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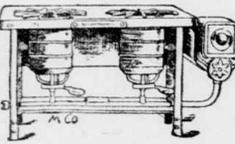
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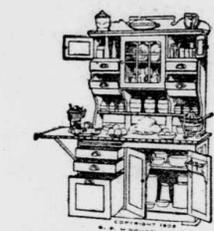
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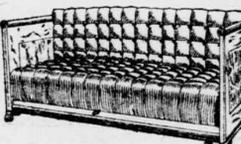
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CITY'S PRETTY SHRUBS

Nature's Handsome Adornment of the Public Parks.

UNENDING BEAUTY BOWER

Due to Government Generosity and Private Enterprise.

A GREAT WEALTH OF BLOOMS

Earliest to Put Forth Blossoms is the Naked Jessamine—Fine Reservations.

Despite the semi-wintery rigors during several days of the past week, with unseasonable frosts and cold northwest winds, springtime in all its glory is here, and the city of magnificent distances is once more transformed into a veritable and continuing bower of beauty. Shrubs are in bloom in every park and in all of the smaller reservations which dot the intersections of streets and avenues, and to the regular residents and to crowds of tourists and of business men and their families drawn here by conventions the capital is exhibiting all of the floral charms that have made it unequalled among American cities.

Statesmen Who Admire Parks.

After a strenuous day in the upper house it is no uncommon sight to see Senator Tillman, with Mrs. Tillman by his side, admiring the beauties of the Capitol grounds. Senator Philander Knox of Pennsylvania is another of the men high in the councils of his country who breathes in anticipation of the summer on his estate at historic Valley Forge by long rambles in the park. The residence of Chairman Gillett of the subcommittee on the District in the House is adjacent to Farragut Square, and the man whose legislative energies are so largely taken up with local affairs finds leisure in the evenings to gain mental and physical relaxation in contemplation of the beauties wrought by the landscape gardener. Tallapoosa rides through the drives about the city have been catalogued among the pleasures of another student of District affairs, Representative Morrell. Secretary Taft finds many a restful moment in horseback riding through the mall, and so the list of the notables who join with the masses in admiration and use of the parks might be prolonged through the ranks of ambassadors and ministers and their staffs, and through both national and municipal officials. Dupont Circle is probably one of

the greatest gathering places of all of the public grounds for the socially elegant circles in the daylight hours is the nursery and playground for the children from many proud homes.

Wealth of Shrubbery.

Washington is particularly notable for the landscape gardener on account of its wealth of shrubbery, and in this particular it is in a class alone among the cities which strive particularly for municipal beauty. It has always been the policy of the officer in charge of public buildings and grounds to have as much lawn as possible on all of the reservations, and to this end shrubs and not trees have been planted on all of the smaller triangles. Many of these shrubs give the earliest indication of the coming of spring, as far as vegetable life is concerned, and the "Jasminum nudiflorum," otherwise the Naked Jessamine, bursts forth with myriads of yellow flowers oftentimes while snow is yet upon the ground. It is "Naked" Jessamine because the flowers appear long before the plant produces leaves, and this veritable harbinger of spring is frequently too ambitious for its own good, because the flowers are often blighted by frosts. Forsythia, another shrub, puts forth its buds soon after the yellow Jessamine, and then comes apricot and still later the various varieties of Chinese magnolia. In the time the magnolias are in bloom the shrubs of the city are a domestic and foreign, which make up the unequalled variety of the Washington landscape, have shaken off the last vestige of winter and are arrayed in all the splendid raiment which makes Washington in spring a synonym for all that is beautiful in landscape gardening.

Nation's Share in Beautification.

The employment of the highest talent in

LA FAYETTE SQUARE

the land has done much to make the government's share in the general beautification a success, and in a little group of buildings behind the bureau of printing and engraving labor the men who devote all the year to planting extensions and care of the parks. George H. Brown has immediate charge, under the direction of Col. Charles Brownell, and his corps of assistants and laborers rarely exceeds thirty, yet the lawns and gardens in that one small space have become the propagating garden whence come the shrubs, trees and flowers which supply the grounds around the Capitol, the White House, the State, War and Navy building, the Treasury and all other public buildings, beside the parks and reservations. The little tract is really one of the show spots of Washington, although it receives but scant attention from tourists, and even native Washingtonians, save a corporal's guard of students of plant life rarely visit the place where are to be seen in bulk the hundreds and thousands of plants which are spread over wide areas of ground, and which are to go far toward making this city beautiful.

Private Enterprise Has Done Much.

Congressional appropriation, of course, makes all of this possible, but private enterprise has also done much to beautify the city, and the effects are becoming daily more noticeable at this season, as the lawns, yards and gardens on different residence streets are giving forth their quota of nature's perfume bearers. One of the residences on Dupont circle furnishes one of the prettiest springtime sights in all Washington, and just now it is at its prime. The house is covered from basement to roof by a series of grape vines, and is fairly hidden behind great purple clusters of the flowers. At this season the flower beds in the several parks and reservations are just receiving the first installments of the series of flowering plants, and this year, it is promised, there will be more put out than ever before. According to the estimates the propagating gardens there will be used this year about 700,000 "anemones," a species of variegated plant men in demand for decorative purposes in the parks; about 20,000 canna, more than 50,000 "coleus," 10,000 begonia, 30,000 "alternanthera," 11,000 scabell, 12,000 geranium and 20,000 "freesia." In addition to more than fifty other varieties of plants valued for their flowers or foliage. Altogether, it is estimated that about 2,000,000 separate flowers, shrubs and trees will be set out in the parks during the spring and summer season of 1906.



Soldier Fun in the Provinces

Written for The Star. Uncle Sam's regular is a fun lover at all times, and despite the lengthy routine of the army he generally finds plenty of time in which to have his fun. It is when he discovers himself in the Philippines that his love for fun turns into a sort of craze for amusement, and the more davehell it is in character the better pleased he is. Perhaps this is the soldier's way of keeping himself from thinking too much of "God's country," so many thousands of miles across seas. At any rate, in the best of the officers, from the commanding general down to the freshest second lieutenant from the Point, wink at a lot of fun that would surely lead to the guard house and subsequent court-martial if indulged in at any post in the states. To the trooper stationed in the islands a chief-if not the chiefest—source of delight is horse racing. During the three years that the 6th Cavalry represented the armed authority of the government in Batangas province that was a dull week that did not have its horse race, either carried on in secret, or with the full approval of the officers. In these cavalry races it is customary to match a horse from one troop against several horses from other troops. Naturally the members of a troop are enthusiastic backers of their own troop's horse, and the way the men will bet for their favorite transcends even the wildest sort of horse race gambling elsewhere on the globe. To quote the words of a trooper, "A fellow almost bets his life on the result." The races are planned weeks in advance, groomed and given as much training as the conditions of army life will permit, and that horse and jockey will be in the pink of condition for the great trial more than one troop commander has been suspected of casing up on both for several days prior to a race. For, he it known, the officers, as a general rule, are as hearty bettors on a race as their men, and during the excitement of a contest leader and led frequently fraternize in outrageous defiance of army etiquette. Plucky Ride of a Trooper. Perhaps the most exciting race that has been run in the Philippines to date was the one that Joe P., of Troop F, 6th Cavalry, won at the risk of his life. From the day the race was scheduled P.'s fellow troopers were overbearingly confident that he would carry their horse to victory. Had he not been a jockey for some time in the states? They plunged heavily, not a few men going so far as to bet their pay months in advance. What was their state of mind, therefore, when P.—one morning reported at sick call, and was sent to the hospital, while

his case was set down as one of tropical heat.

The patient tried to arouse the drooping spirits of his comrades by reminding them that the race was still several days' ride rid of his affliction. As a matter of fact, P. went from bad to worse, they were walking chunks of lead, and he was on the flat of his back and covered with about as many boils as ever the patient in the hospital. The news spread rapidly that P. was out of it. The backers of rival horses were not exactly excited, but were believe his eyes when they turned their faces toward him for some days past. As for P.'s boys, they were walking chunks of lead, and he was on the flat of his back and covered with about as many boils as ever the patient in the hospital. The news spread rapidly that P. was out of it. The backers of rival horses were not exactly excited, but were believe his eyes when they turned their faces toward him for some days past. As for P.'s boys, they were walking chunks of lead, and he was on the flat of his back and covered with about as many boils as ever the patient in the hospital.

the enjoyment that the soldiers gain

It was after a quartet of soldiers had finished wrecking a store, purchased half an hour before, that the "barber" who had been having a good time in the street, the owner having paused in his trip to behold the extraordinary orgies. Right at the cart, the soldiers' horse and carriage, seized control, and in a jiffy had the animal streaking it down the street. Out into the country the horse and cart flew, the Phil yelling from sheer fright, the soldiers from pure delight. Suddenly the horse veered from the clear road. He shot across a fence and the next thing the soldiers realized was that they were being projected from what seemed a great height toward swirling water hedged in by forbidding rock-strewn banks. One of the soldiers could swim, it turned out. The others, together with the Filipino, managed to get hold of the horse; the weight was too much for the beast, and he sank after a valiant struggle. Luckily for the four men clinging to him this sad event took place only a short distance from the bank, and to this they finally succeeded in floundering.

After the soldiers had discovered that they had gone over a cliff some forty feet high, they were not in a hurry to get up. The next day the Filipino, who could not see where the joke came in, put in his appearance as complained to the commanding officer. As a result the entire camp was lined up, and the little brown man unhesitatingly picked out the mischievous quartet.

The men were promptly put in the guard house, and things looked pretty black for them, despite their protestations that they had meant no harm; that the outcome of their fun-seeking was as unexpected to them as to the Filipino. The day before the scheduled court-martial the company took up a collection of money and announced to the commanding officer that a fund was available to recompense the Filipino for his loss, providing the officer could see his way clear to let the four prisoners off with nothing worse than a reprimand. That afternoon the Filipino departed from the camp with several times the value of his lost property in his pocket, and the guard house was once again empty.

Sixth Cavalry's Barn Dance.

It was the 6th Cavalry that added the barn dance to the repertory of fun of the soldier stationed in the provinces. A regular in Manila is too metropolitan in his notions to get his pleasure in such backward-looking ways, and as a result he misses many a howling good time. The 6th's barn dance was held in a rambling shack that was purchased for the pur-

Fun With a Menagerie.

When a body of soldiers is stationed any length of time in one place a menagerie soon becomes a favorite pastime. Favorite pets are monkeys and parrots, and the simians, by their imitative and mischievous pranks, help the regulars to while away many a hot hour. Sometimes a camp will come slyly into possession of a pair of gamecocks, and until the officers catch on or one of the birds loses his life in the pit excitement runs high, with very little thought of home and mother, for your regular dearly loves a fight of almost any description, and also a chance to wager his last cent. Said a trooper lolling in the shade of a great tree in the plaza of a Batangas town: "Bunkie, bet yer that ere ape crosses the street fore yer can count forty; bet yer I draw comin' pay day."

"Bet yer," was the reply. "Bet yer watch he won't come back fore I can count twenty." Immediately it became clear that he had parted with three months' pay. Even soldiers who were never known to lay down their arms, or become inveterate gamblers in the islands. The spirit of chance seems to be in the air. At any rate, when the average soldier regular can think of no other source of fun open to him he turns to betting as a duck to water.

CARRYING WEAPONS.

Not More Than Half a Dozen Permits Outstanding. During the past two or three weeks a number of headquarters concerning the operation of the section of the law which gives the judges of the Police Court authority to grant permits to carry weapons. Some of those referred to thought it might be well to go armed because of assaults committed upon the public highways and in other places of late. Others desired permits because they live in suburban places and wanted to be armed in case of attack while returning to their homes at night. Very few, however, reached the Police Court. It was stated yesterday afternoon that there are not more than six permits for carrying weapons outstanding. Most of the holders, it was stated, are men who have to carry large sums about them, including paymasters who settle with men engaged upon suburban work. Under the code the judges of the Police Court have authority to grant permits in cases where satisfactory proof of the necessity for carrying weapons is produced, but the permits are not to cover a period exceeding thirty days. Bond is required of the person to whom such permit is issued, and he must agree to keep the peace toward all good citizens, using the weapon only in self-defense.

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