

A SOLDIER BOY'S THOUGHTS.

He Had No Time for Home When There Were Spaniards to Shoot.

A returned army officer relates this incident of the Santiago campaign: At the close of the first day's fight...

THE NAVY'S HEALTH.

In the War with Spain It Was Exceptionally Good Through-out.

Good order and discipline, the cleanliness of the ship—nothing, not even the daintiest of summer cottages...

NO RAILROAD LIKE IT.

One That is Run for the Accommodation of Fishermen and Cannermen.

Perhaps the most interesting railroad in Pennsylvania is the Kishicoquillas valley, which runs from Reedville to Belleville...

The general manager and purchasing agent is J. P. Getter, a physician of Belleville. His wife, Clara W. Getter, is treasurer of the line.

A Famous Drummer. Probably the most remarkable drummer who ever lived was Jean Henri, the famous tambour major of Emperor Napoleon.

An Unsolved Question. The energy of the discharge of a 13-inch gun loaded with smokeless powder is equal to the energy of nine 40-ton locomotives running at the rate of a mile a minute.

VIRTUES OF SPINACH.

The Homely Vegetable Is Said to Possess Wonderful Medicinal Properties.

We are all familiar with the patent medicine sign which commends itself to us by these cabalistic words: "For that tired feeling!"

TO CUT STEEL BEAMS.

A Recent Electrical Experiment in Chicago Which Saved Time and Labor.

During the reconstruction of an office building recently in Chicago an interesting use was made of the electric current in cutting in two a cluster of half a dozen heavy steel beams...

Instead of doing the work with hack saws, a method was adopted such as scientific burglars invented for getting into safe and vault doors of steel.

THE GRIEF OF PARTING.

It is Manifested in Different Ways by a Man and a Woman.

The man leaned right into the railway carriage, says the Academy. There was positive anguish in his drawn face.

She smiled with a pretty, regretful tenderness as she replied lightly to his earnest words. He looked at her as if he could never look long enough.

The Voice of London.

A writer in the Strand Magazine describes the astonishment when, riding over London in a balloon, at a height of more than half a mile, he heard the deafening roar of the great city beneath him.

William's Uniforms.

The German emperor, when receiving foreign representatives or military attaches of foreign powers, always wears the uniform of the army of the country the visitor represents.

WHEN WOMEN SHOP.

According to a Male Observer They All Have a Fierce, Worried, Far-Away Look.

An observant man says that the women who shop all have the same expression. It is a weird look, worried and far away, but fierce.

Even the meek, mild and weak woman whose voice is like a summer zephyr looks fiery and forbidding when she is prowling around a shop.

She may be the lamb at home, but she is the lion of the shop. The passion of shopping clothes her in dignity and wraps her in celestial fire.

PRACTICE SHOOTING.

Why the Majestic, of the English Navy, is a Favorite Type for Imitation.

In practicing shooting, made to resemble service conditions as nearly as possible, the British navy attains an average of 30 per cent. of effective hits.

It is to Sir William White's credit that amid all the mechanical complexities of the modern warship, he never lost sight of the fact that without men a warship was merely a costly lump of steel.

WORLD'S GREATEST RUDDER.

Philadelphia Holds the Record for Mammoth One-Piece Steering Gear.

One of the largest rudders that have ever been cast in the world has been finished by the Pennsylvania Steel Casting company, of Chester.

The art of casting the rudder, says the Philadelphia Record, is a trade secret which not even the British or German steel makers have yet been able to discover.

Sword Speech Formula.

If all of our naval heroes have not presentation swords to burn, says the Philadelphia Press, here is a model to be followed in the speech which shall announce the next blade bestowed.

Potatoes Prevent Gout.

Gout is rarely known among the working classes of Ireland. Their immunity from this complaint is thought to be due to the fact that their food consists largely of potatoes.

SHE HAD "PUSH."

A Young Woman Who Got a Position, While the Other Girl Is Still Unemployed.

There were two young women singers who came to New York not long ago to continue their musical education and also to get church positions to support themselves and pay for their lessons.

THE NEW "GOSPEL SCOUT."

With His Clever Slang He Induced the Slangy Boy to Go to Church.

A small Cleveland boy has a dreadful stock of slang at his tongue's end, to the great grief and humiliation of his mother.

The other day, while out with his sled, he had a bad tumble on the ice and bruised his side quite severely.

"I knew who it was right away, mamma, and I said to him: 'Ain't you the new Gospel scout to our church?'"

THE CAT AND ITS MISTRESS.

A Famous Painter of Felines Discovers an Old Secret—Its Results.

Louis Wain, the famous cat painter, has found out a secret. If a woman possesses a cat and the cat, after being constantly with her, is suddenly removed into a wider society.

SIEZES A FREIGHT TRAIN.

Tax Collector of Southampton, L. I., Levies on a Railroad's Rolling Stock for Payment of Taxes.

When the east-bound freight train of the Long Island railroad drew into the station at Southampton, L. I., the other afternoon all was serene.

Noble Sign Painter.

The marchioness of Lorne, who drew out the plans for the Ferry Inn at Rosenath and occupies a portion of the house when visiting in the locality.

Honoring the Author of "America."

A chime of bells has been placed in the steeple of the First Baptist church at Newton Center, Mass., in honor of the late Dr. S. F. Smith.

BABY SEVEN INCHES LONG.

No Larger Than a Man's Hand and Weighs Only a Little Over a Pound.

The tiniest baby in Bellevue was taken to the hospital early the other morning in a covered basket by its father, Augustus J. Brown.

"Where is it?" he asked. "Brown tapped on the lid of the basket. 'In here,' he replied."

"No, it's not dead," said the father. Lifting the lid of the basket he disclosed a little black baby wrapped carefully in a shawl.

The tiny baby is well developed and apparently healthy. It weighs nearly one pound and a half.

TRY TO PLAY BASEBALL.

Chinese of New York City Parallel Amusement for a Crowd.

As baseball players Chinamen will never illuminate the records of the sport, but as promoters of enjoyment they will fill a long-felt want on the diamonds this season.

It is not a full Chinese team that faced the Montgomeries, of Jersey City, for in practice a few days ago Wong Kwong and Lee Tong, who had been signed as pitcher and catcher respectively.

SNAKE BRACELET THE LATEST.

Reptilian Ornament Introduced by Society Woman Promotes to Become Popular Fad.

Many years have elapsed since the snake bracelet first won its sinuous way into popularity, but the serpent armlet which a New York society woman has introduced.

SKELETON IN AN IRON CAGE.

Workmen Unearth a Peculiar Relic on a Farm in the State of Virginia.

An iron cage containing a human skeleton was dug up the other day on the farm of Mr. Henry Warden in Spottsylvania county, on the Rappahannock river.

A Trunk Mystery.

A box two feet long and one foot wide that has been nearly a year unclaimed at the express office in Baldwin, a village 20 miles from Cincinnati, O., has been opened and found to contain a human body that was out in pieces to fit the box.

Illiteracy in Portugal.

Of every hundred Portuguese peasants only 20 can read and write.

BEST BOAT TO WIN.

Coming Yacht Race Next Fall for the America's Cup.

Sir Lipton's Boat, the Shamrock, to Make Earnest Effort to Carry Cup Across the Water—Fair Play Expected.

Maj. Eustace Jameson, member of parliament for West Clare, and Ireland's foremost yachtman, who will be Sir Thomas Lipton's official representative aboard the Shamrock.

"The last thing Sir Thomas said to me just before leaving London," said Maj. Jameson, "was this: 'If the Americans win the cup it will be because they have the better boat.'"

"The secrets of the Shamrock are being closely guarded. Very few men in England know the least thing about her. Not more than half a dozen of Sir Thomas' closest friends and confidants have any idea concerning her design and construction."

FIREPROOF MACHINE SHOP.

To Be Constructed for the United States at the Brooklyn Navy Yard—To Cost \$1,000,000.

Navy department officials will profit by the experience with fire at the Brooklyn navy yard, and in the construction of the new million-dollar machine shop at that place plans will call for an absolutely fireproof structure.

"But all Great Britain is backing Sir Thomas in his endeavor to bring back the cup, and we know that the races will be the fairest and most honorable of international sporting contests."

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