life.

Statesmanlike Silence.

"You are not having much to say about local elections at present." "No," replied Senator Sorghum. "One of the strong points of a really good politician is to know when not to talk politics."

The Subordinated Pumpkin.

"Are you going to have pumpkin pie this winter?" "I dunno," replied Farmer Jones. "You know a cow has to be fed an' our cows are mighty fond of pumpkins."

USE LEGS TO DRIVE HORSES

Cavalrymen Must Keep Hands Free to Fight With—Each Man a Regular Armory.

A cavalryman must learn to drive by the pressure of his legs so both his hands will be free to fight with. For a cavalryman is a regular armory all to himself. He carries a pistol, a rifle and a saber, and he must be able to use them freely without being thrown from his horse.

There's something very romantic about the cavalry, something very thrilling about the thunder of hundreds of horses' hoofs, something that makes one's heart leap with joy—or terror, or a mixture of both. For myself, if I were "the enemy," I believe I'd much rather face a machine gun than a cavalry charge, writes Mary Woodson Shippey in the Southern Woman's Magazine. But, somehow, the cavalry has not proven practicable in the present war, and as France and England can furnish about all that might be needed, most of our cavalry are to be made into artillery, because of the great need of artillery.

In fact, all the new cavalry regiments are to be trained as artillerymen, while the old ones are being trained as infantrymen, although they will all keep their designation as cavalrymen. This gives them a double dose of training—for they must be able to drill equally well afoot or on horseback—as well as a double lot to learn. But they all insist, to a man, that they're not infantrymen—or "doughboys" and "leather-necks," as they derisively call them—but "dismounted cavalry." And so be it, since they are so terribly proud of their branch of the service and so loyal to it.

There were fully as many, or more, of these "dismounted cavalrymen" up on the hills going through regular infantry drill as there were cavalrymen astride horses—hundreds of them, olive-drab units marching, "marching everywhere among the wheeling, circling horses, making one dizzy just watching. And standing about on lone prominences were various officers, silent, alert, their horses like statues—if statues could switch angrily at flies—their keen eyes watching very critically this army of these United States grow, picking out the mistakes and flaws in under-officers and men.

It gave one a strange, comforted feeling—a strange impression of a determination to see to it that all these hundreds of boys were perfect in all the tricks of the trade, so they could take care of themselves. And how young the most of them seemed! Slim, smooth-cheeked boys, their faces just growing up to the square manliness of their trim shoulders, for the cavalry takes younger boys than any other branch of the service.

Good Resolution Didn't Last.

When Nathaniel Ripple was just a youngster he did very little work about the place. In fact he didn't do anything. But one day, when he was almost ten years of age, he decided to take some of the work off his mother's shoulders. When breakfast was over he ordered his mother to the front porch. He was going to wash the dishes for her. When they were finished he called her to look at them, and she was very much surprised. She could hardly believe that he had done all that work by himself. Then he told her that he was going to wash them for her every meal. Of course she was glad, and she told him he might run out and play. Him play? Not a bit of it. He took the broom and swept every floor in the house. Mrs. Ripple, who is a very truthful woman, said that he swept them just as good as she could have done it herself. He then informed her that he was going to sweep them for her every day. That was the last time Nathaniel over-washed the dishes or swept the floors.—Claude Callan in Kansas City Star.

Bible War Bread Recipe.

The ninth verse of the fourth chapter of Ezekiel reads as follows: "Take thou also unto thee wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentiles, and millet, . . . and put them in one vessel, and make thee bread thereof."

In the thirteenth century David Kimchi, the commentator, wrote: "The prophet thus warns the disobedient children of Israel that, during the siege of Jerusalem, they will not longer be able to make their bread with pure wheat, but they will have to mix it with all kinds of grain and vegetables with which flour is not made, unless extreme need makes it necessary to do so."

War bread in Europe is now made according to the recipe of Ezekiel. But it is not baked with the same kind of fuel. For particulars see Ezekiel 4: 12.

Fake Salvarsan.

The New York city department of health has unearthed a sensational fraud in the manufacture of fake salvarsan. The imitation, which was put up in New York and sold widely throughout this country, as well as in Canada, Mexico, and Central America, consists of ordinary table salt colored with a little aniline dye. The package, circular, ampoulet and every visible detail of the original article are cunningly imitated. It is believed that at least 50,000 doses of the fake article have been sold.

His Place.

Cholly—"Er, I say, Miss Ethel, I—er—hem—"

Ethel—"Oh, do you? Then I'll set you to work hemming sheets for the soldiers."

Scheme to Capture German.

And this was received by the commander of the Department of the East, a New York correspondent of the Pittsburgh Dispatch writes: "I am enthusiastic over a scheme that has entered my fertile brain to easily capture thousands of German soldiers without firing a round of ammunition. If the war department does not see fit to use this wonderful suggestion, then the responsibility for the continuance of the war must rest on the shoulders of those who have rejected it. The scheme is a simple one and is easily put into execution. Under cover of darkness have the soldiers strew the ground between opposing trenches with fly paper. When the Germans come over the top to attack they will, of course, get stuck and will be easily captured. Can anything more practical or simple be imagined?"

Zoo Monkeys' Diet.

The monkeys in American zoological parks are still having bananas for breakfast, in spite of the war and the high cost of living, but the animals of the London zoo are not so fortunate. The shortage of food in Britain has resulted in many of the less rare animals being killed off or not replaced in case of death. The afore-mentioned bananas have long been dropped from the zoo menu, and potatoes can be remembered only by the older inhabitants of before the war days. Horse flesh is the only form of meat not too high nor scarce for the animals. Hay, wheat and oats are needed urgently for other purposes; so that grass from the parks, corn, rice and other less valuable grains are substituted.

Died on "Field of Honor."

Alexander Hamilton, statesman of the Revolutionary period, and his son Philip were both killed in duels, the former by Aaron Burr and the latter by one George L. Eacker. The son was killed first. He and Eacker were both young lawyers of New York city. They got into a quarrel at a theater one night and Hamilton challenged Eacker on the spot. In the duel which followed, November 23, 1801, Hamilton was mortally wounded and died the next day. July 11, 1804, the father and Aaron Burr fought on the same spot, at Weehawken, N. J., and Hamilton was killed at the first fire.

A Regular Bird.

Ma—Even if they continue to teach military tactics for the next two years I don't believe our Willie will be any good at it.

Pa—Do you mean he's too chicken-hearted?

Ma—No; he's too pigeon-toed.

Wild Foods, Seeds and Roots.

One of the projects outlined by the committee on botany of the national research council is the search for wild plants which may be used as wartime substitutes for the more costly crop plants. During the Civil war Dr. John Porcher, a southerner, published a book giving a list of plants of the South which could be substituted for much-needed food and drug plants. The American Botanist, Joliet, Ill., proposes, with the aid of its readers, to compile a similar list. Information is sought as to any plants not ordinarily cultivated which have edible fruits, seeds, roots, etc. It is suggested that valuable knowledge on this subject might be obtained from hunters, trappers, woodsmen, farmers, Indians and the foreigners, who pick up considerable food from the countryside. Similar information is desired concerning plants that can be used in medicine.

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ROSE E. NEWBY and RAY S. NEWBY,
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