

TEST OF BIG GUNS.

Harbor Defenses of New York to Be Given Thorough Trial.

Spectacular Feature of Tests Will Be the Cooperation of Navy and Army in Attempt to Force the Harbor.

Within the past few days the war department has taken the first steps toward carrying out what will be a most interesting test of war material, to take place in New York harbor during the coming summer.

One of the most interesting points to be determined is the relative merits of the vertical and horizontal range finders. A portion of the test will consist of firing at targets, and this will naturally be done with service projectiles and powder.

Another part of the test, and without question the most interesting from a spectacular point of view and thus to the public, will be that portion wherein the navy will be asked to cooperate. This will consist in an attempt on the part of one or more war vessels to enter the upper harbor of New York unmolested by the fire from the formidable forts on each side of the Narrows.

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PERFORMS BIG MEDICAL FEAT

Dr. Stephen Lutz Severs the Jugular Vein to Save a Patient's Life.

An operation which consisted in the severing of the jugular vein was performed by Dr. Stephen A. Lutz, of Brooklyn, on William A. Pothier, the patient will probably recover.

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A MINISTER SHOCKED.

Rev. Thomas Alfred, of Nashville, Tenn., Discovers Gambling and Dancing on an Ocean Liner.

There landed from the liner Oceanic, which arrived at New York from Liverpool the other day, the most disgusted person that has walked down the gangplank for many a day. Rev. Thomas Alfred, a Methodist minister from Nashville, Tenn., was the person in question.

"It was simply awful. I saw money on the tables, and would you believe it, men were openly gambling for it. On the Sabbath night I saw, with my own eyes, a dance going on in the stateroom. I tell you, it was a deplorable condition of affairs."

What Paul Would Have Said.

In the course of a debate at which Bloomfield, bishop of London, was asked to preside, one of the students, with strong indignation evident in his voice, addressing the chair, inquired oratorically: "What, sir, would the Apostle Paul have said could he have seen the life of luxury led by our present race of prelates and church dignitaries, riding about in the carriages and living in their palaces?"

Could Give Othello Pointers.

If De Wet had been here, says the Chicago Times-Herald, he could have given old man Othello a lot of valuable pointers on the hairbreadth 'scapes' of the imminent deadly breach business.

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION.

Receipts of Domestic Lore That May Be of Value to the Young Housekeeper.

A clever housewife with an inherited gift for dainty cookery from her Junker forbears has evolved a change in the stereotyped apple dumpling that is deserving of a Kenilworth ranch name ever cast these Kenilworth ranch dumplings without a sincere tribute to their excellence.

There are many ways of using any cold fish boiled or baked left over from the previous day. To prepare creamed fish, or fish a la reine, to give it its French title, pick a pound of fish into small pieces, removing all skin, fat and bone.

Birds' nest salad makes a most attractive dish when something a little out of the ordinary is desired. To prepare it take a little spinach that has been cooked and drained, and while still hot press with a spoon into a bowl to obtain some green liquid for coloring.

BITS OF FEMININITY.

Some of the Pretty Things to Wear That Will Be in Vogue the Coming Season.

The desired white touch wanted in all dressy toilettes is introduced by a yoke on the renewed long vest and wrist puffs on the sleeves. You may cut a waist round and plain in the back, but it must be long and pointed in front, says the Detroit Free Press.

The neckwear for the summer gowns and shirt waists shows a decided tendency toward the transparent or semitransparent collar. A dainty French collar is made of fine white lawn, tucked.

WOLF WHIPS HOUNDS.

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Chicago's Rival.

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Way to Be Reform Work.

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MEALS BY ENDLESS CHAIN.

An Old Scheme Put to New Use by Brooklyn Man—A Two-Dollar Meal Ticket for Fifty Cents.

B. W. Spitzer is the name of a man who has 26 agents out teaching Brooklyn people how to get a \$2 meal ticket for 50 cents by the endless chain plan. He does his business under the name of the Cooperative Meal system. He opened his office recently and is already doing a thriving business.

The methods of the cooperative meal system are quite simple. An agent sells you a coupon for 50 cents. To get your meal ticket you first take your 50-cent coupon and \$1.50 in money to the Cooperative Meal System's office.

And still you won't have your \$2 meal ticket. You go ahead and try to peddle out your three coupons. Every man you see you tell how to get a \$2 meal ticket for 50 cents.

Spitzer sells transferable tickets good on four different restaurants.

SWEETHEART IS FAITHLESS.

Young Woman Journeys to Dawson Only to Find That Her Lover Was Married.

Dawson dispatches give the details of the arrival there of Miss Nina Moore, of San Francisco, who went to the Klondike capital with the expectation of marrying Capt. W. H. Bledsoe, one of the best known of Yukon river pilots.

Just before reaching Dawson she learned that Bledsoe had married a variety actress known as Mme. Lloyd, a week previous, and was then enjoying his honeymoon.

TURKISH WOMAN RIDES CYCLE

Wife of Sultan's Minister to Washington Even Discards Her Veil.

There is a new topic among the residents of Cleveland Park, Washington city, over the latest achievement of Mme. Ali Ferrouh, the wife of the Turkish minister, who now rides a "bike" as well as any of her American sisters.

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LOVE HIS UNDOING.

New York Chinaman Wins Bride But Loses His Business.

Fair One in China Draws Him Back to Flowery Kingdom and in His Absence a Prosperous Business Becomes Bankrupt.

The first business failure has occurred in New York's Chinatown. The old grocery house of the Wing Wo Hing company has filed a petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities of \$7,463, and assets of \$2,913.

If the head of the firm, Lee Young Ling, had not loved a beautiful celestial maiden in the distant flowery province of Kong Tong the failure probably would never have taken place.

Lee Lung Ling came here from China nearly 17 years ago, leaving behind him the beautiful Suey Sing. He promised that he would return with a fortune in ten years and claim her hand.

Just then a girl sitting three chairs from the front felt her hand pinched and saw vaguely a young man take his seat at her side.

TERSE AND MISINTERPRETED.

Abbreviations in Telegrams Cause British Army Court of Inquiry.

An amusing story illustrating British officialism comes from South Africa. The colonel of a pioneer regiment, repairing the railroad after one of Gen. De Wet's many breakages, discovered a fine empty house, which he proceeded to occupy as headquarters.

"G. T. M. want house." The colonel was unable to make out what "G. T. M." meant, and applied to officers, who translated it as "general traffic manager."

"All right," said the colonel. "If he can use hieroglyphics, so can I." So he wired back: "G. T. M. can G. T. H."

BARRED FROM THE MAILS.

Ban Put on All Intoxicants by the Authorities of the Post Office Department.

It may be of interest to the temperance people of the country to know that intoxicating liquors of all kinds will be barred from the mails in the future. For years the postal regulations have prohibited the mailing of intoxicants or other liquids, but this regulation has been violated.

Of course it is nobody's business, says the Washington Star, but it is difficult to see how Mr. Schwab is going to earn his large salary with the steel trust without working so many hours a day that his health will be jeopardized.

Thrifty Rate.

A Stockton (Kan.) man purchased a vacant building that had been used for storage of corn. When he came to repair it he found 96 bushels of good corn under the floor, which had been carried there by rats.

Ocean Freight Rates.

Within the last 20 years freight rates from and to England have decreased from 50 to 75 per cent.

Buffalo's Great Exposition.

It will cost \$10,000,000 to build the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo.

THE MISSING RING.

Amusing Story of a Magic Lantern Seance and a Young Man in Love.

Thomas Schureman, who lives on Holly avenue, in West Indianapolis, a few weeks ago made a bad loan, and, in lieu of the money, he was overwhelmed with the borrower's gratitude and a magic lantern. The gratitude, thought Schureman, was without practical value, but the magic lantern might be pressed into service.

A state of perfection was reached in the course of time, and the other night a number of friends were invited to the Schureman home to witness the first public exhibition of the collection of slides.

As well as the darkness would permit—and it might be said that the room was as dark as dark could be—the usher directed the new arrival to the seat reserved for him.

"Here," said Mr. Schureman, bringing the picture into focus, "we find real Japan—Japan unadorned by contact with the western world of commerce, far from the—"

"G'raef Scott, Jessie," said the voice in her ear, emerging from the blackness. "I've had the most dreadful time finding this seat in the dark. That fellow at the door said it was no use; that people coming in late ought to sit wherever they could. I told him I had to sit by you and that I was going to sit there or break up the meeting. He wasn't on, you see. Gee! Oh! Jessie, I'm so glad I found you. You don't know—"

"For generations this imposing impersonation of the god has watched over its thousands of worshippers. India—India, the land of mystery, philosophy and age—has at last found the germ of progress buried in its breast—"

"Sh!" said the young man's girl. "I don't know what you are talking about. I can't hear Mr. Schureman; keep still."

"Ha, ha!" chuckled the young man, "just as though you cared for the old lecture! You said you'd be glad when the room was dark—"

"And now," continued Mr. Schureman's voice, "here is one of the Indian fakirs, bowed with the weight of years, hoary with age. What secrets of nature has he mastered, what great philosophy—"

"Jessie," said the voice in the ear of the girl. It was a command voice this time. "Sh!" she whispered back. "Keep still."

"And now, after many weeks in this land of mystery and age and ruin, we turn with a feeling of relief, perhaps, toward the shores of our own native land—"

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Safeguard Against Moths.

The woman whose dislike of camphor and moths is about equally balanced need no longer ponder the question as to whether it is better to go forth in moth-eaten raiment or to leave a trail of camphorated atmosphere in her wake. This coming season will find a new moth preventive against the ravages of the moth on the market to which no objections can be made.

To Remove Grease Spots from Silk.

Place some coarse brown paper (the soft kind) on both sides of the spots, then press carefully with a hot iron. Change the paper often, as it absorbs the grease. If the goods are so rich and delicate that the iron is likely to injure them try friction by using raw cotton; rub the spots off, changing the cotton often. If the material is soiled or stained in any places rip the article and wash it in tepid water, softened with pulverized borax. It can be made to look as good as new.—Home Magazine.

NOT SO GREEN AS HE LOOKED.

A Crooked Train Boy's Experience with a Smooth Pinkerton Detective.

The "train butcher" will soon be like Othello, for the railroads are going to abolish him. As a matter of fact, his business has been growing beautifully less for several years, and his disappearance was only a matter of time, anyhow.

Old residents of Missouri will remember the old state warrants issued during the war. They were dangerously like the greenback issued by the government, and were a source of considerable amusement as well as of trouble long after they ceased to be worth anything.

"Say, you gave me a phony bill!" said the train boy. "What is that?" asked the passenger.

"A counterfeit, a spurious bill." "I guess not," drawled the passenger. "Pap got it in a box trade during the war, an' he's had it ever since until he gave it to me to go down to St. Louis with."

"Well, you'll have to make it good," said the train boy. "Is that so?" said the passenger, arising in his seat. "Well, how about the change you gave me? It was short about \$3.30. You tried to beat me and got left. I'm willing to compromise with you, however. I'll give you all your change back except \$3.30 and you give me back the bill. Instead of your working me for \$3.30 I'll just work you for that amount."

The train boy tried to bluff the passenger, but it was no go, so he accepted the compromise. A week later a passenger stopped him and said: "I'll buy another 'Life of Jesse James' if you'll accept this bill and give me the right change."

The train boy started, looked at the passenger and then smiled a sickly smile. He recognized not only the verdant young man of the previous acquaintance, but also recognized one of the smoothest detectives that ever worked St. Joseph for Pinkerton.

MUD SAVES LONDON LIVES.

Mortality Rate in the English Metropolis is Decreased in Seasons of Filtth.

In London it was noticed that when the streets were muddy there was a marked diminution of diseases that were prevalent when dust is blowing. Bowel troubles are plentiful when people are compelled to inhale dust. Consumption, too, often gets its start from dust. Other illnesses almost equally grave, follow from the breathing of flying particles of filth.

And as the lights flared up to a violin accompaniment the young man discovered why he had missed Jessie's ring. It was another girl.

It will thus be apparent that there is a bright side to mud, and henceforth all but the most fastidious will revel in muddy streets. Many physicians may advise their more weakly patients to go abroad in search of exercise only when the roads are muddy. Rich men may be looked for to have special mud plots somewhere on their grounds, while sanitarians may be expected to advertise that all the walks about their buildings are so constantly attended to that mud is guaranteed every day in the year.

Mud baths have long been utilized, and mud would seem certain to become one of the great curative agents of the near future. Yet wise medics are learning nothing that has not been known for ages to mothers of large families in rural districts, where "playing in the mud" has always been known as the children's healthiest pastime.

The Real Thing.

The Suitor—Here, on my knees, I place this ring upon your finger. My love goes out to you. The Coquette—But how do I know it is genuine? "My love is as genuine as the blash on your cheek." "Rather the love! I mean the ring." —Chicago Daily News.