

ZANZIBAR CONSULATE

That a Particularly Desirable Office for an American to Fill

Interesting Story of a Dusky Queen Whose Morning Ablutions Wrecked the Peace of Mind of an Exciting West Virginian.

Zanzibar does not appear to be a particularly desirable place for an American consul, but the state department has about decided to permit Robert Mansfield, of Muncie, Ind., to try his fortunes there.

Zanzibar was brought prominently before public notice and the consular honoratized by Judge Riley, a well-known character who hails from Accomac county, Virginia.

But her royal highness persisted in annoying the judge, who charged a double-barreled shotgun with small shot, and turned it loose at the queen the next time she went in bathing.

After this there was no peace for the judge, for another queen who was doing his family wash for 36 cents a month went on strike, his houseman thought the judge had not treated the queen right by perforating her with shot.

SACRED RELICS FOUND. Devotees of the Shrine of El Cobre Are Arrested.

The Roman Catholics of Santiago are building a general rejoicing over the recovery of the head of the Virgin of El Cobre and nearly all of the missing jewels and gold ornaments.

The other day the three perpetrators of the desecration of the shrine—two Mexican and two Spaniards—were captured by Francisco Gutierrez, chief of the secret police.

The local police made an unsuccessful search for the valuables, trying to make a political scandal, and accusing Gutierrez, who is a Spaniard, of being the instigator of the robbery.

PAPER MONEY FOOD FOR ANTS

Whence Only Cots Will Hereafter Be Sent to Troops in Philippines.

Paper money cannot be used in the Philippines, for there is a variety of ants in the islands which eat almost everything and are particularly fond of paper.

In a recent shipment of money for the troops was \$1,000,000 in paper money of small denominations. Preparations were being made to send more paper in the next shipment when a warning was given that hereafter nothing but gold and silver coin must be sent to the islands.

Symptoms of Overexertion. An eminent German physician declares that as long as a bicyclist, after a long tour, has a good appetite, does not feel a desire to go to sleep at once, and is not annoyed by heavy dreams on the night following, he may consider that he has not made too great a demand on his physical resources.

What Memory Is. The London Spectator says that Lord Rosebery has perpetrated a bon mot. Some one asked him what memory was.

Even a Hero Must Rest. There is an unfortunate popular tenet, says the Washington Star, to forget that a hero is human and needs sleep.

HAT TRICKS BY M. P.'S.

Performances That Are Given in the House of Commons Every Day.

That members of parliament should be allowed to wear their hats in the house has often surprised foreign visitors to the historic chamber, says the London Mail.

It is lucky for a great many members that the rules of debate, while demanding the wearing of a hat, make no provisions as to the character the head-gear shall take.

But it is not so much the character of parliamentary hats as the manner in which they are worn that is of interest.

A. J. Balfour and the duke of Devonshire can balance their hats on the bridge of their noses as if they had been weaned practicing the feat.

It has been said that the leader of the house of commons deliberately sets a trap for his adversaries by pretending to sleep in the shadow of his hat brim, so they may fall into error and he can pounce upon them.

Another wonderful trick is that performed by Tim Healy, who balances the front brim of his hat upon the bridge of his pinocenez in a way few men could accomplish the task.

FEAT OF INDIAN JUGGLER.

It Consisted in Winning Rice from Grain by Rapidly Whirling Himself About.

"One day in the market place of an inland village I saw a curious performance," writes an East Indian traveler in the Cincinnati Enquirer.

"The drummer began a weird tomtom and the other man an incantation. Then he extended a 'supra'—a bamboo tray used by all natives—on which anyone who pleases places a large handful of rice and the same quantity of grain.

"Now the fantastic man with his tray begins. He turns around slowly, gradually quickening his pace (the drummer also keeping time), faster and faster, in a giddy vortex, the tray at times almost out of his hands, yet so cleverly handled that not a grain falls out.

AN OLD FRAUD.

How His Pretty Stenographer Went Out to Lunch and Fooled the Boys.

The framing of half the criticism in the world is dependent upon the way one looks upon things, says the New York Commercial Advertiser.

The latter promptly produced a book and began taking notes at his dictation. The cynic fairly hugged himself.

In 12 minutes the waiter appeared bearing dainty dishes and—the elderly merchant dismissed the pretty stenographer and proceeded to enjoy his luncheon, leisurely, and alone.

Harvard University is to pension professors and assistant professors who have served the institution for 20 years or more, a plan of retiring allowances having been established by the president and fellows of the university.

Strange Bed Warmers. Strange bed-warmers are used by Chilean women. In cold weather, when in bed, they keep their feet warm by placing them on a dog.

A CATERER'S TOU.

He Has a Regular Profession of His Own in London and Makes Lots of Money.

Few business men pay more in the way of commission tips, "sweetening" and so on, than do refreshment contractors, caterers and providers for banquets, feasts, and entertainments given by great firms and societies, says London Answers.

"First of all," said a great London caterer to the writer, "employees of ours swallow a small fortune in paying the fees to join various orders, societies, minor clubs, smoking concert committees, angling bodies and the like.

"We keep one smart clerk whose sole duty it is to register all convivial and other clubs and societies and the date of their probable feasting and extra events. He makes out lists months before the events and then we are after them.

WHAT ENLISTED MEN GOT.

They Were Allowed to See the Beautiful Pictures on the Beer Barrels.

One of the returned sailors from Manila—a gunner's mate and much sworn at ashore—a gentleman and a wheelman at roadhouse, two tables over from the agent of the brewing company, says the Chicago Chronicle.

"I see you wear the cap ribbon of the McCulloch on your handle bars," said the agent, coming over. "Were you at Manila?"

"Yes."

"Yes—and to December, for the matter of that."

"We sent 50 barrels of this beer over there to you fellows right after the big fight. Got there about the first of August, I guess."

"How did you like it?"

"Fine stuff, I'm told."

"Taste good in that hot country?"

"I don't know. You see—"

"Do you mean to say that you didn't get any good of that big shipment?"

"Oh, yes, I got good of it. You see, in every barrel were two pictures—lithographs of a pretty girl sitting on earth and looking down, for she was ashamed of her shirt waist. The officers sent one of those pictures forward and we enlisted men were allowed to look at it."

KIPLING WANTED DETAILS.

Incident That Shows the Author's Thirst for Exact Knowledge on Every Point.

"Kipling's methods of absorbing detail are curious and interesting," says Mr. Lyman D. Bentley, formerly with the Baldwin Locomotive company.

"Some years ago, while he was visiting the shops at New Haven, he met a skilled mechanic named Cressy, and immediately proceeded to pump him about engine building.

"The old man"—a merchant of years and repute—looked (oh, sorrow, to tell it!) quite unashamed. He threw aside the bill of fare, gave a hurried order to the waiter and a nod to the fair stenographer.

Game Laws Down East. A down east editor has drawn up some new game laws which he wants adopted.

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Europe's Blind. More women than men go blind in Sweden, Norway and Iceland; more men than women in the rest of Europe.

France's Presidential Terms. Of seven presidents of France, only one has served a full term. He, Grevy, resigned early in his second term.

BRIDE IN OVERALLS.

Peculiar Trousseau of a Girl Married at Texarkana, Tex.

Found Masquerading in Man's Attire, and a Happy Wedding Follows the Disclosure of the Interesting Secret.

A most unusual marriage has just taken place at Texarkana, Tex. Six prominent citizens of Texarkana went to spend the day with a farmer named Yager, near Bondo.

The couple were given seats in the carriage and the whole party entered Texarkana, the woman dressed in overalls, man's shirt, suspenders, etc.

PLANNING TO STEAL A RIVER.

Opposition Roused Against a Kansas Irrigation Scheme That Would Drain the Smoky Hill.

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POT OF GOLD PLOWED UP.

Found in the State of Maryland Texas Over \$1,000 in Shiny Metal.

B. A. Dorsey, a hand on the farm of Mrs. Ellen Hardman, on the old Town road, near Mapleside, a suburb of Cumberland, Md., and within 300 yards of the Baltimore & Ohio tracks, the other day plowed up an iron pot containing about \$1,000 in gold.

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A Busy River.

More ships than the Detroit river than enter Liverpool or London. The Suez canal, which carries the commerce of the world, passed last year 8,500,000 tonnage, while there were floating through the locks at Sault Ste. Marie 16,000,000 in eight months.

A Woman's Fate.

If they live long enough, the New York Press declares, all women die two deaths. The first is old age.

ROWING A LOST ART IN NAVY.

Enlisted Men Fast Losing Their Skill at Handling the Oars—The Steam Launch Is Responsible.

Naval officers deplore the lack of interest among enlisted men of the service in the old-time boat races which were a picturesque feature of sea life in port.

The older officers say there is a noticeable failure in other qualities which distinguished the sailor man, who knew about masts and ropes and the management of canvas.

There is some talk of devising a method by which the old-time accomplishments of the sailor shall be preserved. It is pointed out they made him a good and useful man in time of action, and it is said the best men at Santiago and Manila bay were those who knew something of the old navy.

SPANISH GAME COCKS.

Admiral Sampson Presents His Boys with a Pair—Meets Defeat at Spars of American Birds.

When Admiral Sampson got through with the important business he had in Cuban waters he wrote to his boys at home, in Glen Ridge, N. J., asking them what he should bring them for souvenirs.

TOO MANY WAR TROPHIES.

National Museum at Washington Is Embarrassed by the Great Number Sent.

Officials of the National museum are actually embarrassed by the abundance of trophies of the Spanish war. Immediately after the Cuban campaign closed these relics began to arrive and nearly every day since a number have been received at the museum.

EXPORTS TO CHINA.

Are More Than Three Times as Great as They Were Ten Years Ago.

Exports of merchandise from the United States to China in the fiscal year about to end will be larger than those of any preceding year in our history.

A CABLE TO ICELAND.

Would Prove of the Utmost Importance to the Weather Service as Well as to Fishing Interests.

Meteorologists in Europe have for many years desired a telegraphic connection with Iceland, Faroe islands, and Greenland.

Needs a Hard Job.

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IT WOULD NOT PAY.

Constructor Highborn Pronounces Reina Mercedes Useless.

Declares That Only Settlement Would Dictate the Refitting of the Spanish Cruiser—Would Cost About \$400,000.

It is not at all certain that the Reina Mercedes, the Spanish cruiser recovered at Santiago and just delivered to the United States at the Norfolk navy yard, will be added to the naval list as an effective vessel.

Mr. Highborn says that without having heard from a board of survey what will be necessary to put the Reina Mercedes in order for service he believes that it will take something like \$400,000.

THIS AIRSHIP A SUCCESS.

Evansville (Ind.) Man Perfects a Flying Machine That Works Well.

An airship, the invention of Arvidas Farmer, of Evansville, Ind., had a successful trial at midnight. The machine is a balloon and was propelled in all directions even in the face of a stiff wind, and made to rise and sink by motions of aluminum propellers run by the chain and sprocket taken from a bicycle, the power being the inventor.

The propelling and steering apparatus consist of two four-bladed propellers of aluminum, working without cover at the end of hollow shafts at the side of the machine.

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The bulk of the exports to Hong-Kong may properly be considered as ultimately destined for consumption in China as shown by the fact that the official reports of the imports into China show that over 44 per cent. of their imports are from the port of Hong-Kong.

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