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Dr. Conan Doyle is busily engaged writing a play, with Sherlock Holmes for the hero.

J. M. Barrie, the popular playwright, has been receiving from \$2000 to \$2500 a week ever since "The Little Minister" began to draw crowded houses in London and New York.

The list of "fifty best books" published in 1897 and suitable for a village library has been selected by the librarians of the State of New York.

Mr. Blackmore barely gets on the list, with one vote to spare. DuMaurier, Besant, and Sienkiewicz are also conspicuous by their absence.

To Americans is Gladstone endeared as are few characters beyond the sea. No subject of a foreign realm, perhaps, has so frequently, and with such generosity as he, spoken in admiration of the American nation.

pears that the two cardinal aims we ought to keep in view in the whole discussion of this question are, first, peace and a thoroughly cordial understanding with America; and, second, the honor and fame of England.

TO OUR DEPARTED HEROES. A POEM WRITTEN FOR DECORATION DAY, MAY 30, 1888, BY DR. J. HAMER.

As orbs that need no borrowed rays, Shining through their own splendor, So deeds proclaim our heroes' praise;

That was not to uphold some Napoleon's power, Nor for an Alexander's vain ambition, They held out to the latest hour, Until the plant of freedom grew to full fruition,

Performing their feat, Through slavery's defeat; Therefore from our hands 'tis met The flag of freedom o'er their graves should wave.

That from memory should perish; And that the nation now should cease, With gratitude their deeds to cherish.

What civil war ever befell in a united Republic? The Roman civil war and that in England ended in a Monarchy.

THE SOLDIER'S RETURN I had a letter from Sin the other day, asking me on the 30th to help decorate the grave of Absalom Fox.

Maybe I better tell you something about Sin, and Absalom, and how his grave, all alone out there among the sugar trees, comes to be decorated.

Nearly all my earliest recollections run parallel with events connected with the war. There was strife in the air; the senses were set to martial measure; the music was that which drum and fife could interpret; the poetry was of the strident order; orations dealt in "war clouds," "armed hosts" and heroics generally.

Along late in October came a letter signed Absalom Fox. I remember we were digging potatoes one day, and the work was cruelly hard, when Bob came home from town in a neighbor's wagon and handed the yellow envelope to mother.

My father was away there somewhere, but since the battle of Look-out Mountain we had not heard from him, and that awful waiting which was almost worse than the certainty of death tortured our long day. There were three boys of us, and the oldest was not strong enough for the work we had to do, while the younger ones, condemned to labor in summer to escape want in winter, would have been better engaged with toys and playtime.

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Stock shivered at the point of starvation, and fires seemed to have lost their powers of heating. We had heard no more from the South, but we watched the papers whenever those lists of exchanges appeared. And at last we saw, while evergreens were marking yule in happy homes, that ours—still happier—would soon be blest.

Holiday week was the lowest deep of cold. We watched through frost-coated windows day after day the snow-choked road to the town. But the year went out and our shadow had not lifted.

Just at midnight I heard voices in the house. Mother and Sin were up and dressing hurriedly. Bob stumped down and shouted as he closed the door. Above my excitement I remembered I was cold. Sin heaped wood on the fire and then I followed mother to the road.

The night was very still and I could hear them presently. There were words of encouragement, sounds of weeping. Sin's shrill falsetto and Bob's loud laugh of cheer.

They came through the awful cold at last—our people and two strange men. And they propped them about the fire and warmed them with food and brought us children out—and the stranger man there was our father.

And the other was Absalom Fox. How he managed to quit his service I never knew; but quit he did. And he brought his prisoner home through that polar cold, keeping him, encouraging him, lying to him a thousand times to fill the failing limbs with strength. And then, when his task was done, he showed how utterly it had spent him.

Native of a warmer clime, grateful to my father for a service before captivity began, he had braved the winter to pay his debt. And with it he paid his debt to nature. For as the spring came, he turned his face to the wall and ceased his breathing.

They made him a grave in the maple woods, where winter's chill and spring's most generous warming met in a tide like his noble service, and placed at his head a stone which told his soldier record.

Sin has the farm now—Sin and Bob Elliott, and every year they decorate that grave and send us a reminder of the swinging seasons. We are scattered these years. Father has gone to an army which always claimed him, fighting his way through a foe that could not frighten him, and on those better heights his life is joined—eternally, as I believe—with that of the woman who bore her burdens and his while war was raging.

We are scattered, but never a May has passed but we meet at the farmhouse and place a wreath on the stone—gray now as its soldier's uniform—of the man who brought sunshine into the midst of our dismal winter.

A QUEER NEW ENGLAND BETROTHAL. Hawthorne found romance on the shores of old New England, and there is a good deal of it unmined in the modern life of the Yankees.

The following story of love and marriage, strange as it may seem, is known to the writer to be true: Years ago a summer boarder at a cottage on a point of land which formed the protecting arm of the harbor of a fishing town in Massachusetts was shown a girl baby only a few months old. He looked at the babe and admired; then he said to the mother:

"Will you give me that babe for my wife?" The mother had known the young man for several summers; she liked him, and therefore answered promptly, "Yes."

"Will you promise never to tell her that you have selected me as her husband?" "Yes."

The conditions of the singular betrothal were observed. The girl baby grew up, and summer after summer the young man courted her. When she was 18 he married her, and not till then did she know that she had been betrothed to her husband while in her cradle. Can old romance be more romantic than this story of a New England fishing town?—Youth's Companion.

TO STRENGTHEN THE MEMORY. After reading a book or an article or an item of information from any reliable source, before turning your attention to other things, give two or three minutes' quiet thought to the subject that has just been presented to your mind; see how much you can remember concerning it, and, if there were any new ideas, instructive facts, or hints of especial

interest that impressed you as you read, force yourself to recall them. It may be a little troublesome at first until your mind gets under control, and learns to obey your will, but the very effort to think it all out will engrave the facts deeply upon your memory—so deeply that they will not be effaced by the rushing in of a new and different set of ideas; whereas, if the matter be given no further consideration at all, the impressions you have received will fade away so entirely that within a few weeks you will be totally unable to remember more than a dim outline of them.

A KISSING EPIDEMIC. THE HISTORY, ROMANCE AND PATHOLOGY OF OSCULATION.

It was thought worth while the other day to telegraph from Atlanta, Ga., that there was an epidemic of kissing in that town, and that a leading society woman of the place was alarmed about it. This reminds me of the fact that kissing has attracted a great deal of attention of late. It has been analyzed and investigated, both from a sociological and physiological standpoint. There have been discussions both as to its good taste and propriety, as to the occasions when it may properly and decorously be indulged in, and even its hygienic aspects have received considerable attention; while we have been urged to refrain from indulgence therein on the ground that some people are in the habit of carrying around a colony of dangerous microbes on their lips, which will seize the occasion to transfer their habitation from the kisser to kissee, to the great damage of the latter. There have been anti-kissing societies, and earnest pamphlets have been written and circulated to discourage osculation as a dangerous, foolish, frivolous and undignified practice. We will venture to say, however, that those who wrote and circulated them were of what are described as "of a certain age," who, in a catalogue of the kissable inhabitants, would be left out, for in all of our experience we do not remember to have known a being who was still in what would be regarded as the stage of kissableness who objected to it at all in the abstract, and seldom in the concrete.

The inventor of kissing is not known. Milton tells us that Adam started the ball rolling by kissing Eve as soon as he was introduced to her. We may well believe it, since all the pictures which we have of Eve show her to have been a very kissable piece of femininity. We have never heard that anyone was disposed to blame Adam, and, besides that, he was a very young man at the time, being somewhat less than a week old. If, however, it is true that Adam is the originator of this form of greeting, it is strange that the habit has not been followed by all his descendants, for there are people who do not kiss. The circumstance, too, would appear to contradict the theory that it is a natural habit rather than an artificial or acquired one. It will be seen, therefore, that much hinges on this question as to the accuracy of Milton's information about Adam, for if he kissed Eve when he first met her it must have been from natural impulse, since he had no example or precedent in that line to go by. But if that be true, how is it possible that the impulse has died out in some people, and that there are whole nations to whom this form of expression is unknown and whose mouths never meet in friendly or loving osculation?

The truth is, we are at a loss, on account of the fact that there is no complete or authentic history on the subject. The kissing of Adam and Eve, as described by Milton, was of the paroxysmal variety. It was of the warm, thrilling, enrapturing kind, without which no love is complete, but we fail to find any evidence relating to it in the figures and inscriptions on the old monuments which have been unearthed and deciphered by modern archaeologists; while the kissing of the Bible is of the cold and formal variety—a sort of a pious greeting, rather than the ardent discharge of pent-up affection. It appears to have been much the same as that osculation of the great toe of the marble effigy of St. Peter in the great church at Rome. Recently some semi-scientific persons have taken it upon themselves to explain the operation from their standpoint. They tell us that the contact of the lips excite to activity certain nerves which convey an impression to the brain, which in turn sends a message to other nerves; that certain muscles are given commands, and that, as a result, a pleasurable

thrill is experienced akin to that produced by sparkling wine. They have even conducted experiments to test the degree of exhaustion produced by continuous kissing, and have given us statistics as to the number of kisses that will produce exhaustion and cause what at first was pleasurable to become tiresome and disgusting. It appears that 150 kisses is about the limit, which contradicts the expression so frequently used in novels about lovers raining kisses upon the object of their affection, since 150 drops would hardly be entitled to be called a rain in any climate. It will be seen that we really do not know enough about it to judge whether the fears of the Atlanta woman are well grounded or whether there is really an epidemic in that town, or only an unusual number of sporadic cases due perhaps to an overproduction of kissable girls or to changes in the moon. If it be really epidemic, that would be strong ground in support of a theory that it is the work of the all-prevailing microbe, and it will start scientists on a new quest.—Pittsburg Times.

ALPHABET OF PROVERBS. A grain of produce is worth a pound of craft. Boasters are cousins to liars. Confession of a fault makes half amends. Denying a fault doubles it. Envy shoots at others and wounds herself. Foolish fear doubles danger. God teaches us good things by our own hands. He has hard work who has nothing to do. It costs more to revenge wrongs than to suffer them. Knavery is the worst trade. Learning makes a man fit company for himself. Modesty is a guard to virtue. Not to hear conscience is the way to silence it. One hour to-day is worth two to-morrow. Prond looks makes foul work in fair faces. Quiet conscience is quiet sleep. Richest is he that wants least. Small faults indulged are little thieves that let in greater ones. The boughs that bear most hang lowest. Upright walking is sure walking. Virtue and happiness are mother and daughter. Wise men make opportunities more than they find. You never lose by doing a good act. Zeal without knowledge is fire without light.

NO CHANCE FOR DENIAL. Mr. Topnoody and his wife were warmly discussing the woman question Wednesday evening after tea, and Mr. Topnoody was defending the men.

"Don't you think, my dear, men have some rights?" he asked. "They have about all there are in the market, I think."

"You talk as though women should have everything and were perfect. Can't they make mistakes the same as men do?" "Oh, yes; they can make fools of themselves sometimes."

"You don't mean it? I'm surprised that you would acknowledge it, my dear, after what you said."

"Well, I do acknowledge it, and will go further and say that I have done as much myself."

"Ha, ha," laughed, Topnoody, "you of all the women to say that! I'd like to ask, my dear, wherein you ever made such a fool of yourself as to own up to it?"

"You needn't laugh, Topnoody. I did it when I married you, and I've had it thrown at me forty times, and I ain't in a position to deny it successfully either."

Topnoody stopped laughing.—The Drummer.

THERE IS A HEREAFTER. Here is a little pointer for those whose conduct conveys the impression they think there is no hereafter.

The late lamented Bill Nye once said: "Do not attempt to cheat an editor out of a year's subscription to his paper, or any other sum. Cheat the minister, cheat anybody and everybody, but if you have any regard for the future consequences, don't fool the editor. You will be put up for office some time, or want some public favor for yourself or friends, and when luck is a thing of beauty, a joy forever, the editor will open upon you, and knock your castles into a cocked hat at the first fire. He'll subdue you, and then you'll cuss your stupidity for a driving idiot, go hire some man to knock you down and kick you for

falling." The country newspaper publisher toils every day to make his paper interesting, mentally and mechanically—that's labor; once in a while a patron comes in and pays a subscription—that's capital; occasionally one moves off without paying and has his postmaster send a card to say the paper is refused—that's stealing.—Press and Printer.

HAUNTED POLICEMEN. AN ANCIENT GHOST THAT MONTHLY VISITS THE CHICAGO PEELERS.

The Thirteenth precinct police station at Grand Crossing is said to be ghost-ridden.

If the statements of a dozen policemen of varying rank are to be believed, a spook has selected this precinct for periodical visits. Because of these visits consternation exists among the men, and several cannot be induced to spend a night in the squad room of the station. Some even refuse at those times when the ghostly visitor is expected to enter the upstairs apartments at all after dark.

It was nearly a year ago that the apparition, which is described as a gray haired man with covered face and flowing garments, first appeared. Since then he has been seen or heard by many, to their evident discomfort. At the time of the first visit Sergeant William Clancy, since transferred to the stock yards district, was seated at his desk at midnight reading when a shadowy form brushed past, touching his cheek as it went, and vanished up the stairs, leading to the men's sleeping room. Clancy glanced up hurriedly and was almost petrified with astonishment at what he saw. There, leisurely mounting the stairs, was the dim outline of an old man, whose foot-falls were noiseless. In another moment he had disappeared.

The sergeant's impulse was to call some of the men. While he debated the door was thrown open and Patrolman Martin Murphy came hastily down the stairs. To the sergeant's inquiry as to what was the matter Murphy said some of the boys were playing tricks on him, and as he could not detect the guilty one he concluded he would sit up and smoke.

Clancy asked Murphy if he had "seen anything?" The latter said he had not, but that some one pulled the covers off his bed. The sergeant then related what he believed he had seen a few moments before, and added that perhaps it was not one of the men, but a ghost that had taken liberties with the bed clothes.

A month later Night Operator David Lyon looked up from the report he was busied upon between the hours of 12 and 1 and saw what he supposed was an old man fit by his door. He gave it no special thought until Old Jim, the mastiff kept in the stables in the rear of the station, began to bark dismally. He then laid aside his pen and stepped into the office. There a sight met his eyes that made his heart stand still. Climbing the stairs with noiseless tread was an old man with white locks and shadowy garments, through which could be seen the wall beyond. Lyons saw the form disappear behind the closed door. While all this was transpiring at the station Patrolmen Tim Donovan and Charles Henderson were walking their beats a few blocks distant. The men had just separated, when suddenly Henderson noticed a man seated on a white horse. There was something uncanny in the sight. Henderson called to Donovan, and the latter came running. The two stood and gazed at the phantom horse and rider. As the policeman looked the horse began to move away. As the rider retreated the two men followed. But though the former seemed to use no attempt at flight, the horse rapidly drew away from pursuit. As the horseman reached eighty-second street and Chauncey avenue Donovan found words to hail him. "Hold on," he cried, "we want to see you." Horse and rider vanished. There was no hiding place possible, neither lane, nor clump of trees nor open door.

Since that night regular visits have been made each month by the strange being. These visits invariably occur between the 1st and 5th of the month. The figure has been seen by the Desk Sergeant George Charles, by Sergeant John Duffy, who has been awakened twice by the bony hands of the gray man stroking his face as he slept in the squad room. Duffy will no longer sleep in the room for fear of another visit. Martin Murphy is another who refuses to occupy his bed upstairs. The latter has been in all seven encounters with the mysterious stranger. Although one of the bravest men on the force, he cannot be prevailed upon to enter the squad room upstairs after 1 o'clock in the morning.—Chicago Times-Herald.



Up to this time the estimates and appropriations already made on account of the war aggregate \$295,210,840.

We have Brother Dambly's word for it, and quite a number of recollections of our own in addition thereto, that: "By experience men learn. That Brother Dambly will be a political philosopher yet, we may all safely bet.

WILLIAM E. GLADSTONE, the great ex-Premier and English statesman, died at Hawarden, England, Thursday morning, in his 89th year. He was four times Prime Minister of England and took a most conspicuous part in helping to make a century's history for Great Britain.

EDWARD BELLAMY, author and humanitarian, died of consumption Sunday morning at his home in Chicopee Falls, Mass., aged 49 years. His most prominent work was the book "Looking Backward" over 400,000 copies of which were sold in this country and abroad.

The State Capitol Commission has unanimously invited A. K. McClure, of Philadelphia, to deliver the oration at the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of the new Capitol building at Harrisburg, and he responded with an acceptance. A very wise selection.

In some effectual plan could be devised whereby gambling swindlers in food products could be jumped on and severely dealt with by process of law, many millions of people to-day would be paying less hard-earned money for food, particularly flour and bread. While war is on the gamblers of the country will reap a rich harvest; they want no better pretext for swindling the people.

RETURNS from the several counties in which Republican primaries were held on Saturday night show that the Quay followers won victories in Centre, Tioga, Fayette, Clinton, Schuylkill, Westmoreland, Mifflin, Perry and Montour counties. Information from Lancaster county, a former Quay stronghold, indicates that at least five of the twelve delegates will refuse to vote for Colonel Stone for Governor. It is said that they will favor the nomination of Auditor General Gregg for Governor. The coming Republican State Convention will be an unusually interesting event in Pennsylvania politics, and we believe that the name of the nominee for Governor will not be William A. Stone.

From the last issue of Dun's Review: Growing accustomed to war possibilities, which are mostly far from probabilities of evil, and finding the nation moving along steadily in its industries, people are grasping the idea that it is throwing away some months of active and profitable life to wait until war clouds have passed. Western prosperity has so greatly overbalanced timidity of eastern capital that actual business done increases; railroad earnings promise better for May than a month ago for April, and payments through clearing houses for the week in May show a gain of 36.0 per cent. over last year, and 7.5 per cent. over 1892, while a month ago the increase over last year was 33.6, and compared with 1892 there was a decrease of 7.2 per cent.

At the Prohibition State Convention held at Harrisburg, Friday, the following ticket was framed: For Governor—Dr. Silas C. Swallow, of Dauphin county; Lieutenant Governor, E. D. Nichols, of Wilkes-Barre; Secretary of Internal Affairs, Sterling W. Dickson, of Berwick, Columbia county; Judge of the Superior Court, Lewis D. Vail, of Philadelphia; Congressmen—At-Large, Geo. H. Garber, of Pittsburg, and P. E. Sharpless, of Delaware county. The platform adopted stigmatizes the legalized traffic in liquors as a public nuisance, a great source of corruption, producing crime, pauperism and unjust taxation. The platform also declares that "the late Legislature and the present State administration will go into the history of the Commonwealth as the most reckless, incompetent, extravagant and venal that has ever disgraced the fair name of our State." The present political oligarchy, which dominates and controls in all legislative and official affairs in the State, is classed "as

WAR NEWS IN BRIEF :

WASHINGTON, May 19.—Secretary Long gave out the welcome information yesterday that the battleship Oregon, the second largest craft in the American Navy, had successfully completed her long trip from San Francisco, making the entire circuit of the North America, and was now safe.

Commodore Dewey has cabled the Navy Department that the situation at Manila is unchanged. Strict blockade continued. Great scarcity of provisions. Foreign subjects fear an outbreak of the Spanish soldiers, and they will be transferred to Cavite by the foreign men-of-war in the harbor.

KEY WEST, Fla., May 24.—The movements of the United States fleet which are known here make it absolutely certain no battle has yet occurred, but an engagement is expected to take place this week. Every preparation has been made by the United States naval authorities for destroying the Spanish fleet which is known to be off the Island of Cuba. All signs point to a decisive battle this week.

The movements of the American fleets are to be kept absolutely secret, and the Navy Department does not expect news until a battle has been fought.

If the Spanish fleet succeeds in eluding Sampson or Schley much longer the Cuban army of invasion will be moved, notwithstanding the presence of a hostile naval force in Cuban waters.

It was stated at the War Department that General Merritt will have by the first of July a force of 40,000 troops under his command at Manila.

It is known at Washington that Rome, Vienna and Berlin are exerting pressure to have Spain make a move to end the war. Proclamations of neutrality have been issued by Russia, Greece, Venezuela, the Netherlands and Canada.

Two transport ships left San Francisco for Manila yesterday with regular troops, an Oregon regiment and an artillery battalion on board.

Rumors of a battle off Mole St. Nicholas are still current in London, but are denied from Washington.

dangerously detrimental to the principles upon which our government was established."

The United States Supreme Court, Monday, decided convictions under the oleomargarine laws of Pennsylvania and New Hampshire to be invalid, thus holding the laws unconstitutional. The findings of the Court were results of an appeal taken by the firm of Paul Brothers, from the judgment rendered in the lower court of Philadelphia.

The foregoing decision of the Supreme Court of the nation will not materially affect the manufacture and sale of good dairy and creamery butter. The artificial article will have to be sold as oleomargarine and the law in this respect should be rigidly enforced. So long as it cannot be demonstrated that oleomargarine is injurious to the health of consumers no law can be in justice framed to prevent its manufacture, but the dealer who attempts to sell the artificial product for the genuine article should be, and justly so, summarily dealt with.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 20, 1898.—That Cape Verde Spanish fleet is now in American waters sure enough, but instead of coming to fight it appears to have come to dodge around and avoid a fight; to try to carry aid to General Blanco, who is known to be in want of supplies, especially ammunitions, and to stave off the invasion of Cuba by an American army. Up to this time it has succeeded in dodging all right, and, owing to the superior speed of its vessels, it is feared that it may continue to do so for awhile longer. But it has not succeeded in aiding Blanco, and both President McKinley and Secretary Long are confident that it can not do so, unless it fights and defeats one of our big fleets, and that is not regarded as even among the possibilities. Its arrival in American waters did temporarily stave off the invasion of Cuba, but its presence will not continue to do so. The plans for the invasion were suspended because it was deemed wise to wait until after the big naval fight which the Spanish were supposed to be seeking had taken place, but now that it is known that no fight is being sought by the Spanish fleet, those plans are to be carried out. Meanwhile our fleets will seek the Spanish fleet and destroy it, if they can catch it.

This government is now acting upon the old saying, "You must fight the devil with fire." In other words it is doing what the Spaniards have done from the first—concealing the movements of its army and navy, and throwing the enemy off the scent by allowing misleading news to be published. While this new policy of the government is hard upon its news gatherers, there are no two opinions about its being the correct way to conduct a war. Until this policy was adopted our newspapers had furnished the Spaniards advance notice of every movement that was to be made by this government.

This week's staff appointments from civil life include the following scions of well-known families: Stewart M. Brice, son of ex-Senator Bric; Seth M. Milliken, son of the late Representative Milliken; Geo. S. Hobart, son of the Vice President; William J. Sewall, son of Senator Sewall, who declined a major general's commission because

base currency once introduced would stay with us and impair the credit and working efficiency of the Government to the end.

The demand for free coinage of silver, or for additional issues of Treasury notes, which could not be redeemed on presentation, is, therefore, nothing short of treason to the United States; and no other act could give so much aid and comfort to the enemy.

STATE ITEMS.

A railroad brotherhood meeting will be held in Pittston next Sunday, and it is expected that hundreds of railroad men from points between Buffalo and New York city, will be present.

At a gathering of Lutherans held at Packerton a Sunday school was organized with 100 members.

John Eichhoff, a carpenter, while at work on the construction of a building at Mauch Chunk Tuesday, fell to the ground and expired instantly from heart failure.

At a public meeting at Strasburg, Lancaster county, \$14,52 was collected for the Maine Memorial Monument Fund.

Miss Eliza A. Smith, of Lancaster, has donated a lot 80 by 100 feet, in that city, as a site for a mission chapel for the Moravian Church.

THE WANE OF DINGLEYISM.

With a balance of trade in our favor of \$600,000,000 for the current fiscal year—for that is about the sum by which the exports will exceed the imports this year—the financial situation of this country should be of the best, as it undoubtedly is everywhere except in the Federal Treasury where large receipts are needed most. Dingley's bill seemed to candid observers when it was first passed to have been designed chiefly to discourage imports and prevent the collection of customs duties, and in this direction it has proved a magnificent success.

That Anglo-American alliance, which so many people believe will be an accomplished fact in the near future, has been very much at the front this week, owing to the speech of Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, a member of the English Cabinet, which seems to have created a sensation among the European governments. Although there is reason to believe that European politics figured in the making of the speech, it has been received with great cordiality in Washington. Neither the President nor any member of his Cabinet would allow themselves to be quoted for publication on such a matter, but it is known that they were much pleased with Mr. Chamberlain's speech; also, that they regard it as an important factor in making any European government that feels disposed to give Spain more than a timid moral support see the wisdom of not going further.

In Congress there have been many expressions of pleasure because of the latest sign of the increase of friendliness between the great English speaking nations, would be closer yet. Whether anything like an alliance between the two countries is to come out of the present situation is more than anybody can tell at this time, much will depend upon circumstances, but that a warmer feeling exists in the United States towards England to-day than at any time since the independence of this country is apparent to even the most casual observer.

Cuba will soon be cut off from cable communication with the world, except through the two cables of the United States, and they are under government supervision, orders have been issued to cut all the others.

The men of Admiral Dewey's squadron will receive about \$200,000 premium money, under the law that authorizes the payment of \$100 for each man on an enemy's warship destroyed in action.

The Senate is leisurely discussing the amended war revenue bill, but there is no sign of an early vote. Some think the bill is being intentionally delayed, to see what chance there is of an early end to the war.

WORST OF TREASONS.

From the Portland Oregonian. What the Populists and silverites of the Senate want is to compel conditions under which the money now furnished the Government, at gold value, may be repaid, later on, with money of less value. In other words, that gold value obligations may be paid at some time in the future with silver value money, or with paper not redeemable in anything. This is the reason why the Senate is "holding up" the measures necessary to supply the Treasury with money for the war.

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Mrs. Jennie Rennie of Utigli, N. Y., had been sick for a year or more with overwork of the gall and ulcers of the stomach. Her physician told her she could not live. Mrs. Rennie's mother had found such benefit from the use of Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy, that she persuaded her daughter to use it, which she did, with the result that it cured her of these diseases, and she says she was never as well as now.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

CORN PLANTING.

Before planting the corn crop be careful to have the land worked as fine as possible. Many farmers are satisfied to plow the corn land, harrow it and plant the seed, trusting to the corn roots to spread and increase, as the corn is a gross feeder, but while corn may thrive under such conditions yet an increased yield over the average can only be obtained when the ground is made as fine as that of a garden, as then the feeding capacity of the roots is increased and a larger available supply of plant food can be obtained.

POINTS IN SPRAYING.

When to spray apple trees depends on the purposes desired. Use Bordeaux mixture when the buds are swelling and if canker worms are abundant spray also when the blossoms are about to open. After the blossoms fall spray again with Bordeaux mixture and also Paris green, repeating both applications a week or ten days later. In about ten days or two weeks another application may be made of Bordeaux mixture. These remedies or preventatives are for scab, bud moth, codling moth, tent caterpillar, curculis, and canker worm.

TO DESTROY WEEDS.

The easiest and best way to destroy all kinds of weeds is when they are just beginning to appear above the ground, as even a slight stirring of the soil will then seriously cripple them in growth or destroy them. If weeds are permitted to grow, however, they make excellent green material for plowing under, but while they may nearly reach maturity before being thus utilized, under no circumstances must they be permitted to produce seed. If no weeds are allowed to scatter seeds it will be but a few years later the farm will be entirely clear of them. It will pay the farmer, however, to keep weeds down by stirring the top soil when the weeds are young.

VARIETIES OF CORN.

Every year new varieties of seed corn are offered which are claimed will give extraordinary yields. Farmers should hesitate before investing in new seed corn, except with a small quantity for experimental purposes. Corn produces only when the climatic conditions are favorable, and varieties that flourish south of this section may fail when brought north. Frequently, when the frost has appeared late in spring, and delayed planting, an early maturing variety may be required, as an early frost in the fall of the year may destroy a variety that requires plenty of time for maturing its seed. Do not abandon the old and tried varieties until experiment demonstrates that newer kinds are much better.

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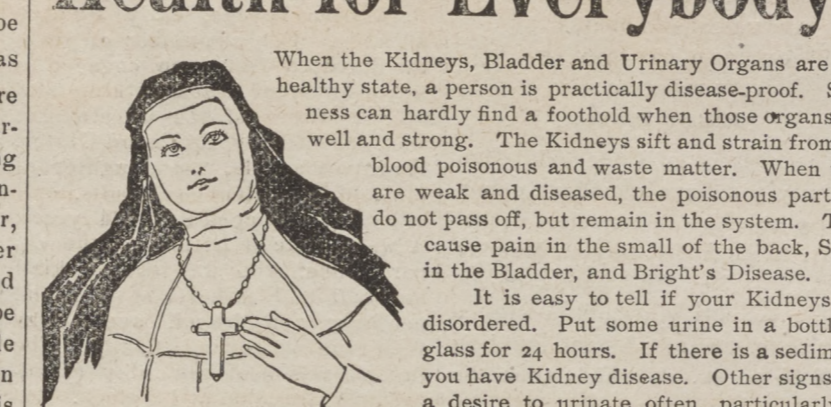
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REGISTER'S NOTICE MONTGOMERY COUNTY. NORRISTOWN, May 7, 1898.

All persons concerned, either as heirs, creditors or otherwise, are hereby notified that the accounts of the following named persons have been allowed and filed in my office on the date to each separately annexed, and the same will be presented to the Orphans' Court for final settlement on MONDAY, the 6th day of June, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m., for confirmation of said estate and place they may attend if at which time proper.

ALDERFER—April 4—First and final account of James R. Welke, guardian of the estate of John H. Alderfer, late of Perkiomen township, deceased.

ALDERFER—May 7—First and final account of Abram B. Alderfer, executor of the estate of Abraham S. Alderfer, late of Lower Salisbury township, deceased.

ALDERFER—April 27—First and final account of George Metz, guardian of Mary Jane and Irvin Alderfer, children of John B. Alderfer, deceased.

ALDERFER—April 28—First and final account of Isaac Alderfer, late of Skipkapp township, deceased.

BREADY—February 23—First and final account of Samuel J. Garner, adm'r of the estate of Rachel F. Bready, late of Moreland township, deceased.

BURKE—March 1—Account of William F. Hartley, adm'r of Albert F. Burke, deceased.

BARD—March 21—First and final account of A. H. Hallman, guardian of Abraham Dora Bard, deceased, said minor being now attained his majority.

BRANT—April 30—First and final account of John Brant, executor of the estate of Rachel Brant, late of Pottsgrove township, deceased.

BURKE—May 6—First and final account of Samuel W. Burke, adm'r of the estate of Samuel H. Burke, late of Whiteshart township, deceased.

BAUM—May 7—First account of William S. Baum, executor of the estate of Henry Baum, late of Ambler, deceased.

BARNEY—May 7—First and final account of Henry S. Kien, adm'r of the estate of Barait, late of Upper Salisbury township, deceased.

BOWMAN—See LOBB—April 14—First and final account of the Albertson Trust and Safe Deposit Company, guardian of the estate of John Bowman, deceased, a minor child of Benjamin Lobb, Jr., late of Norristown, deceased.

BEAN—April 21—First and final account of Mary Bean and Isaac L. Funk, adm'r of the estate of Harrison Bean, late of Upper Pottsgrove township, deceased.

BRUNNER—April 30—First and final account of Charles S. Brunner, adm'r of the estate of John C. Brunner, late of Franconia township, deceased.

BERLY—April 27—First account of Mary A. Ramsey, ex'trix of the estate of John B. Berly, late of Whiteshart township, deceased.

CHRISTMAN—February 11—First and final account of Peter Christman and James H. Christman, executors of the estate of Eliza Christman, late of Pottsgrove township, deceased.

CRAWFORD—April 17—Final account of the Provident Life and Trust Company, Philadelphia, guardian of Annie Elizabeth Crawford, John Y. Crawford and Andrew W. Crawford, late minor children of John Y. Crawford, deceased.

CONWELL—March 17—Final account of William M. Haey, trustee of the estate of William M. Haey, late of Moorestown, deceased.

CHARLES—May 7—First and final account of Henry F. Charles and William F. Charles, adm'r of the estate of Samuel M. Charles, late of Norristown, deceased.

CORSON—May 7—Third and final account of John G. Mcatee, executor of the estate of Mary A. Corson, late of Whiteshart township, deceased.

CAMPBELL—April 16—First and final account of Patrick Sheridan, executor of the estate of Nancy Campbell, late of Bridgeport township, deceased.

CAMPBELL—April 16—Final account of Mary Ann Campbell and John S. Campbell, adm'r of the estate of Henry U. Campbell, late of Springfield township, deceased.

CAMPBELL—April 21—Account of Aaron Welke, adm'r of the estate of Robert Campbell, late of Lower Providence township, deceased.

CUSTER—April 27—First and partial account of Jacob D. Custer, Ursus D. Custer and David D. Custer, executors of the estate of David Custer, late of Worcester township, deceased.

DOTTREB—April 30—First and final account of Amanda Dottrebe, adm'r of the estate of Eliza G. Dottrebe, late of Pottstown, deceased.

DILLMAN—May 3—Second and partial account of John Dillman, executor of the estate of John Dillman, deceased.

DEWELER—May 3—First and final account of H. Deweler, a minor child of Abraham Z. Deweler, late of Worcester township, deceased; said minor having now arrived at the age of twenty-one years.

DAUER—May 6—First account of Mary F. Dauer, ex'trix of the estate of Irwin Dauer, late of the borough of Ambler, deceased.

EVANS—May 6—Account of George Evans, one of the executors of Eliza M. Evans, late of Pottstown, deceased.

EVANS—May 6—Estate of Josiah W. Evans, late of Pottstown, deceased. Final account filed by Montgomery Evans and Anora E. Tarrence, executors of Anna Evans, deceased, ex'trix of said decedent and by Montgomery Evans, adm'r of d. b. n. c. t. a. of said Josiah W. Evans, deceased.

EVANS—May 7—First and final account of Rebecca Evans, late of Limerick township, deceased.

EVANS—April 1—First and final account of Amos H. Paxson, adm'r of the estate of a minor child, guardian of Mary J. Freas, late of Whiteshart township, deceased; said minor having arrived at full age.

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