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A tailor is sometimes able to mend everything but his ways.

The cowardice of some men prevents them from posing as cowards.

Ulsters and roll-top desks hide a great many things from the public.

Some men can't understand why the cool-killer doesn't call next door.

Secret societies evidently originated in Egypt. Mummies the word there.

The original settler in Tennessee was probably the first man who tennis saw.

It isn't vanity that makes a man go out between the acts and look in the glass.

According to the old saw, every dog has his day. So has every saint, for that matter.

It's pretty hard to make a schoolboy believe in an all-wise Providence when it rains on a holiday.

Truth is mighty and will prevail. Of course it will—just as long as that which prevails is labeled the truth.

Spain might utilize Cow-king Gillett in her cabinet. Just at this juncture his borrowing talent would come in quite handy.

Great wit may be akin to madness, but the relationship isn't to be compared to the madness of the small wit whose contribution is "declined with thanks."

A German dentist, Dr. Herz, proposes to put microbes into our mouths to steal away our pains. His discovery consists in an inoculant prepared from microbes he cultivates for the purpose. When applied in the case of a decayed tooth it stops the pain, but does not destroy the nerve; further, it seals fixes the tooth and makes it possible to put in a lasting stopping. He has already treated a number of cases with it, and they have proved most successful.

There has been something substantial behind John Bull's protestations of brotherly love and his moral support during the Spanish difficulty. Some of the things which England expects of the United States are set down in terms by that blunt newspaper, the London Saturday Review. It expects us to deal generously with Canada in the matter of tariffs; it expects that Great Britain will be remembered when the United States government firmly establishes its authority over the Philippines; it especially expects the assistance of this government when the inevitable struggle over China begins.

A serious question of jail etiquette has arisen at Eureka Springs, Ark., where four convicts absented themselves without leave from the county prison and went to a dance. In the morning they were all back again at the jail door, clamoring for admission and breakfast. The justly incensed jailer refused to take them in, saying they had abused his hospitality. The matter was taken to higher authorities and the exiles have obtained their old quarters. On the whole, this decision was just. Some slight punishment should be inflicted on the absentees, but a good deal can be excused to high spirits, while it should not be held that a mere lighthearted escapade like this should forfeit a prisoner's legal right to food and shelter. There is a time to dance, but one cannot be dancing all the time. The jailer should not allow personal pique to interfere with grave constitutional privileges.

A decision of no little importance has been rendered by the Supreme Court of the United States in reference to the power of states to tax foreign corporations doing business within their limits. The decision was rendered in a case instituted against the comptroller of the state of New York to vacate an assessment made on the capital of a large western drug house having a branch in New York city. The validity of the New York law was sustained by the Supreme Court in affirmance of the decision rendered below. Judge Shiras, who announced the decision of the court, said that the law was settled that a state might impose such conditions for permitting a foreign corporation to do business within its limits as it might deem expedient, and that it might make the grant dependent upon the payment of a specific license tax or a sum proportioned to the use of its capital used within the state, and that this did not constitute a discrimination against the products of other states.

A visitor from another planet, where parties and elections are unknown, might naturally ask on the day after an Administration election, "Where are the excited, applauding, denouncing citizens I saw in vast crowds during the week before the polls opened?" The quiet acceptance of fairly wrought defeat, the return to ordinary rounds of duty, a whole nation stirred and then calm—all this might seem inexplicable. The story is told in a word: The republic has cherished the principle that the honestly ascertained will of the majority shall prevail.

Many a carriage has been capsized into the ditch because the driver lost his head and pulled too hard on one rein. It is a part of good citizenship to look after politics, but the people of the United States have several other interests to care for.

Emperor William, in opening the German reichstag, said he hailed with warm approval the czar's magnanimous proposal for the furtherance of peace, after which he called for 89,921,181 marks for the strengthening of his army and navy.

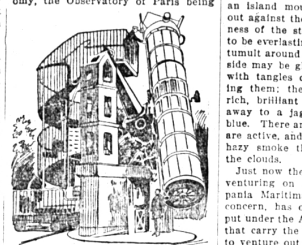
WOMEN WHO WERE ON "TIME."

Limited to One-Minute Speeches at the Recent Congress.

The recent congress of the New York State Federation, notes Harper's Bazar, should go down in history as a great triumph in the line of system and regularity, for every meeting began and closed at the appointed time. Think of women making such a record as that for punctuality. This was largely due to the example of Mrs. William Tod Helmuth, the presiding officer. The holding of every part of the program to its prescribed place made it possible to have lapses of leisure where new business and matters of interest not set down on the program could be voiced. A convention that gets through with everything that it intended to discuss is almost an anomaly, but this was the result. The cutting down of time limits in the speakers from three minutes to two and then to one, showed however, that even this open program was too full. Another federation meeting will undoubtedly remedy this, and it will teach the women who are to speak that they will have only time to present the meat of their thought in terse, strong sentences. Mrs. Russell Sage, who was given one minute to tell about the Emma Willard Alumnae association, summed it up in a sentence that was epigrammatic in its force and directness. "We worship Emma Willard," she said, "and we love each other." The federation showed that women are learning to do away with useless verbiage in making their points, but it also showed that the truth was not entirely learned.

OBSERVATORY OF PARIS.

The city of Paris may well claim a position as one of the great scientific centers, its university and kindred institutions having witnessed many of the developments of the sciences and the discoveries of modern times, and particularly so in the science of astronomy, the Observatory of Paris being



THE GREAT REFLECTOR.

recognized as one of the centers of astronomical work, its astronomers having from the commencement been associated with the history of the science; the observatory has, in fact, seen the science of astronomy emerge from its primitive stage of two centuries ago into the remarkable condition of development which we find at the present day, says the Scientific American.

The foundation of the observatory dates from the middle of the seventeenth century, at which period the Academie Royale des Sciences decided to create an establishment devoted to physical research and astronomical work. The observatory lies on the southern side of the Seine. The great instrument with the staircase, called the reflector, was installed in 1875. It is completely inclosed by a metallic cupola, not shown in the picture, which slides upon a system of rails. The movable part weighs 20,000 pounds; the instrument is provided with a clock movement having a Foucault regulator. The mirror deserves special mention; the casting of the mirror was intrusted to the works of St. Gobian, and the mass of glass as delivered by the works weighed 1,000 pounds, which weight was reduced to nearly half by the optical work. The diameter of the mirror is 1.20 m. and the focal distance 7.20 m. The mirror is generally resilvered every year.

THE ORIGINAL UNCLE SAM.

What is said to be the original of the "Uncle Sam" type of portrait was painted in 1816 by an artist, Mr. Probasco, of whom little or nothing further is known. The picture is a fine oil painting, and is at present in the

hands of the heirs of the late Judge Lawrence of Lowell, Mass., who reside about fifty miles west of Toledo, O. The portrait shows the familiar blue coat with brass buttons, the red and white shirt, the beaver hat with the Stars and Stripes on the band. The reproduction here presented is from a photograph made by Mr. Joseph H. Blanchard.

Hungarian Railway Fares.

The cheapening of railway fares in Hungary in accordance with the "zone tarif" has been immensely profitable. In 1888, the year before the new system was introduced, 9,140,000 passengers were carried. In 1896, without any great increase in mileage or population, the number of passengers was 35,442,000.

Proper Decision.

"The ball was hit right in the ladies' stand." "The umpire called it a fair ball."

ILOILO IS CHARMING.

TRIP FROM MANILA ABOUNDS IN GLORIOUS SCENERY.

Town Itself Is Defenseless—An Old Fort Without Guns, and Stone Breastworks Threatening to Tumble Down, Are All the Military "Works" It Can Boast.

(Special Letter.)

Iloilo, the present seat of Spanish government in the Philippines, is about 300 miles south of Manila. It is pronounced Eel-o-cēlo, and sometimes is spelled "Ilollo. The trip between the two cities is one of the most charming experiences that a traveler could ever hope for. Some day, when the army of tourists invades the Philippines and the red guidebook and the personally conducted tour become established features, there will be pages and pages in the steamship prospectuses devoted to it. The island sea of Japan, the Thousand Islands of the St. Lawrence, the castle-capped peaks of the Rhine and the beautiful Golden Horn of Turkey will have a new rival that will keep them up nights sustaining their reputations. During the forty hours that it takes one of the small steamers of the Compania Maritima to make the run, the sight of land is never lost, and the scene is constantly shifting, and is always new and wonderful. The vessel passes by dozens of islands, every one of which is glorious in the richness of its foliage, the splendor of its mountain sides or the dazzling whiteness of its long stretch of sandy beach. Sometimes you are in a narrow channel, with great uplifts of brilliant green rising on either hand; then you are carried into an open sea, with only the blue hills of distant islands breaking the serene horizon or clusters of waving palm trees or some lonely atoll swimming on the skyline like a mirage on the desert. On one side may be the lofty purple heights of an island mountain range, standing out against the angry, ominous blackness of the storm clouds which seem to be everlastingly rioting in imposing tumult around the crests; on the other side may be gleaming strips of beach, with tangles of tropical verdure lining them; then long, easy slopes of rich, brilliant mountain sides fading away to a jagged skyline of distant blue. There are several volcanoes that are active, and may be marked by the hazy smoke that lifts lazily against the clouds.

Just now there are very few vessels venturing on the run, for the Compania Maritima, which is a Spanish concern, has only two of its vessels put under the American flag, and those that carry the Spanish flag are afraid to venture out of Manila or Iloilo for fear of the insurgent steamers that lie in hiding among the coves of the archipelago waiting to dash out and seize any floating thing that shows the red and yellow at its peak.

Iloilo is a typical tropical Spanish town, situated on a flat, sandy point of land which juts out into the strait. Guemaras island lies two miles to the eastward, and beyond it are the volcanic mountains of Negros island. There are no hotels in town, but the English residents take Americans in with a kindness and hospitality that overwhelms them. The town is almost defenseless. An old fort, which was ancient 100 years ago, commands the harbor, but it spends all its time commanding, for there are no guns mounted in it. A line of stone breastworks extends along the beaches around the town, but they are ridiculous as protection against any force excepting infantry forces which might attack by swimming across. The river is choked with Spanish steamers afraid to venture out under the Spanish flag. A few troops are scattered through the town, but they are so few and badly organized that they only serve to emphasize the fact that the city is practically defenseless.

STREET SCENE AND GOVERNOR'S PALACE IN ILOILO.

Rufus Choate's Secret.

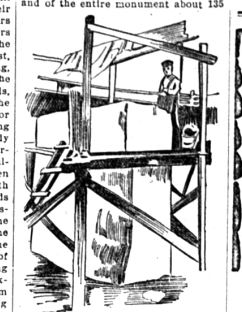
There was one notable feature of Rufus Choate's career as a lawyer that his distinguished nephew omitted to dwell upon in his oration, doubtless for reasons of propriety. This was his insidiuous power over a jury, which was something that the jurors themselves never quite understood, says the Boston Herald. His power was well illustrated by the remark of a hard-headed old farmer who was one of a jury that gave five verdicts in succession for Choate's clients, once upon a time: "I understand, sir, that you are a relative of Lawyer Choate," said this juror, subsequently to one of Choate's nephews, "and I want to tell you that I was not swayed or influenced in the least by his flight of fancy, but I consider him a lucky lawyer, for there was not one of those cases that came before us where he wasn't on the right side."

An Irishman Who Didn't Give Way.

An Irishman was foreman of a jury who had to try a man for murder. Word was sent to him that he would be paid $1,000 if he persuaded the jury to return a verdict of manslaughter. This verdict was returned and the friends of the prisoner came and readily paid the money. "Did you have much trouble in getting that verdict?" asked one. "Faith, an' I had an awful struggle," said the son of Erin. "The rest of the jury wanted to acquit him, but, begorra, I wouldn't give way!"

ROCKEFELLER MONUMENT.

A monolith almost as large as the famous Cleopatra needle has been quarried near Barre, Vt., and is now being dressed. It is to be used as the shaft for the monument which John D. Rockefeller is to erect in his burial plot in Lake View cemetery, Cleveland. The shaft is 52 feet in length and is 7 feet square at the base. It is of the best quality of Vermont granite. This is the largest monolith ever quarried in America. It will rest on a base composed of three huge blocks taken from the same quarry. The base stone is 14 feet square and 2 feet thick, the next block is 9 feet 2 inches square and 3 feet 10 inches thick, while the die is 6 feet 8 inches square and 7 feet thick. This will give the monument a total height of 65 feet 10 inches, making it one of the tallest monuments erected to mark the resting place of a private individual anywhere in the country. The Rockefeller monument will also be a very costly one. The monolith and its base stones will cost about $50,000 delivered on board the cars at Barre. The weight of the shaft alone is a trifle more than 100 tons and of the entire monument about 135



DIE FOR THE GREAT MONOLITH.

tons. By way of comparison it may be mentioned that the Egyptian obelisk, which is also of granite, is 70 feet in height and weighs about 206 tons. The shaft is of such great length and weight that it has been a serious problem how to get it to its destination without straining bridges and crushing roadbeds. Cars of extraordinary strength have been built to transport this huge stone to Cleveland, and a route has been chosen which will afford the most substantial roadbeds and the greatest possible freedom from sharp curves. The monolith will be almost devoid of ornament, and the only inscription on it will be the word "Rockefeller" in large raised letters.

SON TOOK WILDCAT'S PICTURE

To photograph a wildcat just before shooting the animal is a feat which few hunters have ever accomplished. It was done recently by Mr. William M. Shaw of Greenville, Me., and the photograph has just been published. On his nearby hunting trips he is usually accompanied by his 12-year-old son, Hugh. It was on one of these trips that the photograph was taken. On this occasion the younger Shaw carried the camera. They had had a tiresome tramp through the woods, when Mr. Shaw looking up, saw a large wildcat ready to spring.

Raising his rifle and standing ready to fire should the beast attempt to spring, Mr. Shaw kept his eyes on the cat, while Master Hugh pressed the button. The result is the picture.

WILDCAT JUST BEFORE BEING SHOT.

Mr. Shaw, the next instant, fired and the cat fell to the ground mortally wounded.

An Alpine Tragedy.

Since the fearful and famous accident on the Matterhorn, we have read nothing which quite equals the last Alpine tragedy reported from Geisterspitze, in the Ortler Alps, Switzerland. Professor Kotula and his brother were making the ascent tied together, but without a guide. The professor, when trying to cross a fissure in a glacier, fell in. His brother, whose life was in danger, had only the alternative of falling after his brother and thus sacrificing both lives, or of freeing himself by cutting the rope. He chose the latter course, and, after a fall of twenty-five meters, the professor was drowned in a torrent.

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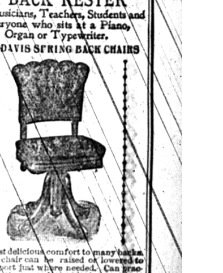

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