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Naval Defects and Defection.

It will surprise no one who is observant and appreciative of the vagaries of technical opinion to learn that there is now difference of expert naval view concerning the wisdom of the recent order regarding the topmanger of battle ships.

This included machinery for lifting boats and an assortment of gearing which "cluttered" the main deck, adding to the weight carried by the battle ship and increasing the liability of disaster from the well-directed projectiles of an enemy.

This reduction of the topmanger was accomplished on most of the ships while they were at navy yards immediately following the return from the circumnavigating cruise.

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history in support of another view. Doubtless, it would do us good to read the history, and surely it would seem that we ought to diagram some of our merry quips and jests.

"Uncle Joe" in Baseball. Heretofore the czar of the baseball diamond has been the official arbiter, the man who calls out, "Ball one!" "Strike two!" or with a wave of his hand greets the batter with, "You're out!"

All this was true in the past, and is true at this moment, but there comes disquieting news from Danville. One greater than a baseball umpire, greater than any known despot, greater than any magician, appears on the scene.

"Uncle Joe" as a magnate, and presto, change! the transformation is wrought. There will be a groveling in the dust of the former tyrant, a walling and gnashing of teeth, and a putting on of sackcloth and sprinkling of ashes by the mighty ones of old.

Alexander Selkirk must have had some such personage in mind when he wrote: I am mosach of all I survey. My right there is none to dispute.

But had Selkirk known that a still greater one was to arise, he would have been forced to use superlative language to give voice to the sentiment, Selkirk did not live to see the master hand at work in the halls of Congress.

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Robert W. Chanler, sheriff of Dutchess County, N. Y., was so popular with the prisoners that they were eager to have him set a new efficiency record. The cells were kept in good condition, the gastronomic excellence of the fare was something unknown in other jails, and it was only fit and proper that the men behind the bars should show their appreciation.

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British politics. That would be the issue in case the Lords force a dissolution.

Perhaps the hookworm is what ails that old free trade sentiment down South. It may be that Mr. Taft likes "possum, but its absence from the menus as he swings through the South is a highly suspicious contrary circumstance.

Ty Cobb claims to have been born in North Carolina. This ought to reconcile the Charlotte Observer somewhat to the fact that Andrew Jackson was not.

A Savannah man climbed a pole 300 feet high recently on a \$2 wager. As he neglected to bring some Eskimos down with him, however, he probably lost the bet.

Mr. Crane himself will be the obstacle in the way of making the "Crane incident" a matter of Congressional investigation, it seems. Mr. Crane has heard of the Brownsville case, no doubt, and is governing himself accordingly.

"Roosevelt is now walking his hunting party to death. But when he's walking, he isn't talking," observes the Nashville Tennessean. That by no means naturally followed when the colonel was recently sojourning in Washington.

Oh, yes! For that Not Yet but Soon Society, the finish of the Brownsville case will do for Exhibit C.

"A fully equipped duke costs as much as two Dreadnoughts," says Mr. Lloyd George. And those who do not believe it might safely be referred to her grace of Marlborough, moreover.

The Macon Telegraph is pro-hoopsnake and anti-hookworm. This would seem to be an even break between the prohibition and the anti-prohibition points of view.

The trouble seems to have been that while Tom Johnson was riding his 3-cent hobby in Cleveland, the people were paying 6-cent street car fares right along, nevertheless.

Theodore H. Bell, late Democratic candidate for governor of California, says he will not resign next time. Perhaps the Republican ring out there is too much for this particular Bell, but he seems to be from Missouri, for all of that.

We again renew our conservative motion that Breathitt County be wiped off the map, simultaneously rejecting all suggestions, notwithstanding, that we do the wiping.

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

THE YOUNG AUTHOR. He's working on a wondrous tome. From 5 to 19 He settles down each night at a home.

"My method is to introduce such topics at dinner, and do my pronouncing when I have a mouthful of sputum. It's very helpful to the accent."

FAIRLY YAWNS. When winter months confront a man And frosts begin, There is no void more awful than An empty bin.

ONE OPINION. "He says he married his wife on a bet. You've seen his wife, I s'pose?" "Yes; and I think he would have been justified in wailing on that wager."

POSSIBLY A SCHEME. "A New York broker is said to be so stingy that he buys his coal by the peck." "Perhaps that's precaution, not stinginess. It may be that he doesn't want to start a bill market."

LITERARY NOTE. "How's things in the book trade?" "Quite lively. A foreign duchess has written a novel which is so utterly worthless that she has six publishers bidding for it."

AMBROSE BIERCE'S WORKS.

Literary London is giving much attention to American's Books. London special in the Indianapolis Star.

English critics are now vying with one another to honor Bierce's great qualities as a literary artist. Turning the papers of Ambrose Bierce's great achievement, one comes across such titles as "A Son of the Gods" he creates for us one of those world ideas such as Dickens gave us in "A Tale of Two Cities."

PRO AND CON. South Bend (Ind.) News: "Where are the busted trusts of yesteryears?" asks The Washington Herald.

CHAT OF THE FORUM. Mr. Cannon Inspires Caution. From the Chicago Record-Herald.

Mr. Lodge May Meditate. From the New Haven Courier.

Mr. Hitchcock's Economy. From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

PEOPLE AND THINGS

An Australian Army. The commonwealth of Australia has adopted a quasi-conscription for its military service.

New Labor for Hawaii. An experiment in immigration is the bringing of a colony of Russians from Manchuria to Hawaii by a Territorial board.

The Parks of Providence. Providence is adding about 67 acres to its parks, at a cost of \$150,000.

Survivors of Balaklava. It may be regarded as extraordinary that fifty-five years after the charge of the Six Hundred there should be eleven survivors who attended the annual dinner in London October 28.

European Railway Rates. The following are the regular passenger rates, expressed in cents per mile, on European railways.

The Fight for Peace. It costs money to promote international peace. There are Mr. Carnegie's gifts of the Palace of Justice at The Hague, the home of the Bureau of American Republics in Washington, and the endowment for the "Heroes of Peace," while not so well known, are his contributions toward peace societies and congresses.

Open Season for Guides. The dear season has opened in the Adirondacks and the guides are shunning their jobs. They do not like the too true criticism that this is the open season for guides.

The Courtship Game. From the Jones County (Ga.) News. We have been shown a design for an upholstered front gate, which seems destined to become very popular.

The Clean-up. From the Kansas City Times. "That fellow has just cleaned up a million bones."

Measure of a Carat. From the Scientific American. The French Parliament has passed a law which provides that, in transactions relative to diamonds, pearls, and precious stones, the term "metric carat" may be employed to designate a weight of 200 milligrammes (0.288 grains Troy).

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NEWSPAPER MEN WITH TAFT.

An Unobtrusive Handful of Journalists Who Sift Wheat from Chaff. From the Salt Lake Herald-Republican.

The careers of H. L. Dunlap and R. H. Hazard give some idea of how a "cub" reporter transforms himself into a "star" newspaper man. They both did their first regular newspaper work in St. Louis.

Dunlap was soon discovered by the ever-watchful Joseph Pulitzer and was made managing editor of the Post-Dispatch, which position he held until his health became slightly impaired.

When Dunlap came back the Washington Herald was given him in preference to the more exacting duties of a managing editor. Not quite forty years of age, and photograph taken, nor was he ever "written up" to any extent, there is perhaps no more competent and modest newspaper man in the United States than Dunlap.

Richard Hazard, after brilliant work in St. Louis, was called to New York and has gradually been elevated by the Scripps-McRae League to his present position. He has made that sort of work close to art.

Sherman P. Allen is one of those New York Herald men who always have so much expense money, and who, if they stop at any except the highest priced hotels, are to be regarded as a scandal.

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AT THE HOTELS.

"During the last two years the pay of all kinds of labor in Northern Mexico advanced from 20 to 40 per cent."

"By the way, I read in the papers an account according to which fifty convicts were taken to death by guards in Texas penitentiaries, and that conditions in those institutions are worse than in Siberia. This seems to be a fact brought out by official investigation, and yet there are American newspaper men who have the nerve to criticize other countries, and particularly Mexico, as regards conditions among plantation workers.

"Mexico," added Mr. Bowers, "is rich in minerals—gold, silver, platinum, lead, iron, copper, quicksilver, tin, antimony, sulphur, asphalt, graphite, salt, marble, and precious stones. Her silver and gold production annually amounts to something like \$95,000,000 for these two metals alone. And then, Mexico has 20,000,000 to 25,000,000 acres of first-class timber standing, while only 75 per cent of the lumber used is imported.

"All this talk about there being a revolution against the re-election of Diaz as President of Mexico is sheer nonsense," said Mr. Bowers. "There is no man in all Mexico not a more popular man than Diaz. The people of Mexico recognize that with Diaz at the head of the government their country will continue her onward march, and that there will be progress all along the line, peace and prosperity. He will be re-elected without any difficulty, and those who oppose him are not doing so from motives of patriotism, but from a personal selfishness and private greed."

Horace S. Tanner, of Portland, Ore., who is at the Raleigh, in speaking of the wealth of Alaska, mentioned the significance of the totem pole. To you men of the East," said Mr. Tanner, "the totem pole really means nothing at all, because it tells no story to any except the few who have become conversant with matters pertaining to that far off country of bitter winters and golden hopes. But in the people of the West it inspires a feeling of respect for the Alaskan Indians, for they know it is the sign of their religion and their belief."

"A totem pole is as dear to the native Alaskan as 'blue blood' is to the civilized man, for it stands for the manhood of his character of his forefathers, and every sign, every grotesque carving and every blended color upon it has a sacred meaning."

"For example, the eagle carved upon a totem pole means that a son of Alaska has descended from a traveler, a leader, or one who migrates. The raven is he who is crafty, wise, and possessed of great acumen. The frog a philosopher. The swan, the fish, means power, strength, muscle. The whale implies plenty of food. The duck suggests pliability, a pliant nature, an even temperament. The bear is a symbol of charm. The salmon means great favors, desires, ambitions. And so on, down the line of comparison with every living creature, is the thing recorded upon a totem pole characteristic of the Alaskan Indian's forefathers, as he sees them in great deeds and ambitions."

"Denver has a reservation on which wild beasts are raised for the market," said G. F. Stevenson, of Denver, Colo., at the National yesterday. "The promoter of this scheme is M. F. Kendrick, who plans to sell the animals to the States that are actively engaged in the preservation of wild game; but he does not intend to confine himself to this single source of demand. He believes that even were there no States interested in producing game, the general market would warrant the founding of this model reservation."

"It was the suggestion of Dr. William T. Hornaday, of the New York Zoological Society, and other noted naturalists that Mr. Kendrick established the preserve. For several years Mr. Kendrick has maintained a pleasant exhibit at the city park in Denver, expending for that purpose some five thousand dollars of his own money each year. It was his love for and surpassing knowledge of birds that inspired him to start the wild game preserve, on which many thousands of pheasants will be raised each year for the market."

"For the first few years," added Mr. Stevenson, "only animals that inhabit North America will be raised, but in time lions, tigers, and even elephants will be supplied for the market. At present the farm is stocked with deer, elk, antelope, buffalo, mountain goats, bears," &c.