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A ROW OVER AN OLD SWORD.

In 1842 an American Saved the Life of a King and Received the Token.

Boston.—The ownership of the scimitar which was presented to Commodore Percival by the ruler of Muscat, in 1842, is likely to go to the supreme court for final determination. While he was in command of the old frigate Constitution, which had figured in the naval operations of 1812, Commodore Percival saved the life of the Imam of Muscat, and in recognition of that service was presented with a sword of hammered brass and unique design.

As it was provided by the laws of the United States that the commodore could not receive a present from a foreign potentate without a special act of congress permitting it, the commodore turned the gift over to Benjamin Stevens, then his secretary.

At the request of Percival, the sword was later given to his niece, whose son, Percival Gasset, claims he is the rightful owner. Later the sword came into the possession of John P. Healy, who was city solicitor for years. At an auction sale of his effects, upon his death, Miss Sarah Minns purchased the sword for \$150.

Later Miss Minns received a letter from Percival Gasset, asking her to sell him the sword because of his direct descent from the commodore. She declined to sell it, but at the request of the executor of John P. Healy's estate, permitted him to take it. The next he heard of it was when it was in the possession of Gasset.

Miss Minn then brought a bill to recover possession of it, and Mr. Reed, counsel for Gasset, was restrained from disposing of it until the question of ownership is settled.

"If lineal descent is to determine the question of ownership," she says, "the sword would be in the possession of Miss Mary Joanna Stafford of Washington, a famous writer."—Washington Herald.

WE ARE NATURAL BELIEVERS

We are natural believers. Truth, or the connection between cause and effect, alone interests us. We are persuaded that a thread runs through all things; all worlds are strung on it, as beads; and men, and events, and life, come to us only because of that thread; they pass and re-pass only that we may know the direction and continuity of that line. A book or statement which goes to show that there is no line, but random and chaos, a calamity out of nothing, a prosperity and no account of it, a hero born from a fool, a fool from a hero—displeases us. Seen or unseen, we believe the exists. Talent makes counterfeit ties; genius finds the real ones.

But though we are natural conservers and causationists, and reject a sour, dumpy unbelief, the skeptical class, which Montaigne represents, have reasons, and every man, at some time, belongs to it. Every superior mind will pass through this domain of equilibrium—I should rather say, will know how to avail himself of

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Fords Will Play in Tucson Next Sunday—Excursion Planned.

A baseball game, distinguished by truly scientific work, was played at Eastlake park yesterday afternoon, when the Fords defeated the cubs by a score of 4 to 0. It marked the sixth and last engagement between these two teams, the Fords having been the victors in four of the six games. Next Sunday the Fords will go to Tucson, where the team hopes to add to its laurels. An effort will be made to arrange an excursion, that all the fans may go and see the fun.

Yesterday's game was marked by fine playing on the part of both teams, and the Cubs, though defeated, made an excellent showing, before a crowded grandstand. Nothing but ciphers went up on the blackboard until the seventh inning. Then the Fords began to find Anderson, the Cub pitcher, and worked him for three hits, that

matured into runs. Then Anderson gave way to Delgado, who held the Fords level until the ninth inning, in which they gained their fourth and last run.

Nellis, the Ford pitcher, held his opponents down to three hits during the game, none of them being finally effective in the result. The Fords, during the game, got a total of nine hits off Anderson and Delgado. There were very few errors on either side. Harter worked behind the bat for the Fords and Scott for the Cubs, and both men did excellent service. But for that matter, both teams played well all the way through, and there were some fine catches in the field, especially by the Cubs. It appears that there is something in the Fords that stimulates the Cubs to action, for it is said that even though they lose, they play better against the Fords than when they meet the Rattlers. The game was umpired by Stanley Porter.

It should be said in defense of the players, and especially those who work in the field, that the ground is in bad condition, as it is not only rough, but the weeds are very high, not having been cut since the recent rains, and making good, fast work almost impossible.

It is expected that the game to be played in Tucson next Sunday will be followed by a return game here, no matter how next Sunday's battle results, and in that event it is hoped the grounds will be first given a good cleaning and leveling.

the checks and balances in Nature, as a natural weapon against the exaggeration and formalism of dogmas and blockheads.

Skepticism is the attitude assumed by the student in relation to the particulars which society adores, but which he sees to be reverend only in

their tendency and spirit. The ground occupied by the skeptic is the vestibule of the temple. Society does not like to have any breath of question blown on the existing order. But the interrogation of custom at all points is an inevitable stage in the growth of every superior mind, and is the

evidence of its preception of the flowing power which remains itself in all changes.

The superior mind will find itself equally at odds with the evils of society and with the projects that are offered to relieve them. The wise skeptic is a bad citizen; no conservation-

ive, he sees the selfishness of property and the drowsiness of institutions. But neither is he fit to work with any democratic party that ever was constituted; for parties which everyone committed, and he penetrates the popular patriotism.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

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