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Mother—Well?

Tommy—Don't you think I might let the rain wash my face instead of removing the dirt myself?

A Common Fate.

Uncle—What became of your unbreakable toy?

Tommy—It wasn't strong enough to keep pa from busting it.

Smart Little Boy.

The smart little city boy loved to put conundrums to Uncle Josh and see the old negro's struggles to understand, but one day he received a bona fide answer which is still perplexing him.

"Have you got any brothers, Uncle Josh?" the S. L. B. inquired.

"No, honey," replied the darkey. "I ain't got nary brother, but all my sisters has."

Bad Teeth Go With Good Brains.

An English scientist has pointed out that there are signs of a steady degeneracy in two sets of organs vital to the well being of the human race, and the fall is most marked among the western nations. The evidence is that, coincident with the mental advance of man, there has been a diminution in the provision of teeth. In the ape, the negro, and the white man, brain and teeth are inversely proportional to efficiency. Increase of cunning has reduced the work of the teeth, and the demand of the brain for blood has starved the former; disorders of digestion show that the balance is unsatisfactory.

Useful Agent for Show.

Al. G. Field, the minstrel man, has another story which he is telling. He says that not long ago an attache of his show was sent out in an Iowa town to give some handbills, or heralds, to boys for distribution. The man found only one boy willing to work. He didn't deem it necessary to explain to the boy that the bills were to be distributed about town. He took it for granted that the boy knew. The youngster took the printed slips of paper and the man gave him a quarter and left. Half an hour later the showman chanced to pass along the street and saw the boy standing on the sidewalk, crying:

"What's the matter?" asked the man.

The boy gave a couple of final sobs and, wiping his eyes on his sleeve, said:

"A man just come along an' took one of my bills."

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A Rhythmical and Grateful Chant.

A teacher in a Terre Haute public school joins in the chorus:

"Teaching is a business which requires a great deal of brain and nerve force. Unless this force is renewed as fast as expended the teacher is exhausted before the close of the year. Many resort to stimulating tonics for relief.

"For 3 years I struggled against almost complete exhaustion, getting what relief I could from doctors' tonics. Then in the spring of 1902 I had an attack of la grippe and malaria which left me too weak to continue my work. Medicine failed to give me any relief, a change of climate failed. I thought I should never be able to go back in school again.

"I ate enough food (the ordinary meats—white bread, vegetables, etc.), but was hungry after meals.

"I happened at this time to read an article giving the experience of another teacher who had been helped by Grape-Nuts food. I decided to try Grape-Nuts and cream, as an experiment. It was a delightful experience, and continues so after a year and a half of constant use.

"First, I noticed that I was not hungry after meals.

"In a few days that tired feeling left me, and I felt fresh and bright, instead of dull and sleepy.

"In three months, more than my usual strength returned, and I had gained 15 pounds in weight.

"I finished the year's work without any kind of tonics—was not absent from duty even half a day.

"Am still in best of health, with all who know me wondering at the improvement.

"I tell them all 'Try Grape-Nuts!'" Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. "There's a reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

FINE NATIVE ARMY

Philippine Forces Would Give Japan Hard Fight.

THEY'RE BRAVE AND LOYAL

Excellent Record Made by the Constabulary and Scouts of the Islands—Held In High Esteem by American Officers.

By GEORGE CLINTON.

Washington.—Recently there has been a flurry in the country over the intimation made on the floor of the United States senate that Japan was looking for a naval base on the coast of Mexico with the intention of knocking the Monroe doctrine into thin air. It is said that if we ever have war with Japan the islanders will at once seize the Philippines, and it generally is believed that they will have no trouble in getting a foothold there and in hauling down the American flag.

It may be that the Japanese could get into the Philippines without very much trouble, but it is certain that they would have a fight and a hard one before they could control all the islands. There are about 12,000 American troops in the Philippines and as usual the Americans probably would give a good account of themselves. If an invasion of the islands should come the enemy also would meet with a resistance not altogether due to the force of American arms.

The Filipino constabulary and the Filipino scouts, armed organizations, one secret police under the civil government and the other under the military authority of the islands, have done field service of which the soldiers of any army might be proud, and have shown a loyalty which means that no flag except that of the United States can command their courage and their devotion.

Ten Thousand Fighting Filipinos.

The officers who have served in the Philippines say that the constabulary, half police, half soldier, has in its ranks men who will give account of themselves on any field against any foe, and that what is said of the constabulary is said of the scouts, whose work is entirely military and who are attached to the army for the particular service which their names suggest.

Philippine constabulary and scouts together form a force of nearly 10,000 men and officers. The officers in the main are Americans, but some of the juniors bearing commissions in the constabulary are Filipinos trained for the work. In time these juniors will fill the places of higher rank and greater responsibility.

Brig. Gen. Clarence R. Edwards, chief of the bureau of insular affairs, who has known the Philippine constabulary and scouts in town, camp and field, says they are a force upon which dependence can be placed to the very last. An officer of general rank who has seen both the constabulary and the scouts in action against the worst kind of an enemy, a hidden enemy, told me recently that he would ask for no better command than an army of 100,000 soldiers of such courage with which to meet an enemy of equal numbers, and he said that he would not care much if the color of the skin of the enemy was the white of the Caucasian.

The record of the Philippine constabulary for the first six years of its existence was as follows:

Fire arms captured	5,311
Stolen animals recovered	8,773
Number of patrols and expeditions	40,584
Number of encounters with outlaws	1,515
Outlaws killed, wounded or captured	12,991
Convictions secured	30,858
Number of constabulary killed and wounded	426

Very Few Desertions.

It is little wonder that the American officer who turned in this report said: "These figures bear eloquent witness to the usefulness to which the constabulary has been put," and then added: "In the year 1907 there were but twenty desertions, which out of a force of 5,000 men, may be taken as negligible."

Until recently the constabulary, a name suggestive of police duty only, was armed with the old, Springfield single-fire rifle without bayonet. The field duty of the constabulary has been constant since the organization was formed. As the figures given go to show, the engagements with outlaw bands have been more than 1,500 in number.

The enlisted men, being without bayonets, have been rushed by the enemy time after time after they had fired once, but they have stood their ground with clubbed muskets against seemingly overwhelming numbers of the foe armed with spears and bolos. No member of the constabulary has shown the white feather.

One fight which the constabulary had with a large force of Pulajanes in Samar became a hand-to-hand combat, with the enemy outnumbering the constabulary five to one. The casualties among the constabulary were 56 per cent. of the force engaged, yet the remnant, with their wounded American officers, Captain Jones and Lieutenant Bowers, as leaders, finally routed their savage assailants. It was this fight which presented the strongest argument to the government for arming the constabulary with Krag-Jorgensen rifles and bayonets.

Must Spend Huge Sums.

Congress is trying to be economical, but it is pretty nearly certain that Uncle Sam may consider himself lucky if he gets off with a drain on his purse of only one billion dollars as the result of appropriation legislation at this session.

In the face of present conditions of cost of government, a "billion dollar congress" sounds like the acme of economy. The expression was used at one time to frighten the country into an attempt to persuade senators and representatives to retrench. It is not probable that the people would be satisfied today with a congress that stopped its expenditures at the billion mark. The country needs many things, and it can't get all or nearly all for a billion annually. When the billion dollar was succeeded by the two billion dollar congress, and now the people are on the way to meeting with a three billion dollar congress.

Congress is not to blame for the huge sums that must be spent for the support of the government industries. Of course there is some waste at times. Some of the public buildings authorized serve no particular purpose except that of making pleasant the stay of the congressmen in the favored districts. It is likely also that some of the river and harbor surveys and the subsequent improvements are not worth the money expended upon them. In the main, however, money voted by congress goes to pay for things without which the country cannot get along.

Always Want the "Pork Barrel."

The army must be supported, and then there is the Panama canal, to say nothing of expenditures for maintenance of governmental institutions, which are run on a big scale year in and year out and cannot be classed as extraordinary. There is no reason to doubt that because of the probable absence of a public buildings bill this year the pressure for one next year will be strong. The representatives always are urgent for an appropriation for public buildings, voted in the form of a bill which to the reverent and irreverent alike is known as the "pork barrel." The ordinary public buildings bill carries about $30,000,000.

Every new member who comes to Washington in March is determined to vote against extravagance. His constituents have drilled into him the necessity of stopping some of the "awful waste that goes on yearly in Washington," but he soon learns that the legitimate expenses of a government are heavy and that what the constituents considered extravagance was merely money put into big ships, higher pay for officers and men of the army and navy, the canal and other things without which the government could not progress. When the members become accustomed to dealing with huge figures it is not so hard to get their minds fixed on the "trifle additional" it will require to erect structures in various parts of the Union.

Public Mourning Dropped.

Visitors to Washington who happen to get here at a time when some officer of high rank in the government has died express surprise that the department building in which he was employed or the war or the naval office which he may have served in the field are not draped in mourning. It is no longer the custom in Washington to drape the department buildings in black when a chief official or some former official dies. The only sign of mourning in the capital at the time when the Maine heroes were buried and at the time, say, when Admiral Robley D. Evans died, was the half-masted flags.

"For years it was the custom to drape the buildings in black when any man of present or past government service died. When the death of former Secretary of War Redfield Proctor of Vermont was announced, no order was issued for the display of mourning emblems on the war department. This was the first time in the history of the country that black was not displayed on such an occasion. If there was no exterior symbol of sorrow there was sorrow in the interior, for the enlisted men of the army, and the officers, too, for that matter, held Proctor's memory grateful, for he did much for the service.

It was under the Proctor regime that the canteen was established in the army, but as is well known, the canteen no longer exists, the opposition of the temperance organizations of the country having been successful in inducing congress to take beer off the "daily bill of fare" of the service. Proctor himself at heart may not have been in favor of the canteen, but he thought it was better than the old sutler's store system, and he succeeded in removing the latter from the service.

STRIVING TO PLEASE.

At an artists' club in London they tell the following touching an eminent portrait painter of American birth: During the days when this portraitist was just beginning to "find himself," one of his patrons was a social leader, who, as her portrait progressed, professed to be quite satisfied with the outlook. She had but one criticism to offer. "The mouth is a trifle too large," said she. "Please make it small and curved. Of course, I am quite aware that in reality it is a straight, long mouth; but in this portrait I should like, if you see no objection, to have it very tiny."

"Not the least objection, madame, so far as I am concerned," said the painter, with no trace of sarcasm in his tone. "I'll leave it out altogether if you wish."—Harper's Weekly.

Remarkable Graveyard.

The most remarkable graveyard in the United States adjoins the old Spanish church in the ancient Indian pueblo of Acoma, New Mexico, and took over forty years to construct. The village is situated high in the air upon a huge, flat-topped rock many acres in extent and entirely bare of soil. In order to create the graveyard it was necessary to carry up the earth from the plain 360 feet below, a basketful at a time, on the backs of Indians who had to climb with their heavy loads up a precipitous trail cut in the face of the cliff. The graveyard thus laboriously constructed is held in place on three sides by high retaining walls of stone.

Work for Both.

Farmer—I see you're painting those old trees.

Artist—What's that got to do with you? Get on with your work.

Farmer—Well, since my work is to cut them down, you'd better get on with yours.—Pele Mele.

The Prevailing Craze.

Father (telling a story)—So the pretty fairy light came in—

Eldest Hopeful—Oh, pop, if the fairy light went out, would the gas meter?

Not Resentful.

"Those people say they don't believe you ever reached the pole."

"That's all right," replied the explorer, as he looked up from his manuscript. "The more doubts there are as to whether I landed or not, the longer this rather remunerative discussion is going to last."

ALMOST CRAZY WITH ECZEMA

"I, the undersigned, cannot give enough praise to the Cuticura Remedies. I had been doctoring for at least a year for eczema on my foot. I had tried doctor after doctor all to no avail. When a young girl I sprained my ankle three different times, paying little or no attention to it, when five years ago a small spot showed upon my left ankle. I was worried and sent for a doctor. He said it was eczema. He drew a small bone from the ankle about the size of a match and about an inch long. The small hole grew to about the size of an apple, and the eczema spread to the knee. The doctors never could heal the hole in the ankle. The whole foot ran water all the time.

"My husband and my sons were up night and day wheeling me from one room to another in the hope of giving me some relief. I would sit for hours at a time in front of the fireplace hoping for daybreak. The pain was so intense I was almost crazy, in fact, I would lose my reason for hours at a time. One day a friend of mine dropped in to see me. No more had she glanced at my foot than she exclaimed: 'Mrs. Finnegan, why in the world don't you try the Cuticura Remedies!' Being disgusted with the doctors and their medicines, and not being able to sleep at all, I decided to give the Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment a trial. After using them three days that night I slept as sound as a silver dollar for eight long hours. I awoke in the morning with but very little pain, in fact, I thought I was in heaven. After using the Cuticura Remedies for three months I was perfectly restored to health, thanks to the Cuticura Soap and Ointment. I will be sixty-four years of age my next birthday, hale and hearty at present." (Signed) Mrs. Julia Finnegan, 2224 Hebert St., St. Louis, Mo., Mar. 7, 1911. Although Cuticura Soap and Ointment are sold by druggists and dealers everywhere, a sample of each, with 32-page book, will be mailed free on application to "Cuticura," Dept. L, Boston.

Found Imitation Difficult.

Bert, a freshman, closed a letter to his cousin Joe, five years old, by saying: "Now, I must quit and write five pages on Esther."

The next day his father found Joe armed with tablet and pencil, trying to hold down his young brother Robert, and said to him: "Joe, what are you doing?"

"I'm trying to write five pages on Rob, but he won't be still," replied the little fellow.

He Was.

Mistress—Why, Norah, what are you doing on that policeman's knee?

Norah—Sure, mum, he's a-restin' me!

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Good health cannot be maintained where there is a constipated habit. Garfield Tea overcomes constipation.

Beauty specialists encounter many hard lines.

SHE DIDN'T GET IT.

Mrs. Newwed—Dearest, won't you give me $20 for a new hat?

Mr. Newwed—Love is blind, but it retains the sense of touch. Nix.

Kindly Scribe.

"The editor of the Weekly Plain Dealer is a charitable sort of feller," commented honest Farmer Hornbeak, in the midst of his perusal of the village newspaper, wherein he had encountered an example of the linotype's peculiar perversity. "In his article on the death of Lafe Babsack, who, betwixt me and you, hadn't much to recommend him except that he wasn't quite as bad sometimes as he was others, he says that 'the deceased was generally regarded as hijdyts89mfwrdetahrmfwhrtadfyp!'

"And I guess that's about as near as anybody could get to making an estimate of the departed without hurting his relatives' feelings."—Puck.

He Hopeu So, Too.

Nellie McCoy tells the story of an advance agent of a barn-storming show that nearly closed every Saturday night, but rested over Sunday and started in bright and fresh Monday morning.

His mother was a Quaker, and when he wrote that he was the business manager in advance of the show, she wrote him:

"My Dear Son—I am very sorry that thou art in the show business, but I am glad that thou art ahead of the show. I trust that thou wilt always stay ahead of it."

Women's College for Buddhists.

A university is to be founded by the Buddhists for the high education of women. A meeting is reported to have taken place at the Nishi-Honganji temple, Kyoto, in which it was unanimously decided to carry on the undertaking as a work of the Women's Association of this Buddhist sect. The cost for the institute is estimated at 280,000 yen.

A Correction.

"We are drifting toward a paternal form of government," said the economist.

"Pardon me if I correct you," responded the suffragette, gently; "to be accurate, you should say a maternal form of government."

A man ceases to be a good husband when he begins to feel sorry for himself.

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Having learned that his friend had just married, Jacob decided to pay him a visit. When he arrived at his friend's house and saw the bride he was terribly shocked.

"Why, Joseph," he said, speaking in a whisper, for the bride was sitting near by, "she is not at all good looking."

"No," answered Joseph.

"And she has a glass eye."

"Yes," answered Joseph meekly.

"Joseph," whispered Jacob again, "she has no teeth."

"She will get a set next week."

"She is almost bald too," added Jacob, still whispering.

"You may speak louder, Jacob," said his friend, "she is deaf too."

Shrewdness.

And why are you writing 'Personal' on that envelope?"

"I want the man's wife to read the letter."

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HAPPY THO' MARRIED?

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Mrs. Dickover.

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