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The Army Canteen. In the first session of the Fifty-sixth Congress, the House of Representatives, swayed by the strident appeals of a lot of hysterical women, stultified itself and violated the Constitution in refusing a seat to the duly elected and properly accredited member from the State of Utah.

Recipient will like, if possible. And there are some people who make this a very hard thing to do. Most of us have on our list of friends the person who never satisfied with anything in the way of a present, whose sharp eyes will detect instantly any flaw which there may be in quality or workmanship, and for whom only the daintiest and most correct of gifts can be considered suitable.

Guatemala Independence. There is an interesting story of friction between this country and the mighty State of Guatemala, in Central America. An American citizen, a Mr. May, had claims against the Guatemalan Government which by agreement were left to arbitration. The arbitrator awarded a considerable sum (one hundred and forty-three thousand dollars) to Mr. May, who shortly thereafter attempted to visit the United States, but was arrested on the grounds of the strength of the forces sent from England at different periods, but it has been changing in the field with withdrawals, losses, and re-enforcements, so that it seems impossible to reach any definite idea as to the precise number of men at the front at any one time.

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T. Naqura and M. Takeuchi, of Tokyo, Japan, are registered at the Normandie. For the past seven months they have been making a tour of the world, and came to America from France, where they spent several weeks at the Exposition. "We think your country is most beautiful, and, above all, it is the most wonderful country we have seen," said T. Naqura, who speaks English like a native, although he says he was educated in Japan.

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COST OF THE BOER WAR.

Enormous sacrifice of men and money by Great Britain. A study of the war in South Africa, the campaigns and losses of both sides, the strategy employed and the tactics, has to some extent engaged the attention of experts in the Bureau of Military Information at the War Department. So far the information at hand is only up to last April, and it is not expected that the full work will be completed for several months. The difficulty in obtaining accurate information is considerable.

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