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SHOOTING STARS.

It is curious to note how frequently piano playing shows signs of over-work.

The Chinaman's fondness for the opium habit gives him some claim to rank as the modern "Johnny Smoker."

TO WINTER.

Why linger in the lap of spring
Like this from day to day,
When buds should burst and birds should sing—
'Tis time to "break away."

Emperor William's inability to find anything funny in *Punch* suggests that he has probably never investigated the kind that is not spelled with a capital P.

"I've nothing to live for," he said.
"Yes you have," she answered cheerfully.
"You have yourself."
And then he wondered which was at fault, her disposition or her English.

"A new spring poem I want," he said.
The poet smiled as he raised his head,
"For a patent car-spring I want your lay,"
And the poet fainted dead away.

"I don't know," said the good-looking policeman, "that I won't have to have some of these ladies arrested for resisting an officer. That's the third one who has refused to let me help her over the crossing."

The month of March, so people say,
Came in like a lion—and staid that way.

Experience may be an excellent teacher, but a little systematic education is often preferable, for instance, in learning to read a "look-out for the locomotive" sign.

The Chi Psi Convention.

The fifty-first annual convention of the Chi Psi Fraternity, one of the oldest and strongest of the college secret organizations, will be held at the Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Mich., April 6 and 7. The original intention was to hold this meeting in Washington, but it has been deemed best to change to Detroit. Chief Justice Fuller, ex-Speaker Thomas B. Reed and other Chi Psis at the Capitol have been invited to attend, and it is expected that this will be one of the most interesting and fruitful conventions yet held.

TOMORROW'S "STAR."

A Few of the Good Things to Be Found in Saturday's Mammoth Issue.

The following are some of the special chapters which have been prepared for tomorrow's STAR and which will be found unusually interesting:

THE REINDEER IN ALASKA.

Mr. Ivan Petroff tells some interesting things about the Eskimo Indians—Why the project will fail.

STYLES OF THE SEASON (Illustrated).

Some of the dictates of the goddess fashion—Matters of great interest to ladies.

SILVER IN MASSES.

Bonanzas of fabulous treasure in the west—How they were formed and found.

A LACK OF PLAYS.

The legitimate and the fake dime museums—The composer of Kathleen Mavourneen.

THE ELDER BOOTH.

How he made his first success in London—Reminiscences of the old Washington Theater. By John F. Coyle.

THE OCEAN HIGHWAY.

Lieut. Hayden on pathways over the sea and the regulations concerning them.

A WAR TIME PICTURE.

How Washington looked to a soldier who came here in 1862.

SOME POINTS ON CLAMS.

Interesting facts about them not generally known.

THE PENDRAGONS.

A capital story of the present day. Written for THE EVENING STAR by Frederick R. Burton.

LITTLE BLACK PHIL.

Representative Belknap's reminiscences of war times.

WOMEN AS CLERKS.

Their great value in the different government departments.

SHERMAN AND ATLANTA.

Lights thrown on the old warrior's character by recent researches.

A TALE OF SILVER.

Some of the historical and valuable collections in Washington homes.

"AS THE TWIG IS BENT."

The good work of the Newsboys' Children's Aid Society.

NEW YORK NOTES.

What is occupying the attention of the busy Gothamites.

REAL ESTATE GOSSIP.

A more active market at the opening of the spring season.

IN AND OUTDOOR SPORTS.

What is going on in base ball, bicycling and athletic circles.

NATIONAL GUARD NOTES.

The new consolidations—What the bureau of information may do.

Presidential Nominations.

The President today sent to the Senate the following nominations: Postmasters: New York—Charles Wood, Sidney. Pennsylvania—Wm. F. Briggs, Honesdale; Jonathan N. Langham, Indiana; Wm. H. Rosserman, Newport; Asaph S. Light, Lebanon; Hiram Young, York. Ohio—Isaac N. Eveleth, National Military Home; Henry G. White, Millersburg. Illinois—Nicholas Morper, South Evanston; Hibben S. Corwin, Peru; Wm. M. Strong, Morris; Frank A. Battey, Englewood. Michigan—Edwin J. Smith, Whitehall. Wisconsin—Andrew E. Elmore, Fort Howard. Minnesota—George Andrus, Chatfield. Missouri—George W. Shoemaker, Albany. Nebraska—Mary F. Ballantine, Syracuse. Kansas—Laura Goodfellow, Fort Leavenworth; Fred W. Edmonds, Kinsley. South Dakota—Joseph Hare, Hill City. California—Joseph W. Cavis, Stockton. Washington—George S. McWilliams, Oakesdale; Charles D. Kimball, Mt. Vernon; Edward L. Whittemore, Kent. Texas—Robert L. Livingston, Plano; George H. Chipman, Childress. Arkansas—Mrs. Dora Clow, Arkadelphia. Florida—Asa A. Hardman, Leesburgh. North Carolina—James J. Perkins, Greenville. George M. Bowen, register of land office at Leadville, Col. Navy—Paymaster Robert P. Lisle to be a pay director. Passed Assistant Paymasters Reah Frazer, Henry R. Smith and Hiram E. Drury to be paymasters. Champe C. McCulloch of Texas to be an assistant surgeon in the navy.

Confirmations.

The Senate in executive session yesterday confirmed the following nominations: United States circuit judges—Wm. L. Putnam of Maine, first circuit; Nathaniel Shipman of Connecticut, second circuit; Geo. M. Dallas of Pennsylvania, third circuit; Nathan Goff of West Virginia, fourth circuit; Andrew P. McCormick of Texas, fifth circuit; Wm. H. Taft of Ohio, sixth circuit; Wm. A. Woods of Indiana, seventh judicial circuit; Walter H. Sanborn of Minnesota, eighth circuit; Jos. McKenna of California, ninth circuit. Chas. P. Bagg of California to be an assistant surgeon in the navy.

Army Orders.

Leave of absence for ten days is granted Second Lieut. Ernest Hinds, second artillery.

First Lieut. John N. Glass, sixth cavalry, will be relieved from duty at Jefferson barracks, Mo., by the superintendent of the recruiting service and will then proceed to join his regiment.

Leave of absence for two months on surgeon's certificate of disability, with permission to leave the department of the Platte, is granted Capt. Egbert B. Savage, eighth infantry.

The leave of absence granted First Lieut. John Bigelow, jr., tenth cavalry, is extended fourteen days.

The ordinary leave of absence granted Capt. Edmund Luff, eighth cavalry, is changed to leave of absence on surgeon's certificate of disability, to date from March 1, 1892, and is extended as such to include May 31, 1892.

Ordinary leave of absence, to include May 16, 1892, is granted First Lieut. Theodore F. De Witt, assistant surgeon, in extension of the sick leave granted him September 17, 1891.

The resignation of First Lieut. Theodore F. De Witt, assistant surgeon, has been accepted by the President, to take effect May 16, 1892.

Our Production of Cotton.

The March report of the statistician of the Department of Agriculture, issued today, shows that the production of cotton of the world exceeded the consumption more than 1,500,000 bales in 1890, and further greatly enlarges the excess in 1891, glutting the markets, increasing visible stocks during the past year more than 1,100,000 bales, and reducing the Liverpool price of middling upland from 6 1-16 pence in January, 1890, to 4⅞ pence in January, 1892. It states that in two years the country has produced an excess above normal requirements of more than 2,000,000 bales and indicates a heavy reduction in breadth as the only possible remedy; otherwise the agriculture of the south will suffer worse than western agriculture ever has. It declares that the cotton states must be agriculturally self-sustaining; that new crops must be introduced, as the agricultural population has outgrown the capacity of cotton to support it.

Takes Effect on the 15th.

The order issued by the Treasury Department yesterday suspending the free list in the case of coffee, sugar, tea, molasses and hides produced in Venezuela, Haiti and Colombia, superseded and rescinded the order previously issued directing customs officers to suspend action in the case of such importations until further orders. Under this ruling importations of the articles named from the three countries in question will be admitted to free entry provided they were shipped prior to the 15th instant, the date of the President's proclamation, but importations shipped on and after that date will be subject to the duties imposed by the McKinley law.

The Fencibles' Fair.

Despite the storm a large crowd attended the Fencibles' fair last night, the members of the Corcoran Cadets, Ordway Rifles and Pension Office Rifles helping to increase those who braved the weather. Tonight the third battalion, Bicycle Corps and Knights of Pythias will be the Fencibles' guests.

SOCIAL MATTERS.

The Dinner at the White House This Evening—Personal Notes.

The President and Mrs. Harrison will entertain at dinner tonight Senator Allison, Senator and Mrs. Casey, Senator and Mrs. Squire, Senator and Mrs. Warren, Senator White, Senator and Mrs. Perkins, Gen. Grant, Representative and Mrs. Belden, Representative Hopkins, Representative and Mrs. Bergen, Representative Johnson, Representative and Mrs. Bellamy Storer, Gen. and Mrs. Flagler, Commodore and Mrs. Folger, Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Wharton, General and Mrs. Parke, Gen. A. G. McCook, Mr. and Mrs. Shellabarger, Mr. and Mrs. Tyner, Mr. Halford, Lieut. and Mrs. Parker, Gen. and Mrs. Geo. B. Williams, Dr. and Mrs. Hamlin, Dr. and Mrs. Gardner, Miss Coleman and Mrs. McKee.

Mr. and Mrs. Hood Wright of New York are expected today to visit at the residence of the Postmaster General and Mrs. Wanamaker. Miss Downs of Philadelphia is now visiting Miss Wanamaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Carroll gave a dinner and a small reception last night.

Minister Claparade will start shortly on a trip west, being anxious to see Cincinnati and Chicago before going down to New Orleans and traveling along the Atlantic coast to Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Page gave a birthday party yesterday for their little daughter, Priscilla, and in spite of the storm many of her playmates were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Mayo Hazeltine entertained the Pool Club last night. This club has a membership of thirty-two, and half are invited each week to enjoy a game of pool. The meeting night is Thursday.

Mr. John A. Murray and Miss Eliza T. Baker were married at the parsonage of St. Patrick's Church last night by Rev. Father Walter. The newly married couple left immediately for Baltimore.

Mrs. Elkins accompanied the Secretary over to New York yesterday, and they will not return until Tuesday next.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Watkins now occupy their residence just completed at Falls Church, Va.

Miss Addie C. Reed will be the guest next week of Mrs. L. F. Kelsher, 920 R street.

Mrs. Charles M. Clarke has gone to New York to visit her parents, but will be at home to her friends informally, 1306 Connecticut avenue, on Saturdays after this week.

Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Roscoe of Providence, formerly of Washington, have been stopping at the St. James for the past ten days. They were accompanied on their visit by Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Kimball of Providence.

The engagement is announced of Miss Nannie C. Campbell, daughter of Mrs. L. C. Campbell, and Mr. Richard M. Towson of the geological survey. The wedding will take place after Easter.

There was a pleasant gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Upperman at Mount Pleasant Wednesday evening in honor of the christening and birthday party of their little daughter Irene, who was the recipient of many hand some presents. Dancing, recitations and various other amusements were enjoyed and an elegant repast was served. The soles rendered by Mrs. Upperman, Miss Mayhew and Miss Irene Teel were listened to with great pleasure. Among those present were the Misses Chaves, Kidwell, Loftus, Scribner, Kelley, Smith, Robey, Stern, Duvall, Geyhardt, Keefe, Mayhew, Teel and Mrs. Howe and Messrs. Howe, Henkel, Tudor, Garner, Bean, Cox, Faulkner, Duvall, Chaves, Du Bois, Kelley, Rosenberry and Loftus.

The "linen tea" at Mrs. W. T. Hildrup's home for the National Homeopathic Hospital last Friday evening was a brilliant success in every particular. The contributions included 463 towels, 164 napkins, 39 sheets, 6 bed spreads, 15 tray cloths, 78 pillow cases, 2 packages of old linen and 1 cake soap. Many ladies not connected with the association were comprised in the list of contributors. The linen sent is valued at $250, and in addition about $250 in cash was contributed.

Miss Nellie Adams entertained a number of her friends at her home Monday evening. Vocal and instrumental music were the main features of the evening. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Adams, jr., Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Adams, the Messrs. Bumpus, Clancy, Bigelow Ellis, Gillen, Adam, Newton, Frazer, Otterberg, Blanchard and the Misses Adams, Blanchard, Waller, Coulter, Smith, Stewart and Ellis.

Miss Glavis gave an entertainment Thursday evening to a large number of little tots. After enjoying themselves till 10 o'clock with a number of games they were invited in to a well-filled table. Among those present were Ida Wynne, Fannie Manning, Irene Baumgrass, Rachel Millard, Mary Millard, Lillian Blaisdell, Katie Tipton, Louise Gardner, Julia Ravenel, Bessie Talbot, Charlotte Gridley, Margaret Simonds, Louie Glavis, Henry Wynne, Fred Low, Paul White, Sellia Johnston, Harry Gwynne, Tommie Morrison and Mary Armor.

Miss Lola Allan of 1501 11th street northwest, who has been visiting Mrs. Judge Waddell in Richmond the past month, will return home today.

A DUEL TALKED OF.

Domestic Scandal Involving the Names of Well-Known Society People.

The New York *Sun* today publishes a London dispatch which gives sensational details of a quarrel which exists between James Coleman Drayton and Hallett Alsop Borrowe, well-known Americans. Both men are passengers on the White Star steamship Majestic, which left Queenstown for New York Wednesday night, and it is thought possible that the trouble between the men may culminate in a tragedy on shipboard.

Borrowe is the son of Samuel Borrowe, vice president of the Equitable Assurance Society. Mr. Drayton is a native of Philadelphia, and is of excellent family. His wife is Augusta, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Astor. For two months the American colonies of London and Paris have heard vague rumors of a prospective duel between Mr. Borrowe and Mr. Drayton, growing out of suspicions entertained by Drayton regarding Borrowe's friendship with Mrs. Drayton, which Borrowe has always declared to be entirely platonic.

Mr. Drayton endeavored to bring about a duel. Mr. Borrowe was ready enough, but his seconds, Harry Vane Milbank and Edward Fox, refused to allow him to fight on the ground that Drayton's conduct in accepting money and the fact that he had been suspicious of his wife five years before he had challenged Borrowe forfeited his right to ask for the satisfaction of a gentleman.

In this decision the seconds were upheld by no less authorities than Aurelien Scholl and the Duc de Morny, two of the most celebrated duelists in France.

Nevertheless, Drayton has not hesitated, among his friends, to attribute Borrowe's conduct to cowardice.

Mr. Drayton has taken his children from his wife and left them with friends in Wales. Mrs. Drayton is in London, living in Mayfair. Her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Astor, are in Paris. It is probable that the present conditions will result in a divorce.

The Shakespeare Club.

The Shakespeare Club met at the home of Mrs. Carey, on 6th street northeast, on Monday night, when the following program was rendered:

Sentiment roll responded to by quotations from Shakespeare by each member.

History of the club, Secretary Mrs. Ella Chipley.

Biographical sketch of Shakespeare, prepared by O. J. Briggs and read by Charles Carey.

Referred question—"Of what play was Imogen the heroine?" answered by Mrs. Laura Halbert Neilson.

Referred question—In what plays do you find Puck, Yorick, Iago, Ophelia and Portia? Answered by Mrs. Carey.

A lecture on "Spakespeare as an Author," delivered by Homer Sprague at the New York Chatauqua assembly, read by Mrs. Jessie Pierson.

A select reading from Othello by Mrs. Ella Chipley.

A reading from Helen Hunt Jackson by Mrs. Neilson.

An original story by the president of the club entitled, "The Baseless Fabric of a Vision," Mrs. Jessie Llewellyn Engle.

An enjoyable evening was spent. The next meeting will be Monday, March 28, at the home of Mrs. Stratton, 1003 Massachusetts avenue northeast.

The Ulster Veterans Coming.

A committee representing the Ulster County Veteran Association are in the city. The association comprises the G. A. R. posts of Ulster county, N. Y., and will come in a solid train of Pullman coaches to the national encampment in September next. Their coaches will be detached at 14th street and used for sleeping purposes. The committee are here for the purpose of obtaining an eating place and suitable music for the association. The association and its invited guests will number about 500. The committee consisted of E. H. Fassett, G. W. Peck and W. H. Griffin of Kingston, N. Y., and Wm. D. Sweet, Jacob Hardenberg and Egbert Whitaker, jr., of Saugerties, N. Y.

ART IN DRINKING TEA.

People In This Country Can Buy Better Tea This Year Than Hitherto.

THE TEA SITUATION IN CHINA—WHAT AN AMERICAN HOUSEKEEPER PAYS $1 A POUND FOR—BEWARE OF GREEN TEA—GREAT TEA PLANTATIONS—HOW TO MAKE A PERFECT CUP.

Tea drinkers in this country will learn with pleasure that the crops of tea during the past year in Formosa were larger and very much finer than ever before. Formosa tea is, without doubt, the best in the world, and Americans consume 95 per cent of it. It is so superior and popular in fact that unscrupulous dealers in Japanese, Corean, and especially Indian and Ceylon teas, have been doing a big business in sending to the Unted States market their own goods put up in imitation of the Formosa article. The new law compelling importers to brand each package with the name of the place it comes from has struck a blow at the practice and has given much satisfaction to merchants in China. Amoy, which not very long ago was the greatest tea producing country in the world, has almost ceased to produce the leaf, chiefly owing to the dishonesty and rapacity of traders and money lenders, particularly Europeans. The tea planters fell into debt to them and were so fleeced that they lost all interest in their calling. In order to carry out contracts for required quantities the tea was adulterated with other leaves and with sweepings.

In Russia and Japan and above all in China there are epicures more dainty as to their daily tea than rich connoisseurs in America are over their Madeira and Burgundy. United States Consul Bedloe at Amoy writes to the State Department. The governor of Formosa pays from $10 to $20 a pound for his tea. Of the exquisite, incomparable flavor and aroma possessed by the costly leaves people who have never tasted anything better than ordinary tea can have no adequate notion.

In 1892 the United States will spend $11,000,000 for Chinese tea, of which sum the planters will receive $8,000,000, the tradesmen on this side of the water $2,500,000 and foreigners, with no interest in America or China, the handsome balance of $5,500,000.

HOW TEA SHOULD BE MADE.

Americans don't know the first principles of making tea, Consul Bedloe says. The delicate leaf should never touch metal. It should be kept in paper, wood, glass or porcelain. To make it, put a small quantity in a porcelain cup, fill the latter with boiling water, cover it up with a porcelain saucer and let it stand three minutes.

Then, if you desire to be an epicure, drink only the upper layer of the golden liquid, throw the rest away, rinse the cup and begin drawing de novo. Never use sugar any more than you would sweeten Chambertin or pour molasses into Mumm's extra dry. Do not use milk. It ruins the flavor of the tea and the combination injures the stomach. The cloudiness produced by adding milk to tea arises from the action of the tannin upon the casein and is, chemically speaking, pure leather. Above all things, do not boil tea.

Never let the tea stand except in a tightly closed porcelain pot. Better make it in small quantities, and make it often. In summer, when you want to cool off quickly, sip the tea boiling hot, with a slice of previously peeled lemon, or, nicer still, of orange without the rind, floating in it. In winter, especially when you have a cold and require a sudorific, add a w