

### WANTED THE GIBLETS.

An Incident of Revolutionary Days in South Carolina.

There are innumerable stories of Revolutionary days in Charleston. The old ladies used to tell with glee how, when the British were supposed to be out of the way, the young fellows would come home to dance with them. A message would go to the nearest cousins and friends and a supper be cooked. It might be only rice and bacon, but it was good to hungry men, declares Charleston's historian, Mrs. Ravenel. The dance and the feast would continue until the stars grew pale.

Often these merry makings were disturbed by the enemy, but there was always a negro or two on the watch, and the harsh note of the screech owl or the cry of the whippoorwill would give the alarm, then "partings in hot haste," a rush for the horses, a sharp scuffle, a hot pursuit and perhaps a prisoner taken.

The young men had odd adventures. One young fellow betrayed himself by his appetite. He was pursued and had taken shelter at Mrs. Motte's place, on South Santee. She rolled him up in a carpet and, pushing it against the wall, told him to keep quiet until the enemy had gone and she could release him.

Unluckily he heard through the open window his hostess giving directions to the cook about the chickens which were to be dressed for the dragons' dinner. He could not bear to be left out and thrust his head from the carpet chrysalis and cried out, "Keep the giblets for me!"

The soldiers heard, and he was at once caught and carried off to repent at leisure of his indiscretion.

### DOUGHERTY ISLAND.

It is the Most Remote and Desolate Spot on Earth.

Which is the loneliest, most desolate and most inaccessible island on the face of the globe? Many people would doubtless plump for one of the Crozets, in the south Atlantic ocean. And yet Hog Island, the westernmost of the group, is by no means an undesirable place of residence, abounding as it does in hares and rabbits, penguins, albatrosses and sea elephants.

Herd Island, in the same seas, is far more isolated as well as more barren, but it possesses, as does Hog, a shelter hut for castaways, and it is visited by whalers occasionally. So, too, is South Georgia, but it has no shelter hut, and as it is right out of the track of shipping any one unlucky enough to be cast away thereon would stand a very poor chance of ever getting off alive.

Bouvet Island, in the same seas, is visited even more rarely, and on the last occasion when a ship touched there five corpses were found frozen on the beach, grim mementoes of some unrecorded tragedy of the sea. Possession Island, in its turn, is still lonelier and more inhospitable than Bouvet.

But probably the palm in this direction must be ascribed to Dougherty Island, on which, so far as is known, no landing has ever been effected. It has only been sighted twice in a century and is officially described in the admiralty sailing directions as "the most remote and isolated spot on earth."—Pearson's Weekly.

### Eyes Keen For Colors.

A young man who had made application for the position of clerk in the silk department of a large store was questioned closely as to the exact shade of a great variety of samples shown him. "We do that," the superintendent explained, "to make sure that you are not color blind. A dry goods store is the one place where color blindness is a positive bar to efficiency. Very often you hear of color blind workmen in all other branches of business. There are, it appears, even color blind engineers and color blind artists, but the big stores absolutely shut out men who have not a keen eye for all colors."—New York Post.

### They All Thought About Alike.

Three "tired" citizens—a lawyer, a doctor and a newspaper man—sat in a back room in the gray light of the early dawn. On the table were many empty bottles and a couple of packs of cards. As they sat in silence a rat scurried across the hearth into the darkness beyond. The three men shifted their feet and looked at each other uneasily. After a long pause the lawyer spoke. "I know what you fellows are thinking," he said; "you think I thought I saw a rat, but I didn't."—Argonaut.

### Observant Man.

It is a popular belief that no men "understand dress." Still, it should be known that they have a sort of rough appreciation of general effects. They can distinguish between the woman who dresses well by instinct and one who does so with an effort. They are able to recognize at a glance the girls and women who go through life in the wrong kind of garments and wearing hats which infatuation has impelled them to buy against their better judgment. — London Lady's Pictorial.

### Microscopic.

The best microscopes are warranted to magnify about 16,000 times. Those are the kind most people would make use of in examining their neighbors' faults.—Washington Post.

### A Philosopher.

Askitt—Why do you consider Smiley a philosopher? Noitt—Because of his ability to bear other people's troubles with fortitude.—Kansas City Independent.

### Purity in the Milk Pail.

Having for his text the pure milk campaign, Samuel Hopkins Adams in McClure's Magazine lays stress upon the plan for insuring the purity of milk at its fountain head. Where this has been carried out a decreased death rate among children has resulted. Mr. Adams believes that the plan of requiring milk to be pure and germ free to start with is better than any system of killing all or some of the germs by sterilization. He notes the demand that all milk shipped to or offered for sale in New York be pasteurized and acknowledges that unquestionably this would do away with the original danger of active infections and in an emergency might be necessary. But as a general and permanent principle he believes it to be wrong and harmful. He says:

Young children do not thrive upon pasteurized milk, and it is to this class of the community that milk is vitally necessary. In the heating which destroys the pathogenic bacilli (disease germs), ferments proper to the milk are destroyed, thus decreasing its nutritive qualities. Finally, the pasteurizing of all milk means the tearing down of all that has been built up in the way of improved dairy conditions, since the filthiest supply may be admitted after treatment by the germ killing process. No one wants to eat decayed meat, even though it be deodorized and treated with bactericidal processes. Similarly, the public of a great city should not have the gates thrown open to filthy milk, no matter how protected against specific infections.

The expense of keeping milk cattle well and clean and guarding against all forms of impurities in handling, transporting and serving is greater than where sterilization is resorted to, but the writer argues that the more costly method is more economical when the whole public welfare is considered.

### France and Morocco.

Unless The Hague teaches the nations to divide up the earth without appealing to the sword there will soon be a war due over Morocco, and France will not be on the outside. Slowly but surely France is swallowing that rich prize by means of "pacific penetration." The empire is covered with French scientific missions, and for every scientist mobbed by natives a slice of territory is occupied by French soldiers, "to maintain order." Strange it will be if France is allowed to pick up 1,300 miles of coast line on the Mediterranean and the Atlantic, with 300,000 square miles of fertile land lying at Europe's door, without burning powder.

Germany fought to despoil France of Alsace-Lorraine and to take the duchies from Denmark. England had to fight two wars in order to bring the Transvaal and the Orange Free State permanently under the British flag. Russia laid her claws upon Manchuria, but was called to answer with the sword. If the great nations of Europe had no interest in the fate of Morocco beyond a sentimental one France would have absorbed the country long ago. For fifty years the French have been working to extend their influence over the whole of northern Africa. Morocco is the key to full development of French enterprise along the southern shore of the Mediterranean, and all Europe recognizes it. An acute crisis will come when it transpires that France must fight to hang on or else let go for good. And to let go means to sink the labors and sacrifices and banish the dreams of half a century.

A New York woman was run down and killed by a street car while attempting to save her umbrella. This is another argument against the private ownership of umbrellas, for no one would sacrifice his life in the attempt to save a borrowed one.

One thousand Japanese are reported to be in Mexico ready to invade Texas as soon as war is declared. Not a large force, to be sure, but if they tackle the Texas cucumber crop that number will be doubled, yells and all.

The world's fashion arbiters in Paris can never be brought to look upon Japan as one of the great powers since it has leaked out that the styles in women's clothes in the mikado's realm have not changed in 2,500 years.

Immigration beat all records in the last fiscal year, but the demand for laborers worth their price in field and factory and especially in the kitchen was never so great as it is now.

It remains for some enterprising amateur world politician to evolve a theory that a navy is to be sent to the Pacific in order to back Japan up in the absorption of Asiatic territory.

After all, the fuss of getting a billionaire to court his conversation does not usually amount to a "hill of beans."

Those disgruntled wine growers of France have decided to keep their grievances bottled up for future use.

Ida Tarbell would doubtless willingly hand Mr. Rockefeller a few points on Standard Oil business affairs.

When our Jap visitors, who cried, "Peace, peace!" go home and make good we'll believe in them.

The English people are now confident that they can tell a joke if it has Mark Twain's name to it.

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