

# THE HEAD HUNTERS OF LUZON

When Major March's battalion of the Thirty-third Infantry went on its wild chase up into the North Cordillera mountains after the flying Aguinaldo, his followers there came across some

What surprised them most was the soldiers' "boom, boom fire sticks"—for such they termed the modern army rifle. These mountain folks are no friends of the Tagals and were glad enough to point out to the Americans

town up among the clouds three days' march from Cervantes. It seems that swift Igorrote mountain runners had been posted by Aguinaldo near the summit of Tlad pass to report the result of General Gregario del Pilar's last desperate attempt to drive back the Americans. These mountain runners had returned to Cervantes with the news of Pilar's death and the utter rout of the rear guard on the very day the battle was fought. It took March's men two whole days and a half to cover the same ground, hurry as they might. Yet these wonderful Igorrote mountain runners had actually covered the distance in less than eight hours. Just how they do it no white man has ever discovered. It has been supposed that they have some secret signal service of their own by means of which they can flash messages from mountain peak to mountain peak. But even where an individual runner has been dispatched to deliver a message in person he has arrived at his destination in a wonderfully short space of time. They have, of course, a thorough knowledge of all the forest paths and numerous mountain passes. This means a great deal, as a journey that might be made in a day by a white man with a guide will often take at least a week if attempted without the necessary native to show the way.

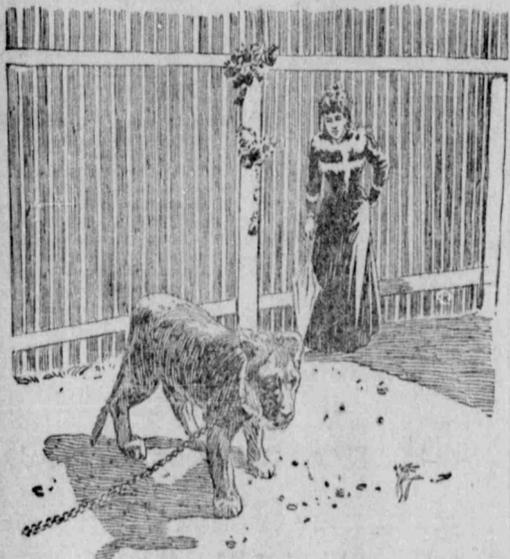
One of the delightful characteristics of these strange mountain head hunters is the habit of devouring all enemies who have fallen on the field of battle. Physically they do not stand quite so low in the scale of civilization as the Negroes, but morally and mentally they are about as unregenerate specimens of humanity as are to be found in any part of this benighted globe of ours. Their chief diet is carabao meat and wild roots found in the woods, but a special delicacy reserved for state occasions is stewed dog meat.



new and strange specimens of humanity. These strange mountain people of Luzon are known as the Igorrote. This word Igorrote was originally the name of a single tribe, but for some reason or other has been extended in modern times to include all the head hunting savages of Luzon. Of late "Igorrote" has become almost synonymous with "wild," and the word is now applied to the different hill tribes of the interior independent of their race or descent. With the Igorrote it is said to be impossible for a young man to find a bride until he has at least one head to his credit. They are a fierce looking folk, with long, lank hair, and go about with naked, tattooed bodies. When March and his men swept up the mountains on the heels of Aguinaldo and his little army, these Igorrote were astounded at the sight of the American soldiers.

the direction in which the Filipino leader and his men had gone. They held, however, most superstitious beliefs regarding the powers of the Tagals and soberly declared that they were in league with the spirits of the air and had floated away on a cloud when the white men pursued them over the mountain. There were just 100 picked men in Major March's pursuing party, together with the "Chinos" packers, and they felt sure that they had Aguinaldo in a tight box, when, lo and behold, just as they were on his heels the slippery Filipino suddenly turned down some unknown trail and most mysteriously disappeared. This was in the wildest and most inaccessible country of all the island, far up among the interior mountain tops. When March's battalion arrived at Cervantes, it was found that the insurgent leader had fled two days before, making for Bontoc, another

## CECIL RHODES' LIONESS.



While Cecil Rhodes was shut up in Kimberley there was an overgrown lion cub likewise shut up in Grootte Schuur, the South African home of the Napoleon of the Cape. This famous young lioness was recently presented by Mr. Rhodes to the London zoological gardens and was to have been taken not long ago by mail steamer to England. Now, however, it cannot be shipped until the authorities to do so comes from its former owner, who has been besieged by the Boers. The accompanying illustration is from a photograph of the Rhodes lioness as it appears today. It is still comparatively tame, notwithstanding the fact that it is now almost the size of a full grown mastiff dog.

## THE POINT OF VIEW.

One of the queerest corners of the earth is Chatham island, off the coast of Ecuador. The island abounds in cats, every one of which is black. They live in the crevices of the lava near the coast and get a living by catching fish and crabs instead of rats. Benjamin White of San Francisco, a broker, owns what he says is the pencil

with which Lincoln rewrote his Gettysburg speech while on the train going to the battlefield. The pencil is merely a stub, and Lincoln borrowed it from Mr. White's father, who preserved it carefully. An electoral system which will put a premium upon thrift and marriage is about to be inaugurated in Belgium.

**A MOLDER OF AMERICAN DESTINY.** Sixty-four years ago this March Texas declared its absolute independence, and Samuel Houston, an American born soldier, led the Texans into battle against the Mexicans. Samuel Houston, who died on the 26th of July, 35 years ago, was one of those robust and active pioneers who have played important parts in molding the destinies of the United States. Though born in Virginia, he was of Scotch-Irish descent. Before he had attained his majority he was a lieutenant



in the United States infantry, and while still a mere boy was acting as a subaltern for the Cherokee Indians. Although he had been a stranger to school education, he set to work and qualified as a lawyer at 25, and the next year was appointed adjutant general of Tennessee. After a varied career in American politics he moved to Texas in 1832, and when elected commander in chief of the Texan forces set to work putting his army in shape. The war with Mexico followed shortly after, and on the banks of the San Jacinto Houston crushed the Mexican force. He became the first president of the new republic and two years later took the initial steps toward securing the annexation

of Texas to the United States. When President Van Buren hesitated in this matter, Houston, with characteristic energy, began to coquette with France, Spain and England. But rather than have a foreign power intrude on American soil Texas became a part of Uncle Sam's country. Houston continued for some time in American public life, but his great work was the adding of the Lone Star State to the country which gave him birth.

## CRICKET IN SOUTH AFRICA.



According to European critics, one of the reasons why the Boer has shown himself to be so much a better fighter than the Britisher is the fact that the latter devotes too much time to his own personal enjoyments instead of mastering the innumerable details of campaigning. While the Boers, for instance, were shelling Ladysmith, the English were disputing themselves playing football. The accompanying illustration is from a photograph showing a cricket match at De Aar between officers who were waiting to be ordered to the front.

## TWO OCTOGENARIAN WAGE EARNERS.



Here are, perhaps, two of the oldest wage earners in the world. These two venerable old laborers are a couple of Buckinghamshire hand lace makers, and they are still regarded as experts in the manufacture of bobbin lace. They have both been engaged in the work of lacemaking for 60 years. The old gentleman very proudly claims that he and his wife have made many miles of the "16 dot pattern" torchon lace, a fabric of delicate and exquisite workmanship now much affected by wealthy society women and worth several dollars a yard.

## A DOCTOR AT THE FRONT.

Sir William Thompson, one of the most distinguished surgeons in Great Britain and recently president of the College of Surgeons in Ireland, is one of England's great men who have volunteered for service in the war against the Boers. Sir William will not carry a rifle, but instead will go into the field with a surgical case, having offered his services free to his government. Owing to his great skill as a surgeon, he will be a valuable addition to the medical corps at the front.



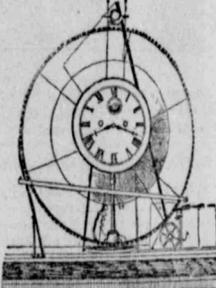
## HOW THE BRITISH SOLDIER IS HOUSED.



The regulation tent of the British army is that known as the bell tent, the general character of which may be realized from the accompanying illustration, which shows a corporal and two privates enjoying a canteen of tea during a quiet afternoon. It is in these bell tents that Tommy Atkins is now sleeping in South Africa, and, when necessary, as many as 20 men can be comfortably housed under the one piece of canvas. The bell tent has proved itself much more serviceable than the square or wall tent, since it is able to stand both wind and rain, the two great discomforting enemies of the camper in all parts of the world.

## AN EXTRAORDINARY CLOCK.

An ingenious Illinois jeweler has invented a clock, the model of which is shown in the accompanying picture, which will run an entire year without any attention. This clock is operated



by a wheel five feet in diameter. From the outside of the wheel hang 120 cups, one-third of an inch deep and half an inch in diameter. Each of these cups hold steel balls three-eighths of an inch in diameter, and as the wheel turns by the balls' weight, one ball falls from its cup every 90 seconds, rolls down a 20 inch inclined plane and is lifted back to its cup by a little car which runs on a steeper inclined plane to the wheel's top. The electric storage battery and requires replenishing only once every year.

## AN ORDER FOR WOMEN.

Among the several curious orders awarded for meritorious actions by the reigning sovereigns of Europe one of the strangest yet least known is the Turkish order of Nishani Shekafat. This order, strange to say, is for women only and was instituted in the year 1877 to commemorate the Turkish compassionate fund under the auspices of the Baroness Burdett-Coutts. Since then it has been awarded to a number of women who have distinguished themselves in the Turkish cause. The insignia of which is shown in the accompanying picture.

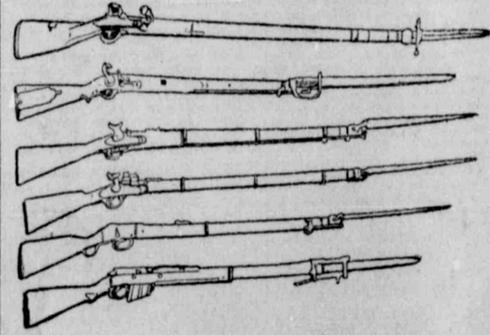


## THE LEE-METFORD CUFF LINK.

One of the latest fads in London is the Lee-Metford cuff link. It is made by taking two bullets of different designs and linking them by a gold chain, or sometimes a platinum chain. The wearing of these links has become quite a fashion among military men, and is, of course, one of the results of the war fever which has raged since the beginning of the campaign in South Africa.



## THE EVOLUTION OF THE ARMY RIFLE.



The evolution of the English army rifle is an interesting study. The picture herewith shown gives a very good idea of the changes that have taken place in the modern fighting rifle. Beginning at the top is the old fashioned matchlock of the time of King William III, and next below it is the flintlock that was known to the Tommy Atkins of former times as his "Brown Bess." Then comes the Enfield rifle, with a Snider breech-loader and a Martini-Henry next. The last is the Lee-Enfield, with its short, triangle shaped bayonet, the weapon used by the British soldier of today. These guns are made at the English ordnance factory at Enfield Lock, which was also the birthplace of the Lee-Metford magazine rifle. The recent introduction of the triangular bayonet into the English service arose from a peculiar cause. It was based on an incident which occurred at the battle of Atbara. An English soldier had vigorously bayoneted a dervish, but, to his disgust, found that he could not withdraw his weapon, its shape rendering it peculiarly liable to be retained. So the old bayonet was abolished and the triangular bayonet introduced.

## ONE DAY'S WORK AT DE BEERS.



The accompanying illustration is from a photograph showing the fruits of one profitable day's diamond wash at the De Beers mines in South Africa. In this little cluster of rough stones are many thousands of dollars' worth of gems. In the center of the pile, in fact, will be noticed one unusually large stone, which in itself will be worth a small fortune when properly cut.

to pay \$1 per week for the service it erects a wooden house measuring six feet in all three dimensions. Each of these houses contains a small stove, in which the company keeps a fire day and night. A Breslau doctor has succeeded in producing gout in hens by feeding them with meat. He gave the hens nothing but horseflesh, without fat, and as much water as they would drink, with

deplorable results to the unfortunate fowls. Having instilled the disease, he then undertook to drive out the uric acid by administering powdered eggshells, which restored the hens to their normal condition. Copenhagen's crusade against rats has led to the formation in that city of a National Danish Rat Exterminating society, which organization has constructed at considerable expense a

crematory for the bodies of the rodents which it kills. The rats are said to be dangerous carriers of disease germs, and it has been found dangerous to the health of the city to bury them. It is observed by travelers in Siberia that the effect of constant cold is practically the same as the effect of constant heat. The people develop a disinclination to work and become strange

gers to ambition of any description.