UNCLE SAM IN CHINA.

How the Forts at Canton Were Taken in 1856.

This is not the first time that American marines and bluejackets have encountered the hostile forces of China. In 1856, when China was just on the eve of her war with England, Commander A. H. Foote, afterward destined to play an important part in the civil war, lay off Canton in the sloop of war Portsmouth. The city and the surrounding country was in a [illegible] Canton to protect the American residents and their business interests. [illegible]

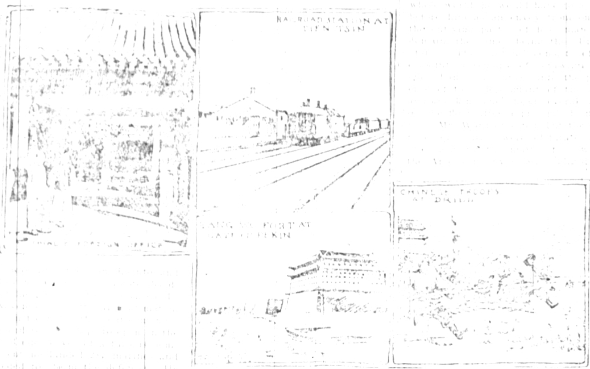
[illegible] to try to recapture the fort occupied by the Americans, but was driven back with loss.

The next day an attack was made on the fort which had been silenced temporarily the day before. The fort was lively enough now, and the landing party, which this day was composed of detachments from all three of the ships, was met by a heavy fire from this defense and from the two other forts still occupied by the Chinese. [illegible]

[illegible] twelve killed and twenty-eight wounded. Over 400 of the Chinese were killed and a large number wounded; just how many will never be known.

Ward Wouldn't "Kotow."

After the defeat of the British at Taku in 1859, the French and English envoys went back to Shanghai to catch their breath and talk over matters. The Chinese government had told the envoys that if they wanted to come to Pekin they must travel by way to the Pehtang river, a small stream ten miles north of Taku. Mr. Ward, the American minister, decided that he would try to reach the Chinese capital by the route indicated. [illegible]



COLLEGE GIRL'S HONORS

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The Warriors of Ashantee Are Fighting England.

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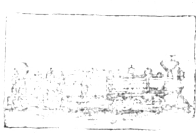
DOUBLE ENGINE



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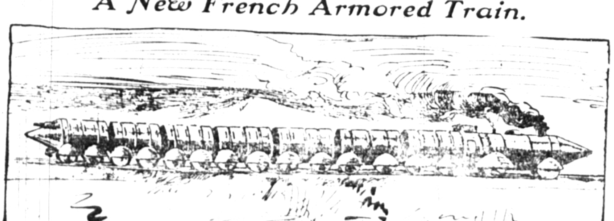
A New French Armored Train.



The New French armored train, which is expected to revolutionize warfare, is so constructed that there is hardly an upright line in it. It is almost impossible for bullet to strike it at a right angle. The train, indeed, looks exactly like a big cigar of steel. The cars, like the engine, are all cylindrical, and they fit so closely together that the train is practically like a huge snake.

The servants of the household of Mrs. Emmons Blaine, of Chicago, are now working under union rules. Eight hours constitute a day's work. The idea is said to have been suggested to Mrs. Blaine by Prof. Patrick Geddes, of Edinburgh, who lectured in Chicago recently.

Capt. Francis Martin of Detroit, who is said to be the oldest American naval officer, celebrated his 100th anniversary the other day. He walks firmly and but for a slight deafness he is in possession of all his faculties.

COAL PRODUCTION.

United States Now the Greatest Producer of This Fuel.

The scarcity of coal in Europe and many inquiries about American coal that this has caused, and the new export trade to some extent that has resulted, emphasizes the fact that this country is now the greatest coal producer in the world. The production for 1899 is estimated by the Engineering and Mining Journal to have been 244,581,875 tons. The statistician of the Geological Survey estimates that it was [illegible] short tons, which is an amount far in excess of the production of any previous year, and probably greater than the production of Great Britain. [illegible]

[illegible]

Monument for Gen. Gordon.

[illegible]

Fooling Was Valuable.

[illegible]

Short Story of the Day — An Unexpected Reprieve.

She had been in failing health for some time, and the man who loved her had insisted that she see a physician. The affectionately dictatorial manner which he had as yet no right to assume was sweet to the girl who was all alone in the world, save for the love in which he held her, so she had quietly obeyed him. Besides, she was a little anxious herself concerning the weakness and lassitude which made her days dreary and the cough which kept her awake most of the night. It was all so unlike the [illegible] always enjoyed until the last [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the sudden and startling transition into an altogether unknown and unaccustomed state of existence, she had foolishly lost sight of all her girlhood friends and rigorously endeavored to slip from their sight and knowledge, with an unfortunate degree of success. She was shy and sensitive and she [illegible] had no time in which to form new friendships, so she had no friend in the world but Tom, Tom who had followed his lifelong friend and sweetheart to Chicago and who had refused to be estranged or put at a distance. So she ate out her heart in loneliness and misery by day and by night, and wore her nerves to pieces trying to be gay and cheerful during the evening hours which were spent with her lover. And she was undoubtedly and undisguisedly thankful, dearly as she loved him, and greatly as she longed to pass every possible remaining moment of life at his side, when an imperative business call took him away from Chicago for a couple of months, just when her distress was greatest and left her to face her misery and her desolation alone—alone, but free from the necessity of seeming glad, nightly, for his sake, or of making such strenuous efforts to retain her secret. But when Tom returned at the end of the two months, to find her so changed and unhappy looking that he was shocked and startled, he surprised from her, somehow or other, the mournful story which she had intended to keep to herself still longer.

[illegible]

His First Concurrence.

[illegible] of the United States [illegible] to attend his [illegible] railway station preparatory to setting out upon a long [illegible] "If you should happen [illegible] advice or assistance of any [illegible] the ex-president advised his wife [illegible] don't hesitate to call upon [illegible] gentleman across the aisle; I like [illegible] indicating a perfect stranger, but one whose appearance and manner were such as to inspire trust. The journey was accomplished safely, and the wife had no occasion to follow her husband's advice. But at an evening [illegible] shortly after her arrival in [illegible] of her destination, a man was [illegible] whom she at once [illegible] as her fellow traveler. [illegible] "Will you please [illegible]" said the man, [illegible] the first speech I ever [illegible] that meets with my hearty [illegible] I belong to the opposite [illegible]—New York Evening Sun.

Macon's Tree-Planting System.

[illegible] Smith of Macon, Ga., has set [illegible] a bright plan for the systematic planting of trees in that city, [illegible] of whose streets are [illegible] with parks. The city sets a [illegible] for every person who contributes [illegible] and protects it with an iron [illegible] on which is cast any name desired [illegible] the donor.

AN OFFENDING CONSUL.

British Representative Charged With Talking About Senator Mason.

Arthur Vansittart is the British consul at New Orleans. He made some disparaging remarks, so it is said, about Senator Mason, which he denies, and the senator is hot after his scalp. Mr. Vansittart is one of the most experienced men in the British consular service, having been stationed on consular duty at Madrid, Lisbon, Berlin, Munich, Stuttgart, Constantinople, Athens, Roumania, Servia and the Argentine Republic. He was consul at Chicago from 1895 to 1897, before serving at New Orleans, and was personally and well acquainted with Senator Mason of Illinois, whom he is said to have denounced, and who has brought the demand for his retirement. Mr. Vansittart, in spite of his Dutch name, and the fact that he was born in Paris, and educated in France and Germany, is a typical Englishman in appearance, language, manners and opinions. The Vansittart family has been settled in England since 1668, when they came over in the train of William III of Orange, and have lived at Windsor, where they own a fine estate, ever since. Mr. Vansittart is 45 years of age, six feet in height and of a vigorous build and constitution. He was born in Paris, where his parents, both English, were temporarily resident at the time.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Aged Literary Woman.

Julia Ward Howe celebrated her 81st birthday the other day. In girlhood she and her two sisters were known as the Three Graces, but in late life she became equally identified with the Muses and has been an important figure in the social progress of her time.

Taking a Fall Out of Her Friend.

Ethel (fishing for a compliment)—"I wonder what he saw in me to fall in love with?" Clarissa—"That's what everybody says. But men are curious creatures, dear."—Tit-Bits.

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