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DISSECTING A BILLION.

Its Arithmetical Symbol Simple, Says Henry Bessener.
 One billion! What is it? Its arithmetical symbol is simple and without much pretension, says London Answers.
 Let us briefly take a glance at it as a measure of time, distance and weight. As a measure of time, I would take one second as the unit and carry myself in thought through the lapse of ages back to the first day of the year 1 of our era, remembering that in all those years we have 365 days and in every day just 86,400 seconds of time. Hence, in returning in thought back again to this year of grace 1905, one might have supposed that a billion of seconds had long since elapsed, but this is not so for it takes just 31,937 years, 17 days 22 hours, 45 minutes and 5 seconds to constitute a billion of seconds of time.

Let us try in imagination to arrange a billion sovereigns for inspection. Let us put one on the ground and pile upon it as many as will reach twenty feet in height; then let us place numbers of similar columns in close contact, forming a straight line and making a sort of wall twenty feet high. Imagine two such walls running parallel to each other and forming, as it were, a long street. It is not until we have extended our imaginary street to a distance of 2,589 1/2 miles that we shall have presented for inspection our 1,000,000,000 of coins.
 Or, in lieu of this arrangement, we may place them flat upon the ground, forming one continuous line like a long golden chain, with every link in close contact. But to do this we must pass over land and sea, mountain and valley, desert and plain, crossing the equator and returning around the southern hemisphere through the trackless ocean, retrace our way again across the equator, then still on and on until we again arrive at our starting point, and when we have thus passed a golden chain round the huge hulk of the earth we shall be but at the beginning of our task. We must drag this imaginary chain no less than 703 times around the globe. Such a chain would require for its transport no less than 2,325 ships, each with a full cargo of 3,000 tons. Even then there would be a residue of 447 tons, representing 64,081,920 sovereigns.
 For a measure of height, let us take the thin sheets of paper on which these lines are printed. If laid out flat and firmly pressed together, as in a well bound book, these would represent a measure of about 1,333 of an inch in thickness. Let us see how high a dense pile formed by a billion of these thin paper leaves would reach. We must, in imagination, pile them vertically upward, by degrees reaching to the height of our tallest spires; and passing these, the pile must still grow higher, topping the Alps and Andes and the highest peaks of the Himalayas. Still pile on your thousands and millions of thin leaves, for we are only beginning to rear the mighty mass. Add millions on millions of sheets and thousands of miles on these, and still the number will lack its due amount. When our one billion sheets are superimposed upon each other and pressed into a compact mass they have reached an altitude of 47,548 miles!

Degree of Kicks.
 "Let me tell you something, Sam," said the overseer: "the blow of a whale's tail is the strongest animal force in the world; the kick of a giraffe is second, and the stroke of a lion's paw the third."
 "Oh, well, I s'pose, boss, by de time dey gets down to de kick of a male dey'd have us believe it is just a gentle lub tap."

WARRIORS AT PLAY.

The first anniversary of the victory of the Yalu was celebrated by General Kuroki's men in a most remarkable manner, which, says a London Times correspondent who was with the First Japanese Army, involved work nearly as hard as that required to win the victory. Not being able to go to Japan, they brought Japan to Manchuria. A whole corps that had been in the field for more than a year set out to create in a bare valley overlooked by bare hillsides an illusion of Japan at spring-tide, all green and park-like.
 In Japan carp swim up cataraacts—in fables. When they reach the top they become beautiful dragons. That is the national example of the reward for perseverance which takes the place of the story of Robert Bruce and the spider.

One of the brigades, as its part in the battle of deception, built both the camp and the waterfall. For more than a mile, and then up the steep slope which was the apex of their composition, they brought pine boughs to form the sides of the channels, the overhanging verdure of crags and of rocky islets. The foaming torrent was made by bolts of cotton laid in waves that half-submerged the leaping fish, seventy-five feet long, which had cotton crescents for its scales. A mile away the illusion was excellent, especially if you half-closed your occidental eyes, which are always seeing scaffolding and the prompter's box.
 You had to do the same with the dragon-yon on the next hill—a dragonfly with wings fifty feet long and beaten-out ration-meat fins for its gigantic eyes. You had to do the same in order to realize the Big Lion (properly spelled with capitals). The holes of his nostrils, some fifteen feet wide, were made with matting. Their fleshy part was soldier's red blankets, for he was a fierce Japanese lion, just now in a red fury. His mane was made of evergreens on the summit of a rocky escarpment. Five hundred yards away more evergreens were formed into a lashing tail.

General Fujii, the chief, and the other members of the staff entered into the plan of the effects and the organization of the fete with the same gusto with which they have outmaneuvered the Russians on many fields. Young forests of pines and of wild cherry-trees were literally transplanted, and walks and arbors set among them. A gentle slope was leveled for the approach to the altar. Beyond it a statue of General Kuroki on horseback—a good imitation of bronze—looked down on the scene, with a hanging iris garden at his feet. From the altar led two avenues—even provided with conduits where they crossed gullies—leveled with as much care as if they were meant for a generation's traffic instead of a day's merry-making.
 One of the avenues led into the little village of Pian-chi-tun, which had been Kuroki's headquarters since the Battle of Mukden. It had a garlanded bridge, a huge evergreen arch, and what takes the place of an arch in Japan, a tort, which in this instance was formed of Chinese matting covered with cotton cloth. Lining both avenues were alternate pine and cherry trees, and set between them transparencies made by soldier artists. Venerable Fujiyama, the most painted mountain in the world, was there, of course, and scenes both at home and at the front.
 On the plain, out of the earth of the dreary knolling fields, whose never-ending stubble is as the sands of the desert, had sprung little Japanese gardens, such as you see from one end of Japan to the other. Miniature lakes were set in miniature landscapes, and a fountain played among the beds of imitation iris.
 The night before the fete millions of imitation paper flowers, which had been fashioned in the leisure hours of camp with the skillfulness of Parisian shop-girls, were brought in great baskets and fastened to the twigs of the transplanted trees.
 The strangest part of it all is that it is as natural for the soldiers of the Japanese army to do these things as it is for them to fight. That same skill which was devoted to making waterfalls and paper flowers, that trick of ready improvisation which brought Japan to Manchuria, was turned the next day into scouting the dead spaces in front of the enemy's works and to desperate charges in the night.

Believes Heaven Filled with Men.
 In Moncreau Conway's "Reminiscences" is a story told by Helen Taylor, the step-daughter of John Stuart Mill. Once, in Scotland, she called on a poor woman who had lost her little son. The mother was inconsolable and said:
 "What troubles me is, they be all men folk up there in heaven and won't know how to do for him."
 An Ancient Life-Saver.
 The first verse of the fifty-first Psalm is called the "neck verse," for the reason that in former times a man condemned to death sometimes had a chance to save his life by proving that he could read, and this verse was used as a test.

Muscle to Him.
 "What do you think of the quartet?"
 "I am delighted with it."
 "What!"
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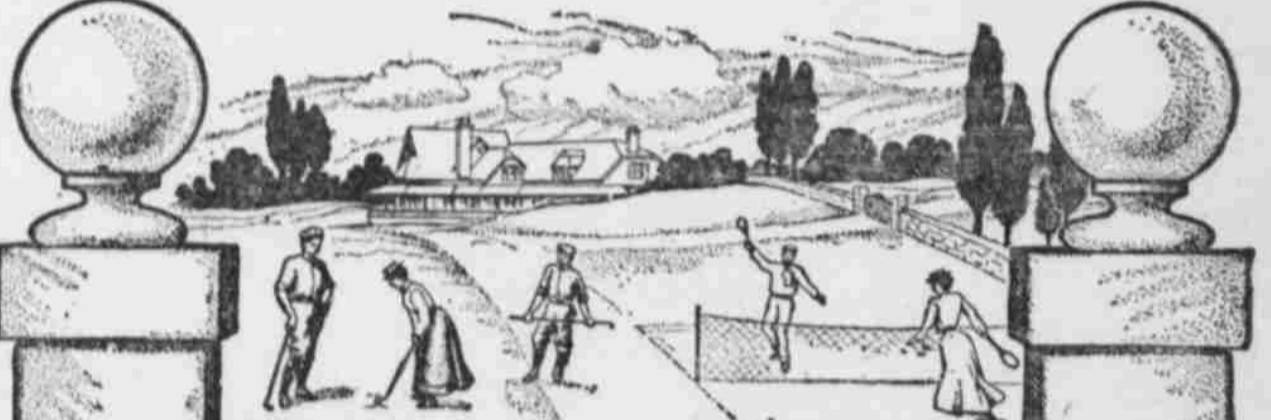
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BLOOD POISON THE BLACK FLAG

The black flag is an emblem of horror and dread. When it is hoisted by an army, the order has gone forth that "no quarter" will be given, everything must be destroyed. Helpless women and children, as well as opposing soldiers, meet the same fate, and a trail of desolation, suffering and death is left behind. Contagious Blood Poison is the black flag of the great army of disease. This vile disorder is known as the blackest and most hideous of all human afflictions, overthrowing its victims and crushing out the life. It is no respecter of persons; no matter how pure the blood may be or how innocently the disease is contracted, when this awful virus enters the circulation the hideous, hateful and humiliating symptoms begin to appear, and the sufferer feels that his very presence is polluting and contaminating. Usually the first sign of the disease is a little sore or ulcer, but as the blood becomes more deeply poisoned the severer symptoms are manifested, the mouth and throat ulcerate, the glands in the groins swell, a red rash breaks out on the body, the hair and eyebrows come out, and often the body is covered with copper-colored spots, pustular eruptions and sores. In its worst stages the disease affects the nerves, attacks the bones and sometimes causes tumors to form on the brain, producing insanity and death. Not only those who contract the poison suffer, but unless the virus is driven from the blood the awful taint is handed down to offspring, and they are its innocent victims. Blood Poison is indeed a "black flag." Mercury and Potash, so often used, never cure the trouble. These minerals merely drive the symptoms away for awhile and shut the disease up in the system, and when they are left off it returns worse than before. This treatment not only fails to cure blood poison but eats out the delicate lining of the stomach and bowels, produces chronic dyspepsia, loosens the teeth and frequently causes mercurial rheumatism to add to the patient's suffering. S. S. S., the great vegetable medicine, is the conqueror of this vile disease. It goes down to the very root of the trouble and cures by cleansing the blood of every particle of the poison. S. S. S. does not hide or cover up anything but clears the entire circulation of the virus and puts the system in good healthy condition. It cures safely as well as certainly, because there is not a particle of mineral in it. We offer a reward of \$1,000.00 for proof that S. S. S. is not purely vegetable. When the blood is purified and strengthened with this great remedy the symptoms all pass away and no sign of the disease is ever seen again; nor is there left the least trace to be handed down to posterity. Special book with instructions for self-treatment and any medical advice desired will be sent without charge to all who write.

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