

### BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.

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It will be well to remember the Virginia also.

The fleet that coals and runs away may float itself another day.

Providence takes care of some fools by giving them wives to look after them.

Women's clubs for the elevation of politics ought rather to be called boomerangs.

Bertha Smith of Poplar has reached her fifty and several wards yet to hear from.

War with Spain directly avert the death by torture of Dr. Ruiz would have saved half a million lives.

Go to a palmit when you are blue and you'll come away a happier man, says a writer. Answer, you'll make the palmit happier.

If Mr. Godkin of the New York Post had his wife every man in our army would go to war hand and foot and every officer would wear a moustache.

A maxim is a sententious form of wisdom that has always been popular. Uncle Sam has recently added one hundred to his stock of the H. S. Maxim variety.

"Long live Spain!" about the mobs of the Spanish cities. The remark may mean patriotic and the only it might rationally end with an interrogation point. Because there is doubt of it.

The punishment by fine and dismissal from employment of some rowdies for burning the president's flag is a salutary incident. We do not want in this country any such system of less majestic prosecutions as they have in Germany. But there should be a decent public respect observed for the man who is chosen by the nation to be its chief executive and therefore himself represents the nation in his person.

Consul Smith, of Moscow, writing to the State Department under date of March 15, says: "I am credited by the authorities to have an excellent service between St. Petersburg and the farthest extremity of the Siberian Railway which is finished. A train will be dispatched twice a week and will make the entire run in six days. The train will consist of one dining car, with library, passenger and sleeping coaches, and will have all modern conveniences."

War has its blessings as well as its ills, and we have already experienced one of the greatest of these in the revival of patriotism throughout the whole country. The waves and patriotic emblems are in evidence. Everywhere the people are heaping honors and goodspeds upon the boys in blue as they send them forth to battle for their country. The whole national heart is throbbing with patriotism as never before since the days of Washington. Such an exhibition of sentiment by 75,000,000 Americans cannot fail to make a strong and lasting impression upon the national life.

Statistics compiled for railroad records indicate that inexperienced employees are more careful than those who have grown old in railroad service. According to these statistics the largest average of injuries occurred among the employees had been in service six years, and the figures given would indicate that the employees as a general rule are careful up to the time they have been in the service three or four years, and then become more careless until their eighth year, after which, when the figures show that they again become more careful, as those who had worked over ten years had a smaller number of accidents and injuries than those who had worked six years.

A college team that has "the waves of Lake Michigan for a playground, human lives for a goal, and the elements for umpire," is composed of students of the Northwestern University of Evanston, Ill., who, when not busily pursuing their studies, are on duty at the United States life saving station. Their greatest game of the past season occurred on a day when the teams of several eastern colleges and the football field, in the teeth of a living gale, with the air full of sleet and snow, these brave boys, at the repeated risk of their own lives, brought off fifteen men from a shipwrecked vessel. Their acts were promptly added to the honor roll of the government service, and they have since received gold medals to commemorate the day. There are athletes and athletes.

Anxious to win laurels for his bicycle club, a young man near Toledo a few weeks ago attempted to make a century over muddy roads. At the eighty-seventh mile he collapsed and was completely paralyzed. Physicians say that he will never be able to take a step. "Keep your shoes and change your brains," Francis de Sales once said to some man who proposed going into business as a peddler. "Ambition, but change its object," might be said to many a would-be athlete of today.

"If God meant women to wear feathers," says Hugh Pentecost, "he would have caused feathers to grow on their heads." Would he, indeed? And if he had meant them to wear cloaks, he would have had them grow on their skin sacks instead of their natural skins?

Elephants, horses, dogs and monkeys may, so an authority says, like intoxicating liquors, but there is no record of any one of them trying to light a cigar with an incandescent light.

### OLD NAVAJO BLANKETS.

General Article Now to Have as to Be Almost Priceless.

Dr. W. H. Work of Christown has returned from a trip to Arizona and has brought back with him several Navajo blankets. "But," he remarked cheerfully, "they are not what they used to be. The Navajos are too improvident and lazy to make such blankets as they used to make in the years ago and before the time man began to hanker after that particular weave. The blankets now turned out are of inferior quality compared with those of bygone times. Those of today can be bought for about \$50. While a real old-fashioned blanket is really priceless and cannot now be bought. Those ancient blankets were half an inch thick and would hold water as well as a wooden tub. The finest of them are found buried with bodies of dead chiefs and they are particularly indstructible. The women who weave the blankets today make the old-fashioned blankets just as well, for they know the secret of manufacture, but the cheaper blanket is easily sold and takes only a short time to make, while it would take nearly a year to weave one of the real blankets, those 'magnificent combinations of colors and materials, one of which would easily be worth \$100. They have excellent color sense, and they can blend their materials perfectly. The coloring is fast, and is made of vegetable and mineral matter. The secret of the making has been handed down from generation to generation. A trifle can be known by the color and texture of the blanket. The designs vary greatly. Sometimes religious ceremonies are typified, sometimes tribal and sometimes personal history or other themes, which might be read by those skilled in the sign and color language of these Indians. How are the blankets made? Oh, in the manner so very primitive and so simple enough. They are woven on upright frames by hand and the threads are spun together as tight as possible. But the glory of the Navajo blanket has departed and I expect many years the secret of their making will be lost."

WON HIS WAY BY FACT.

Incident Showing the Good Sense of the Late B. K. Bruce.

From the Philadelphia Press: On one of the late Italian cruises, a visitor to New York he told of an experience he had just after he was elected to the Mississippi, and it was an experience which always characterizes him, and which explained the reason of other things which he gained by his public life in Washington. It was announced that the senator would go from his Mississippi home by one of the regular steamboats, at least as far as St. Louis on his way. The captain, a man of the name of Bruce, was a typical Mississippi steamboat captain, and he was surprised to have said he would show the black senator when he got aboard his boat. As soon as the senator boarded the steamboat he sought the captain and said to him: "Captain Bruce, I am going to Washington, and a part of the way as passenger, you steamboat. My name is Bruce, and possibly you have heard of me. What I wanted to say is that I know perfectly well what the feeling of many people who are travelers regarding persons of my color. I cannot help it, and I am going to give you no occasion for any annoyance while I am a passenger on your boat. I simply ask that you see to it that I am as comfortable as possible, and I assure you that you will have no reason for complaint." The big captain stepped back a pace or two, looked Bruce over, and then held out his hand and said with great emphasis: "By—, you shall sit at the table; you shall sit at the table on the entire trip, and if any man objects he will have to fight me. A man as fair as you have and who is as well fitted to be a United States senator than some of the white senators I have carried on this boat, and on that entire trip of three days the captain made Bruce his guest."

Hardy sea.

"Tired Treadwell—I see dey are talkin' of shuttin' off Havana's water supply. Lem—Jat my luck! I had a chance to go down dere before dis blockade commenced."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Preferences, as a rule, go by contrasts.

The Horn is one of the basest of things on earth.

Many a would-be poker player makes a mistake in his calling.

Women are extremists; they are either better or worse than men.

The noblest study of mankind may be man but his favorite study is woman.

It ought to be some consolation to a self.

Although a bridge jumper's reputation is not inherited it comes to him by default.

Whiskey makes a full man, but the pump is responsible for the inflation of the pneumatic tire.—Chicago News.

### WINSLOW IS AVENGED.

WILMINGTON POURS COLD STEEL INTO CARDENAS' BATTERIES.

Disregards All Charges—Dead and Dying Are Left in the Ruins of Signal Stations, Mashed Batteries, Ships and Vessels.

On Thursday morning, May 12, the gunboat Wilmington steamed close to the coast and keys of the town of Cardenas, Cuba. Its gun crews were at their stations and every eye was on board Captain Todd to the signal boy, had but one burning idea, "Avenge the Winslow."

The watchword along the crowded decks and in the heated engine room, where the blackened giants toiled and sweated, was "Remember the Winslow," and "Damn a pacific blockade."

Within range of the powerful four-inch broadsides were the Spanish gunboats which had decoyed the Winslow up to the masked batteries and had dealt out sudden death, and near the forts lay two schooners at anchor.

Reports of mines planted in the entrance to the channels were disregarded. The Wilmington was a destroyer, and for an hour a hurricane of exploding projectiles belted and shrieked into the harbor of Cardenas, not against the town, but against the ships and defenses, and the Spanish troops and sailors. The gunners of the Wilmington do not waste ammunition, and the execution was remarkable.

Nearly 300 four-inch, one-inch, and six-pound shells screamed shoreward like a steel catarrh, and afloat and ashore signal stations, masked batteries, and forts were knocked to pieces and the Spanish had to flee like rats from a sinking ship. They left behind many dead and dying.

It was the most destructive bombardment yet attempted on the Cuban coast. In the harbor two Spanish gunboats without steam up were riddled and sunk, their crews having fled to the shore in small boats. They had no time to offer a show of fighting their guns. The two schooners at anchor were sunk where they lay, and one block house caught fire from an exploding shell and flamed out like a war beacon. The Wilmington was not touched by the few shells flung at it.

The attack was sudden and superbly effective. The Wilmington in an hour swept Cardenas bare of defenses as soon as would brush crumbs from a tablecloth.

The town of Cardenas is three miles back from the Gulf entrance to the harbor, so that non-combatants probably suffered but slightly. Of course, it is impossible to know the Spanish losses, because no landing was made, but for the last two weeks troops have been marching in front of Cardenas in anticipation of a possible choice of this position for an invasion as the base of supplies by the American forces. Hundreds of men were working on earthworks and block houses overlooking the harbor, and masked batteries were being planted in one of which surprised and made head and tail on the torpedo boat Winslow. This death trap was located by the Wilmington and men and guns were blown high into the air.

It was terrific punishment at close range, this fierce onslaught of the Wilmington, and it was the first real demonstration against the Cardenas Spaniards, who had become indifferent to American warships that were in the hovering outside, while only smaller torpedo boats had opened fire and dashed in and out of the harbor. It was another matter, however, when the Wil-

### Mistakes of Business Men.

One of the greatest mistakes a man can make is that of paying too little attention to his diet, for the neglect in often the cause of ailments that sometimes develop into serious disease. Do not eat all kinds of food, but select that part middle age, but those years do not imply any senility or decay, who becomes slightly unfit for business, depressed, and melancholic even to the verge of insanity? We know him who has been a hard-working man of business, always perky, and a little nervous, and very probably an interested sleeper. He is more tired when he



CAPT. TODD.

ought to get up than when he went to bed; he rises at the last moment, and, boating a mouthful of breakfast, rushes off to catch the train or trolley, worried and anxious lest he be late at his office. At luncheon, particularly if it is busy, he takes, not a meal, but a biscuit, a sandwich, eaten perhaps standing, and often bolted in such a manner that the grim frown indignation instantly claims him as his own, more particularly if he indulges in frequent "rips." Very often his reason is that if he makes a heavy meal he renders himself unfit for the duties of the afternoon. But there is moderation in all things—a quiet, simple lunch taken quietly and sitting down should be indulged in. In the evening he eats his dinner, very often a heavy meal, and perhaps not before half-past seven or eight o'clock. Now, granting that a man is amply sufficient, such a man lives virtually on one meal a day. Result, in time a breakdown. A holiday sets him up again for a time, but it persists in this evil course, only to break down again. We cannot too strongly impress upon our readers the absolute necessity in the interests of their health devoting a proper attention to this all-important question of diet.

To get up in plenty of time for a comfortable breakfast is all that is required, and we ought not to forget that a good breakfast with plenty of time to eat it is in the very best foundation for the day. Again, a moderate lunch, taken leisurely, and not bolted, is a necessity.

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### Be a Crank AND Get a Camera!

Whitehead & Mitchell have put in for sale at popular prices the

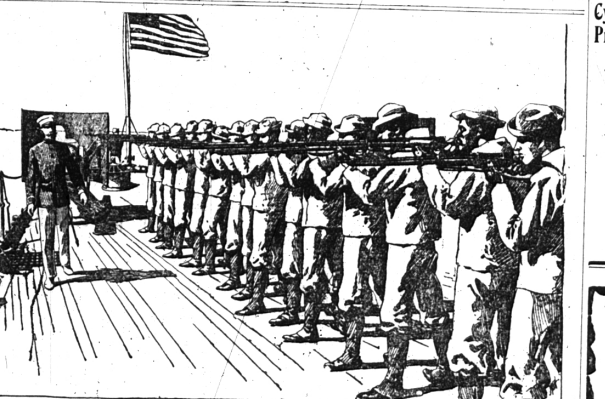
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GUNNERS OF THE WILMINGTON POURING THE CONTENTS OF REPEATING RIFLES INTO THE SPANISH ARMS AT CARDENAS.

To neglect this is to court disaster, and it is false economy at the best.

Didn't Like Her Spoon.

She was not much more than 2 years old, and she was having for the first time a meal with the grown-up people. It was a great occasion, and she was consequently much excited. She sat up in her high chair with a knife and fork and napkin in front of her just like the rest of the people.

But when mamma's surprise to see her little daughter, after examining carefully the table utensils, take up her fork and throw it across the table, her face all wrinkled up, and the tears in her eyes, as she cried, "I don't want a 'poon wiv its in!"

Edipson of the Current Week.

There will be a partial eclipse of the moon July 3, an annular eclipse of the sun July 18, a partial eclipse of the sun Dec. 13 and a total eclipse of the moon Dec. 25.

Well supplied with Newspapers.

The Republic of Uruguay has more newspapers in proportion to its population than any country in the world.

gaining favor. For going out in the rain there are rain coats and rain hats made of oiled paper.

ABOUT COOKING.

Never pierce meat while cooking, or the juices will escape. Veal must never be laid on a dish, but hung in a wire place till cooked. Egg shells should be thrown into the stock-pot directly the contents are used.

Choose butter by its fresh odor, freedom from buttermilk and streaks of color. Fish for frying should always be dried thoroughly and dredged thickly with flour before being brushed over with egg and bread-crumbs.

FACTS AND FIGURES.

The diameter of the moon is 2160 miles, and its distance from the earth 238,650 miles.

In a bushel of wheat there are 666, 200 seeds; 7 lbs. 888,400 clover, 16,400, 900; timothy, 41,822,400.

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