THE GREAT NAPOLEON.

Wonderful Works of Statesmanship Accomplished by the Famous Warrior.

The battle of Austerlitz was fought on December 2, 1805. Early in 1806 peace was made by the treaty of Presburg, and Napoleon returned to Paris to occupy himself in consolidating his influence in Germany by founding the Confederation of the Rhine. It was at this time, in the year 1806, when he was in the zenith, or about the zenith of his fortunes, that the portrait by Longhi was taken. The face is certainly extremely handsome; there is great refinement in the features, and every indication of intellectual power. The remarkable thing about it is that it does not in the least suggest a warrior; it is hard to imagine that it is a portrait of Napoleon, drawn in the brief period which intervened between Austerlitz and Jena. It is, however, a great mistake to regard Napoleon as only, or even chiefly, a soldier; great as he certainly was in the field, he was equally great in the cabinet. No man of his day took hold of the work of government with any thing approaching the energy or capacity displayed by him; no man of any day has ever surpassed him. Roads, canals, colleges, schools, civil as well as military, all received his attention; reforms of administration and of taxation, all the manifold tasks of government, were approached in an enlightened spirit, with the clear good sense of a man of affairs, and with an entire absence of the prejudices so characteristic of this period. Above all, his code, at which he employed the best lawyers of the day, and which he pushed through to completion in the comparatively brief period of four years from its inception, feeling, as he did, a thorough conviction of its prime necessity, in casting into the form of law the great practical reforms which had been brought in by the revolution—this work stamps him as being, beyond question, the most sound and practical statesman of his time, so far as the internal management of his country was concerned. In all this, however, there was no philanthropy, strictly so called. Napoleon was only a ruler, possessed of great power, having a comprehensive and clear mind, fully acquainted with the needs of the public service, addressing himself to all the tasks of government, and especially to the task of improving the condition of the population over which he ruled with an energy, assiduity and intelligence rarely, if ever, seen before. He was not a philanthropist, let us admit, but he was probably a great deal better ruler than if he had been a philanthropist. No sentiment ever disturbed his vision or turned him aside from carrying through what he deemed to be a desirable reform.—*Scribner's Magazine.*

LIFE AT WEST POINT.

Description of a Visit to the Riding Hall of the Military Academy.

It is accounted "great fun" to witness the first rides of the yearlings, so we will go down there and laugh at their mishaps.

Mounting the stairs to the gallery, we look down upon a large space strewn with tanbark, at one end of which is a row of some twenty horses with watering-bridles. Soon the performers file in and come to a halt in front of the horses. Do they intend to ride with only a watering-bridle, without even saddle or blanket? They will try to, at all events. The instructor commands:

"Stand to horse! Prepare to mount! Mount!"

In obedience to his command the cadets spring, struggle, leap and kick, in their efforts to bestride their steeds. The moment they are mounted, several horses develop astonishing bucking propensities, to the anguish of their riders, and the delight of the gallery. Now they start around the hall at a walk. It seems rather tame, doesn't it? But soon the command "trot!" is given, and the fun begins. The poor fellows bounce about on the horses' backs like India-rubber boys, and wabble from side to side like jumping-jacks. The trot is accelerated, the horses take the gallop, and dash around the hall, tumbling their riders in heaps at the corners, while those who by chance are still mounted grasp frantically at their horses' manes. Finally, the gait is reduced to a walk line is formed; the dismounted yearlings, nothing daunted, catch their horses and remount, and then the performance is repeated.

If we had visited the gymnasium and fencing academy in the morning we should have seen sections of the fourth class exercising under a rigid system of instruction; and if from there we had gone to the riding-hall at the hour of first-class attendance, we should have seen exhibited the high degree of muscular skill and activity to which the system of training in gymnasium and riding-hall brings cadets. For the first class cadets ride like Indians. It is immaterial to them whether they have a saddle or blanket, or ride bareback. They leap hurdles, go through the saber exercise, and are adepts at pistol practice; they mount, dismount, vault their horses and pick up articles from the ground, all while at full speed; they ride forward, backward, sideways and double; lying down, kneeling and standing up. Visitors at the riding hall during first class hours go to admire, not to laugh.—*George I. Putnam, in St. Nicholas.*

—"What's the trouble now?" asked a nervous passenger on a new Dakota road, as the train came to a sudden halt. "O, nothin' much," said the brakeman, struggling to get away, "the freight ahead of us got off the track and run into the depot, knockin' it clear out o' time, and our engineer can't tell just where the town site is.—*Dakota Bell.*

—First Dude—"You—aw—were at the theataw last night, Fitzdoodle?" Second Dude—"Ya'ath." First D—"How—aw—did you like the play?" Second D—"I—aw—mutht cawnfeth that I paid no attention to it whatevah." First Dude—"Gweat heavens, what did you go fah? Go to the theataw and not pay any attention to the play. You—aw—supwise me." Second D—"Good gwashuth, man, there wath a pahty o' uth sad we occupied a pwivate bokth!"

THE COMEDIE FRANCAISE.

The World's Most Magnificent Theater as a Monument of Art.

It is a superb monument, this house of Moliere, a veritable Grand Seigneur's palace, with sumptuous saloons, a stair-case adorned with statues, galleries full of pictures, busts and statuary, and the thousand souvenirs that bear eloquent witness to a long and glorious past. The exterior, from the surrounding colonnade to the lantern on the summit of the roof, gives one the impression of immutable and grandiose stability. * * The narrow entrance doors of indescribable color, and innocent of all ornament, charm you because they remind you of another age. And the grand vestibule, which looks like a Florentine crypt, that spacious, vaulted rotunda peopled with statues, the walls covered with antique mirror-glass in small squares, the stairways that radiate on all sides, guarded by the ushers of the Comedie, correct and courteous, with their heavy silver chains of office hanging round their necks, how different from any thing one has ever seen! . . . Facing the *controle* stands a marble statue by David d'Angers, representing Talma studying a role, in the costume and attitude of a Cæsar thinking of the destinies of his empire. On either side of Talma are allegoric statues of Tragedy and Comedy by Duret, and to the left Clesinger's statue of Rachel, also representing Tragedy, draped in an antique peplum, and holding a poniard in her hand. In the vestibule of the entrance from the Place du Palais Royal, seated in niches softly lighted by two modest reflectors, are the two tutelary geniuses of the house, Moliere and Corneille, chiseled in marble by the sculptors Andron and Falguiere. Let us pass along the broad lobby between two rows of marble busts and walk up the grand stair-case, which is comparatively recent, having been added by the architect M. Chabrol, when the Theater Francais was enlarged in 1864, thanks to land gained by street improvements on the side of the Place du Palais Royal. The public foyer and the whole south facade of the theater date from the same year. This staircase, with its marble caryatides by Carrier Belleuse, its rich iron balustrade, its fine architectural lines, deserves nothing but praise. Unfortunately it leads only to a lobby, and one must turn to the left to enter the public foyer or crush-room. This foyer looks like a rich and artistic salon, with its profusion of delicate gilding, its pilasters, its mirrors, its graceful ornamentation, and fine decorative paintings. Seated comfortably in an arm-chair or on a sofa, one can contemplate at one's ease a rare collection of masterpieces of French sculpture of the eighteenth century placed around the room. In the midst of a mass of verdure and flowers Voltaire occupies the place of honor at one end, not as a dramatic author, not as one of the grand ancestors of the house, but because his statue is the finest that Houdon ever made. At the other end of the room, on each side of the monumental chimney-piece, are busts of Moliere and Corneille, and in front of each of the sixteen fluted pilasters that divide the walls into panels stands on its pedestal a marble bust of some celebrated author, by Houdon, Caffieri, Pajou, Boizot or others—an admirable series, which is continued along the adjoining gallery, at the end of which we admire Clesinger's seated statue of George Sand. The foyer and the gallery of busts constitute for the public the museum of the Comedie Francaise. But these two rooms contain only a very small part of the artistic treasures of the house. In every passage, in every room, on every stairway, on every wall, there are busts, pictures, engravings, historical souvenirs, which the public does not see. The artists' green-room, the directors' cabinet in particular, are most interesting, but, of course, unless you have friends at court you can not enter these rooms. Happily, as far, at least, as the sculpture is concerned, the greater part of the masterpieces are placed permanently within the public view, in the foyer and the passages.

At the present day the riches of the Comedie are so abundant that for want of room even masterpieces have be left in dark corners, unseen and almost forgotten. At the Comedie Francaise, in the actors' greenroom, and in the public foyer, almost all the master portraitists of the eighteenth century, sculptors and painters alike, may be studied in their best work. The sculpture is particularly admirable. The statues and busts of the museum of the Comedie may be compared with the antique treasures of the museums of Italy, and the conclusion will be that the sculptor's art never achieved its end with more truth and more of the ideal than it did by the chisel of Houdon, Caffieri, Pajou and David d'Angers. For they are really splendid and radiant with beauty and genius, these busts to which time has contributed the master-touches, giving life to the flesh, and accentuating the expression according to the sculptor's indications.—*Theodore Child, in Harper's Magazine.*

—"I've got an elegant idea for to-morrow's paper," said a rising young journalist. "Are you going to credit it?" was the sarcastic rejoinder of a fellow scribbler.—*Merchant Traveler.*

—A boy in the public school defined man as "composed of half water and half avariciousness." When very avaricious his water is principally in stock.—*Anniston (Ala.) Hot Blast.*

—"What an aria! You must have been an athlete in your day, perhaps a pugilist?" "No; I'm a musician. This muscle all came from practice on the trombone."

—We can guard against yellow fever and other drawbacks, but as yet nothing has been found to inoculate against the croakers. Few of them die and none of them ever hold their tongue.—*Memphis Avalanche.*

—Machinery has reached a great state of perfection. We recently, says an exchange, saw some burnt peas put into the hopper of a coffee mill, and in less than two minutes they were occupying a place in a grocery window, labelled, "Fine Old Mocha."

FOREIGN GOSSIP.

—Less than 200,000 of the 125,000,000 heathen women in India can read.

—Cardinal Manning has been promoted to the vice-presidency of the London Newspaper Fund.

—A profit of eight million florins was netted by the national library of Austria-Hungary last year.

—A line was let down into an extinct crater at Molokai, Sandwich Islands, a distance of three thousand five hundred feet without reaching bottom.

—Quito, in South America, is the only city in the world on the Equator, and the sun rises and sets there at six o'clock the year round.—*N. Y. Witness.*

—Denmark is known as a remarkably level country. Surveys of last season find only two points in the kingdom that reach an elevation of five hundred and forty feet.—*Golden Rule.*

—A Glasgow yacht, destined for perch fishing in South Australian waters, has been fitted with electrical apparatus expected to light up the water to the great depth of seventeen fathoms.

—Cyprus is proving to Great Britain an expensive luxury, because, although the income from revenue rises some $300,000 above expenses; something over $450,000 has to be paid annually as a subvention to Turkey.—*Congregationalist.*

—In a Liverpool cigar factory, where one thousand girls are employed, a fire brigade, composed of the operatives, has been organized. The girls are well officered and drilled, and at a recent blaze in the factory did efficient service in subduing the flames.—*N. O. Times-Democrat.*

—The project of connecting Italy with Sicily by a submarine tunnel is again discussed. The estimated cost of the work is over fourteen millions of dollars. The depth of the sea along the proposed line is over five hundred feet. The length of the tunnel would probably not exceed five miles.—*N. Y. Ledger.*

—Bunyiu Nanjio, now professor of Sanskrit at Tokio, has been sent by his monastery on a scientific and religious mission to India. He went to Oxford, some years ago, to study Sanskrit under Prof. Max Muller, and received the honorable degree of M. A., on leaving England. He is the author of several learned works on Buddhism.

—One of the newest and best of the many circuses in Paris has just brought out an old production—a Spanish fair with all its adjuncts, its beggars, its mandolinists, its peasants and merchants in costume, its audiences and songs, and, to crown all, its bull fight. This is one of the most amusing and picturesque spectacles seen in Paris for many years.

—The monks of St. Bernard, who devoted themselves as ardently to the study of science as to the rescue of wayfaring men, have brought the telephone into their service of mercy. The famous hospice is now in telephonic communication with the Cantine de Proz and the village of St. Pierre, as also with the Cantine de Fontinte and the village of St. Chemy, on the Italian side.—*Brooklyn Eagle.*

—Mrs. Henry Wood's grave is in Highgate Cemetery, near those of George Eliot, Parepa Rosa, Frederic Maurice, George Vandenhoff, H. Crabb Robinson, Alaric A. Watts, Lord Lyndhurst, and the father, mother and little daughter of Charles Dickens. Near by, also, is the tomb of Wombwell, the famous menagerie showman, surmounted by a full-sized lion in marble.—*Boston Budget.*

—Some odd residents have arrived at the Paris zoo. They include a three-striped paradoxure from Indian; a Scop's owl, captured at sea near Aden; a white-fronted heron, from Australia; a Stanley parakeet, from West Australia; a Burmeister's cariama, Southwest Brazil; a black sternothere, from West Africa, received in exchange, and two smews. The "smews" slightly troubled us, but the paradoxure, the Scop's owl, the black sternothere, and the Burmeister's cariama puzzle us entirely.—*Chicago Times.*

ALL ABOUT CALICO.

Introduction of the Fabric from India Into Holland and Great Britain.

The derivation of this word is very interesting, as of such an ancient date is its origin. Mrs. Leonowens says in her "Travels in India" that "in the year 1498, just ten months and two days after leaving the port of Lisbon, Vasco da Gama landed on the coast of Malabar at Calicut, or more properly Kale Rhola, 'City of the Black Goddess.' Calicut was as that period not only a very ancient seaport, but an extensive territory, which, stretching along the western coast of Southern India, reached from Bombay and the adjacent islands to Cape Comorin. It was at an early period, so famous for its weaving and dyeing of cotton cloth, that its name became identified with the manufactured fabric, whence the name calico. It is now generally admitted that this ingenious art originated in India in very remote ages, and from that country found its way into Egypt. It was not until toward the middle of the seventeenth century that calico-printing was introduced into Europe. A knowledge of the art was acquired by some of the servants in the service of the Dutch East India Company and carried to Holland, whence it was introduced in London in the year 1676." It was surprising for grown-up children, as well as our young folks, to learn that "Pliny as early as the first century mentions in his natural history that there existed in Egypt a wonderful method of dyeing white cloth." Calico can not be despised when it boasts of such antiquity. The shoddy make-up of the present day may look down with contempt upon the calico dress, but "What kind of a lineage has it?" the calico can proudly ask.—*Chicago Tribune.*

—Dr. Junker, the Russian explorer, in an interview at Brussels said he had received letters from Emin Bey dated last November. In those, Emin Bey said the routes between Uganda and Wadeli were open. Dr. Junker thinks that the success of Stanley's relief expedition is, barring accidents, assured.

A German paper makes the astounding statement that more than 2,000,000 glass eyes are made every year in Germany and Switzerland while one French house manufactures 300,000 of them annually.

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—The Korean Theological Seminary at Rangoon has just graduated nine young men, who immediately entered the ministry among their people.

—Always be ready in time for church. If you do not respect yourself sufficiently to be punctual, respect the feelings of other people.—*Our Country Home.*

There are signs of improvement in reference to Sabbath observance in Germany. In Stuttgart, six hundred shopkeepers have engaged to close their shops on that day. In Carlsruhe a second distribution of letters has been stopped. In Alsace-Lorraine, public houses are legally closed till noon.

—A little boy at a village school had written the word "psalm" in his copy-book, and accidentally blotted out the initial "p" with his sleeve. His little sister at his side burst into tears over the disaster, but the spelling reformer defiantly exclaimed: "What if I did leave him out! He didn't spell nothing, and what was the good of him?" *Pioneer Press.*

—A good idea of the Lutheran Church of America as to locality and languages can be gained from the statistics of churches erected in 1886. The total was 276, of which 152 were German, 62 English, 37 Swedish, 22 Norwegian, 2 Danish. Besides these there are Slavokian, Finnish, Icelandic and Bohemian Lutheran houses of worship.—*N. Y. Independent.*

—There are now 16,000 colored teachers in the United States; 1,000,000 pupils in the Southern States alone, 16,000 in the male and female high schools, and 3,000,000 worshipers in the churches. There are 60 normal schools, 50 colleges and universities and 25 theological seminaries. Colored people pay taxes on from $150,000,000 to $200,000,000 worth of property.

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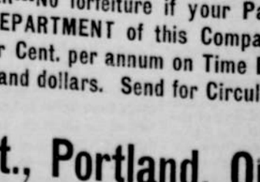

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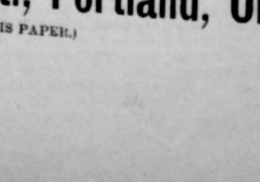

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