Washington Whisperings

Interesting Bits of News Gathered at the National Capital.

Capital Besieged by Relic Sellers

WASHINGTON.—The 60 and 75 horse-power millionaires that magnificently swell the population of the capital of the country innocently and indirectly make life a burden to their neighbors of a less estate. Money is an awful nuisance, don't you see, when it belongs to somebody else and not to you.

The trouble of it is that one's friends in the provinces ascribe even to the lowliest in Washington some occult power over the pursestrings of the resident plutocrats.

One is always being besieged by the indigent from the home districts to work some graft in their behalf upon the over-be-dollared denizens of the District of Columbia.

They write to you seductively: "You go out so much and know of so many rich people, I'm sure you'd have no difficulty in disposing for me, for a handsome sum, of two old claw-foot tables, a warming pan and a portrait by Sully of Great Grandfather Thingumbebub. I understand Senator Clark is a connoisseur. He'd likely esteem it a privilege to be allowed to purchase, and the interest on the mortgage is due and we need the money so." The multimillionaire Senator Clark during his incumbency was the prey at large of all the old junk vendors of the nation. The little bewhiskered gentleman was a shrewd and thrifty bargainer, however, and seldom fell a victim unwarily.

There isn't a senator or congressman in the entire catalogue who isn't persecuted by importunate constituents now and then to convert himself, in their interests, into a private rummage sale. There is a halcyon dream prevalent that Washington flows with milk and honey and crisp new paper dollars, and that the beneficiaries are eager to divide, for value received.

Hawkers of old objects, valuable either intrinsically or in only their owners' eyes, are among the afflictions prominent women have to bear. There's scarce a day that some decayed gentlewoman or her emissary isn't out peddling, in a deprecating way, some valued heirloom that it wrings her heart to part with. Family jewels are always on the market, old laces, books and objects d'art.

Uncle Sam Tells How to Make Pure Pies

PROGRESS made in food and drug inspection and legislation during 1907 is explained in detail in the year book of the department of agriculture, just issued. The book shows that methods of manufacture were studied by government experts and whenever possible assistance was given manufacturers in improving their methods. By means of sterilization it was found that various fruit and vegetable products can be preserved without the use of chemical preservatives. The experiments along this line resulted in new methods for the preservation of pie-filling articles and canned goods.

Extensive investigations as to the use of sulphur for drying fruit were made, resulting in the discovery of better methods for drying fruit and in disclosing the fact that molasses and syrup do not contain so much sulphur as has generally been supposed.

The study of the influence of cold storage on the value of food gained much headway. Among the more important studies of the methods of manufacture and preservation of foods and drugs were the bleached flour investigation, the lemon oil investigation, the whisky investigation and the investigation of nonfermented beverages alleged to contain cocaine or other objectionable drugs.

The experimental work of the bureau of chemistry, the enforcement of the federal food and drugs act, numerous investigations and the part played by various states in the enactment of laws regulating the manufacture and sale of foods are some of the subjects treated in the book. During the year, out of 44 legislatures which met, 40 enacted laws relating to the purity of foods.

The bureau of chemisty established ten additional branch laboratories throughout the country, where samples of food and drugs collected by inspectors under the direction of a chief inspector are sent. During last year 7,041 samples of foods and drugs were sent to these laboratories, resulting in 323 hearings and the transmittal of 12 criminal cases to the department of justice for prosecution. One of the greatest difficulties encountered was to secure a sufficient number of inspectors or chemists possessing the requisite training and experience in foods and drugs.

Japanese Diplomat Stops a Runaway

MR. MASANO HANIHARA, second secretary of the Japanese embassy and a social favorite of the diplomatic corps, was so severely injured from the result of his daring rescue of an American woman from a runaway horse that he may suffer the consequences for the remainder of his life. The Japanese diplomat was battered and bruised and had his foot so badly crushed by the horse's hoof that it will be months before it is healed. The rescue occurred some days ago.

Mr. Hanihara was walking along Rhode Island avenue on his way to the embassy and had started to cross the street when his attention was attracted by cries of "Look out!" by several persons in the vicinity. Turning he saw a horse drawing a light runabout with a young woman and a companion dashing toward him. The horse was plunging wildly from side to side, driving every one pell mell for shelter as it neared the spot where Mr. Hanihara stood. The young Japanese, who stands about five feet and is small in proportion, dodged out of the way, but no sooner had the horse come abreast of him than he made a leap for the bridle. The terrific speed of the enraged animal made him miss his hold and swung him under the horse's hoofs, but before he completely lost his hold he caught a grip on the bridle and swinging clear managed to climb on the horse's back and bring him to his knees. The animal regained his feet however, and by rearing, attempted to throw Mr. Hanihara from his back, but the diplomat tightened his grip gradually until the animal, snorting with pain, confessed itself vanquished.

When Mr. Hanihara reached the embassy he summoned his physician who found that the horse had trampled on his foot and crushed it badly. Treatment afforded little relief, as the bones were so badly bruised that an abcess formed and added considerable trouble. It is now feared that an operation may be necessary.

Social Incident Makes Society Smile

THE refusal of Minister and Mme. Gude to participate in the German led by William H. Taft will not produce a diplomatic incident between Norway and the United States. It cannot, because the United States has no official social functions and the squabbles about precedence never have anything more than an indirect effect upon diplomatic relations.

The minister created a great deal of talk among the many diplomatic officials in Washington, not because he had refused to participate, but because he allowed the hotel management to know why he refused.

The diplomatic view is that Minister Gude made an awful blunder in not recognizing the fact that Mr. Taft has a better chance, probably, of becoming president of the United States than any other man, and that in standing upon his undoubted right to demand first place or none he did the worst thing possible.

"What if it is his right and duty to say he will not walk behind a mere private citizen," said a minor diplomatic society man in discussing the incident. "What good will that do him when Mr. Taft is the president? Will the then president have forgotten that the minister said he would not dance with the German with him?"

It was tactless for M. Gude to even suggest his rights to a "pig of a maître de hotel," say the diplomats, because he should have known that the head man would tell the newspapers about it and in that way his refusal would come to the ears of Mr. Taft.

The only thing at all in favor of the minister is the fact that there is not a great deal of diplomatic business to transact between Norway and the United States and Mr. Taft is likely to be so busy for the first few months after he goes into office that he will forget there was such a man as Gude or that he ever declined to walk through the German behind the massive back of William Howard Taft.

The Wants of the Army.

The duke of Connaught is telling an amusing story of his recent visit of inspection to Egypt. While he was in Cairo he went for a stroll one morning, and on his way back to his quarters he came face to face with an old Englishman wearing the ribbon of the Indian mutiny on his breast. The duke stopped and spoke to the man about his military service for some little time.

Presently the man said, not knowing of course, to whom he was speaking: "Are you in the army yourself, then, sir?"

The duke smiled and admitted that he was.

"Getting on all right?" was the next question.

The duke smiled again and said that he had not very much to grumble at on the whole, though perhaps he was not doing quite so well as he could wish.

"No, and you never will, my boy," was the surprising retort of the veteran. "What you want in the army to-day is either brains or a tremendous amount of influence behind you You take my tip, old chap, and chuck it!"—Boston Herald.

BRAVE MEN HONORED.

Japan Raises Monument to Russians Killed at Port Arthur.

London.—The peaceful epilogue of a great military drama was given at Port Arthur recently when a curious picturesque and touching ceremony was performed. Through the initiative of Gen. Oshima, governor of Kwang-Tung, Japan has put up a collective monument to the remains of the Russian defenders slain in the siege of Port Arthur. "This measure serves two purposes," says "L'Illustration." "Many of the soldiers, in the first place, had a merely provisional burial. They were buried where they fell, and the place was marked by a cross of wood or uncarved stone.

Inauguration of Port Arthur Monument.

This made of Port Arthur a graveyard that was eloquent but not dignified. In the second place, the proverbial rapacity of the low class Chinese does not spare the poor remains of the dead. To steal a button from a tunic, the scabbard of a sword, if not rings, watches and other valuable objects, the thieves will dig up the corpses and profane them without the slightest compunction. Therefore, for convenience in guarding the graves, as well as for the honor due to the brave, the collective tomb was made and dedicated in the presence of mingled emissaries of the czar and the Japanese authorities."

Gen. Logi was delegated by the emperor of Japan to preside at the function. On his side the czar sent Gen. Gerugrao and Admiral Massevitch, as well as Gen. Tchitchakov, commandant of the troops of Harbin, and many officers and privates, all ex-soldiers of Port Arthur. The wounds and scars of conflict were still to be seen on them.

A PICTURESQUE PRINCESS.

Touring Country with Many Servants and Big Menagerie.

Washington.—Who is now touring this country, and who is quite the most picturesque personage who has visited our shores in many moons? She is at present sojourning in this city, and with her are three maids, by courtesy French; a first, a second and a third attache; a marshal, a courier, a butler, a chauffeur, and, for good measure, three or four other men servants. And that's not all. With her also is one small white, woolly dog, a

pair of Guinea pigs, badly in need of a hair cut; a couple of young wolves, an ibis, a falcon, several owls and a family of alligators. And that's not all. With her also are several drays of the gaudiest luggage that any hotel here has ever sheltered. It is all painted red, white and green, the Hungarian colors. The princess is a Hungarian by birth and Russian by marriage, but that did not last long. Like any American girl, she had to get rid of her Russian prince. The princess is said to be a painter of some note in Europe.

Powerful Channel Bass.

Among the fishes at the aquarium likely to catch the eye of one strolling along the banks is an alert and vigorous channel bass about three feet long and weighing probably about 30 pounds. This big fish comes up, head to the front, and balances itself in the water, facing the spectator, and then it swings its tail like throwing over a rudder and sheers off and goes sailing around the tank, an embodiment of strength and power.—New York Sun.

More About It.

Hamlet had just discovered that something in the state of Denmark was in an advanced stage of decay.

"Or else," he said, "it's the stock yards' odor."

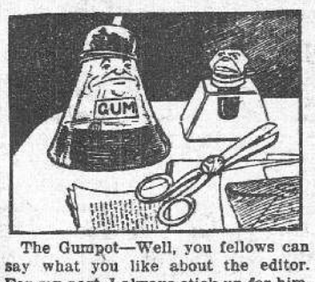
Seeing no way to escape it, he subsequently provoked a fight with Laertes, and died willingly.—Chicago Tribune.

His Two Weights.

Jones—What do you think young Chumpley weighs?

Brown—About 200 pounds on the scales and about ten ounces in the community.—Half Holiday.

A GOOD OLD FRIEND.



The Gumpot—Well, you fellows can say what you like about the editor. For my part, I always stick up for him.

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"I had an itching, tormenting eczema ever since I came into the world, and I am now a man 55 years old. I tried all kinds of medicines I heard of, but found no relief. I was truly in a frightful condition. At last I broke out all over with red and white boils, which kept growing until they were as big as walnuts, causing great pain and misery, but I kept from scratching as well as I could. I was so run down that I could hardly do my work. I used Cuticura Soap, Ointment, Resolvent, and Pills for about eight months, and I can truthfully say I am cured. Hale Bordwell, Tipton, Ia., Aug. 17, 1907."

"I cheerfully endorse the above testimonial. It is the truth. I know Mr. Bordwell and know the condition he was in. Nelson R. Burnett, Tipton, Ia."

Progress.

"Yes," said Mrs. Malaprop, "my boy is doing first-rate at school. I sent him to one o' them alimentary schools, and his teacher says he's doing fine. He's a first-class sculler, they tell me, and is head of his class in gastronomy, knows his letters by sight, and can spell like one o' these deformed spellers down to Washington."

"What's he going to be when he grows up?"

"He wants to be an undertaker, and I'm declined to humor him, so I've told the confessor to pay special intention to the dead languages," said the proud mother.—Harper's.

What a Poultry Man Says About 20-Mule Team Borax.

As I am in the poultry business, I had ten white chicks to wash and prepare for a show. I used "20-Mule Team" Soap for washing the birds, and I can say from years of experience washing white birds, never before have I found a soap or Borax that cleaned my birds so fine and easy. I had a great deal of comment on my birds being so white. J. A. Dinwiddie, New Market, Tenn. All dealers—½, 1 and 5 lb. cartons. Sample and booklet, 5c. Pacific Coast Borax Co., Chicago.

Sewing Room Vaudeville.

"It's nip and tuck with me," said the Sewing Machine, "though I often strike the seamy side."

"I do something of a reel," announced the Spool Cotton.

"I have a good eye for the thread of a plot," complacently declared the Needle.

"I gather interest as I go along," boasted the Ruffler.

"I do a pretty smooth turn in my cancan," modestly remarked the Oil.

"When I try to do anything," mournfully remarked the Eye, "I get the Hook."

Newspapers of the World.

There are 12,500 newspapers published in the United States; about 1,000 of them are published daily and 120 are managed, edited and published by negroes. In Asia there are 3,000 periodical publications, of which the greater part appear in British India and Japan; the latter country publishes 1,500 newspapers. Africa has only 200 newspapers, of which 30 are published in Egypt and the rest appear in the various European colonies.

Honesty No Bar to Fortune.

It is a mistaake to think that vast fortunes cannot be built up by honest methods. They can and often are. There are thousands of men among whose riches there does not mingle one particle of the sweat of unrequited toil, on whose crimson plush there is not one drop of the heart's blood of the needlewoman, whose lofty halls are the marble of industry, not the sinews and bone of the toiling masses.—Dr. Madison C. Peters.

FRIENDLY TIP

Restored Hope and Confidence.

After several years of indigestion and its attendant evil influence on the mind, it is not very surprising that one finally loses faith in things generally.

A N. Y. woman writes an interesting letter. She says:

"Three years ago I suffered from an attack of peritonitis which left me in a most miserable condition. For over two years I suffered from nervousness, weak heart, shortness of breath, could not sleep, etc.

"My appetite was ravenous, but I felt starved all the time. I had plenty of food but it did not nourish me because of intestinal indigestion. Medical treatment did not seem to help, I got discouraged, stopped medicine and did not care much whether I lived or died.

"One day a friend asked me why I didn't try Grape-Nuts, stop drinking coffee, and use Postum. I had lost faith in everything, but to please my friends I began to use both and soon became very fond of them.

"It wasn't long before I got some strength, felt a decided change in my system, hope sprang up in my heart and slowly but surely I got better. I could sleep very well, the constant craving for food ceased and I have better health now than before the attack of peritonitis.

"My husband and I are still using Grape-Nuts and Postum." "There's a Reason."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

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

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We knew a man once to put a $500.00 mortgage on his home to settle with his Doctor and then had to bury his child.

A bottle of Johnson's Tonic will cost just 50 cents and it will save your child's life.

Who does your thinking for you?

Yours very truly,
The Johnson's Chill and Fever Tonic Co.,
Savannah, Ga.

Her Reserved Seat.

It was raining and the car was sopping wet. Most of the passengers stood, but there are always exceptions.

One big pink man with a snowy beard defied rheumatism and wet cloth by plumping himself down on one of the drippy seats. His presumable wife, with a laughing explanation that she was tired, seated herself in his lap. And when the conductor came along to collect fares she inquired, with the earnestness of one who seeks knowledge:

"Do I have to pay extra for a reserved seat?"

The conductor spoke no words that could go resounding down the corridors of time. He just grinned, and the passengers grinned with him.

"Nails."

"Nails are a mighty good thing—particularly finger nails—but I don't believe they were intended solely for scratching—though I used mine largely for that purpose for several years. I was sorely affected and had it to do. One application of Hunt's Cure, however, relieved my itch and less than a box cured me entirely."

J. M. WARD, Index, Texas.

Just a Plain Commoner.

Royal names for hotels are sometimes the cause of peculiar misunderstandings. An aged farmer from the home county decided to make a visit to Toronto. It was the first time he had been at a city station and when a hotel crier hurried to him with the interrogation: "King Edward?" the newcomer simply smiled as he answered: "No sir—Thomas Cox of Eramosa."

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Malaria is easy to contract in some localities, and hard to get rid of—that is, if the proper remedy is not used. Cheatham's Chill Tonic frees any one from it promptly and thoroughly. It is guaranteed to cure any kind of Chills. One bottle or less will do it.

Like the London Variety.

"But can't we girls play in your game?" asked little Bessie.

"Naw, it's too rough," replied her brother Tommy. "Why, there will be fighting in it."

"Oh, that's all right. We can play that we are suffragettes."

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