

THE DEMING GRAPHIC

DEMING, - - NEW MEXICO.

Lockjaw leaves statesmen alone, or else they are immune.

Shall we also be jolly good fellows if Sir Thomas lifts the cup?

That \$5,000,000 toy trust will furnish monopoly's newest "something to play with."

M. de Plehve says Russia will "encourage the Jews to emigrate." "Encouragement" is good.

Never roll a MS to be offered to an editor, unless you roll it around a couple of 50-cent cigars.

The prudent woman will think twice before she takes up the men's sock and puts her foot in it.

Japan is doubtless gritty for its size, but it should be warned in advance that Russia is not China.

Those three men up north who took bed-bug poison for whiskey merely made a mistake in the kind of poison.

An automobile is never so much out of place as at a horse show. Besides, it is liable to add injury to insult.

It is suspected by the police that there is a suicide club in Hoboken. Doubtless there is one there if anywhere.

Grand Duke Vladimir, the czar's uncle, declares that the Russian Jews are happy. Glad they are still alive, perhaps.

Fathers-in-law make the most trouble before the marriage, but generally they mind their own business afterward.

The Chicago youth who has stolen over a hundred bicycles during the past year must be crazy. At least he has wheels.

Cuba would like to borrow \$35,000,000. Just now we don't happen to know anybody who has that much lying around loose.

A London man has refused to be knighted by King Edward. Evidently he doesn't know of any rich American girl that he wants to marry.

A New York paper reports the catching of a mackerel weighing 108 pounds. A decimal mark must have been dropped out of the original item.

The man in London who has just sold thirteen apostle spoons for the record price of \$24,000 cannot be persuaded that thirteen is an unlucky number.

An English judge has declared that South Dakota divorces are no good. There are plenty of other people, however, who will never be happy till they get them.

It's all very well for the astronomers to tell us that the new comet is in the vicinity of Alpha Cygnus, but most of us haven't the least idea where Alpha Cygnus is.

The public men who complain about cartoons of themselves may some day be subjected to the awful condition of not having their pictures in the papers at all.

Prof. Marinaki of New York finds that the strains of the bagpiper are sure death to mosquitoes. Very likely; but a more humane way of killing them should be invented.

Possibly the officials ordered the Kearsarge to make that rapid trip in order that the tolling officers might get into form again after their sumptuous fare in Europe.

Englishmen have bowed courteously to the Americans who carried off the marksmanship trophy. A former generation once bowed very precipitately to Yankee straight shooting.

Tesla's prediction that it will be possible to send photographs by a system of wireless electrical transmissions may be regarded as one of the most brilliant things that he has done thus far.

It may be true, as an expert declares, that the devil lurks in sofa fountains, but people are not so much afraid of the devil nowadays as they used to be in the days of Cotton Mather.

Dr. Stiles' discovery of the germ which produces laziness may be interesting, but it would have been a great deal more useful to have discovered the germ which produces the desire for hard work.

Bear Doing a Watchdog's Duty.

A large black bear is used in lieu of a watchdog by Gottlieb Weest, of Leipsville, Pa. The animal is owned by Frank Green, who captured it while on a gunning expedition in one of the western states. At night bruin is chained in the yard. At the approach of a stranger he growls and jugs at his chain. During the day the bear amuses passers-by doing stunts, such as dancing and walking in a soldier fashion with a broomstick.

Wouldn't Surprise Them.

A traveling man boarded the train at Mexico early one morning, en route to Jefferson City, only a few hours' run, and complained about the slow time the train was making. With a look that would crack ice the conductor said: "You had better get off and walk if the speed of this train does not suit you." The traveling man said he would, but his folks didn't expect him until train time.—Kansas City Star.

Three Days on the Wing.

A pigeon sent in a race from Bourne-mouth, England, 23rd May, lost its way in a northeasterly gale, and flew on board the Minneapolis, on her way to New York, in lat. 49.03 N., long. 19.61 W., on 26th May, having flown a distance of 831 miles without a rest, a drop of water, or a grain of food for three days. The pigeon was traced to its owner at Earlsfield by the club stamp on its wing.

She Was a "Quivering Mass."

A London correspondent, describing the spectators at the opera performance in honor of President Loubet of France, in London, notes that Mrs. Perry Belmont, of New York, easily led the diamond brigade. "She was a quivering mass of rich stones and dazzled the eye from all parts of the house." It is not surprising that she quivered with such a load on.

Woman's Field.

Every woman should think and act for herself, and express her real opinions. Individuality, when combined with tact and good manners, is always attractive. A woman's happy, hearty laugh is better than medicine, and her cheery presence is as welcome as the sunshine in a sickroom and is as fruitful of good.—Exchange.

Spanish Signs in Mexico.

The Mexican government proposes to compel all signs and advertisements on walls to be in Spanish with, if desired, translations into other languages. It is considered contrary to the dignity of the nation that English signs, now very numerous, should not have their Spanish counterpart.

Sunburn Crazed Him.

As the result of sunburn, Joseph Perkins, a Coney Island life-saver, is delirious in a New York hospital. The doctors who are treating him pronounce his the worst case of sunburn they have ever seen. A large part of his skin had been made completely raw by the sun.

Quite a Merger.

There is a rumor abroad that the city hall is slowly and quietly sinking into the subway. Such a rumor about the other buildings in City Hall Park would not disquiet anyone, except the subway people, but really we cannot spare the city hall just yet.—New York World.

Great Britain Leads.

Of the 140 colonies, dependencies, protectorates and "spheres of influence" belonging to the different nations, the United Kingdom has nearly one-half. The area of the British empire is estimated at from 11,250,000 to 11,400,000 square miles.

Irish Twins.

Irish women can boast of having twins more frequently than any other women in the world. Twins are born in Dublin about once in every fifty-two births, as against a general world average of one in eighty.

Suggest Vegetarian Diet.

Dr. Arthur McDonald, the criminologist in Washington, now says that unless a person wants to become a criminal he should never eat meat or potatoes.

Destroys Sparrows.

During the last three months the Easton Sparrow Club in Essex, Eng., has destroyed 7,394 sparrows as being pests to the farmer and gardener.

His Trotters to Be Cared For.

A Western man of wealth bequeathed a fund of \$5,000, the annual interest to be used for the care of two favorite trotting horses.

Roosevelt's Cousin a Captain.

Lieut. H. L. Roosevelt, appointed captain in the United States marine corps, is a cousin of President Roosevelt.

Reputations Made to Order.

Many a statesman would lose his reputation as a wit if the reporters lost their imaginations.

Gentlemen at Arms.

The English bodyguard of gentlemen-at-arms, which is the "nearest guard" to his majesty, is limited in numbers, and composed of officers who have seen active service, who are of a certain height and under fifty years of age at the date of appointment. His majesty personally selects the officers who form his English guard, and the appointment is looked upon as a great prize. The gentlemen-at-arms receive pay.

Butterfly Farms.

Up to within a year or two a butterfly farm establishment at Eastbourne, England, by William Watkins, an entomologist, was the only one of its kind. To-day, however, there exist several such farms in France. These butterflies are reared in the interest of the silkworm industry and also rare specimens are grown to be sold at high prices to museums of natural history in all parts of the world.

Giant Monkey.

The biggest monkey ever exhibited is a gorilla six feet ten inches high, with an arm-spread of nine feet three inches, from the Camarons, West Africa. He stands with his skeleton beside him in the museum of Hamburg. The crowds at the museum have been enormous, and the comments upon its marked resemblance to the human species have been general.

Tasks for Children.

It is not only cruel but most unwise to set little children tasks fitted only for persons of mature years. Little children should not be required nor allowed to perform any drudgery, and especially to lift heavy weights. Children's bones are tender, not having ossified so as to be hardened, so they easily become deformed and grow out of shape.

Easy Way to Get Shellfish.

Many a Long Island housewife, when she wants oysters or clams for dinner, puts on her hat, strolls down to the shore that marks the boundary of her husband's property and there gathers the shellfish with her own hands. Then, again, she frequently takes one of the "hired help" along to do the actual work.

States Without a Lynching.

Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Utah are the only states in which there has not been a lynching. The record from 1885 to 1900 shows that there were 2,516 lynchings, 1,678 being negroes, 801 white, twenty-one Indians, nine Chinese and seven Mexicans.

Proper Seasoning.

"That boy of mine," said the country editor, "is a little wild, I admit, but he's young yet. He needs a little seasoning—" "Seasonin's what he'll git," interrupted Farmer Hardgrane "if he don't keep outer by orchard, I'll pepper him with rock salt."—Philadelphia Press.

No Repetition Wanted.

Mr. Sloop—"But why do you insist that our daughter should marry a man whom she does not like? You married for love, didn't you?" Mrs. Sloop—"Yes, but that is no reason why I should let our daughter make the same blunder."—New York Weekly.

Crusade Against "Docking."

The New Jersey Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is carrying on a crusade against the practice of "docking" horses' tails. Several wealthy owners of horses have been arrested charged with having had their horses' tails docked.

Youngest Lecturer on Surgery.

William Darrach, who graduated from Yale in 1897, and who has been appointed one of the lecturing physicians at the P. and S. hospital in New York city, is the youngest man who ever held the position.

To Mine Coal Under Water.

The new mines pumping scheme for South Staffordshire, England, is designed to release and render available for mining 40,000,000 tons of coal now under water.

Royal Road to Literary Reputation.

Some people seem to think that the way to seem highly cultivated is to express glowing admiration every now and then for Omar Khayyam.

Wheat Harvest of Australia.

The average yield of the wheat harvest of South Australia is six bushels per acre, and the surplus available for export 130,520 tons.

Fine Bloodletters.

The toy pistol in South America would make those revolutionists far more dangerous than they are.—Philadelphia Press.

Military Automobiles.

Automobiles made for the German army haul from five to eight ton loads through hilly country.

CITY OF CARACAS

PRIDE OF VENEZUELAN

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE)

Since the astonishing leap of Venezuela into something resembling a modern state, under the guidance of Guzman Blanco, the country has had many more revolutions than presidents, and of the entire lot of aspirants not one was much more than a self-seeking adventurer.

A really remarkable thing in its way is the National Pantheon at Caracas, and probably no other land of such comparative poverty can furnish its counterpart. A building that, like most pantheons, was once a church—La Trinidad—dedicated to preserving the dust and the memories of Venezuelan heroes, stands on high ground, fronting a plaza. In the interior are a number of marble monuments, executed in Italy, all of a grand and impressive character.

That of Bolivar covers a tomb in which his bones now rest. On one side of this memorial is another to Antonio Guzman, "secretary of the liberator and founder of the Liberal party," and on the other than of Gen. Daniel Florencio O'Leary, "liberator and historian of Venezuela, New Granada, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia." The Spanish tongue insists on turning the Irish Florence into Florencia and the flashing general's name is usually written here "O'Leary."

Near by the graves of the earlier Ybarra, Diego and Andreas, are marked with slabs in the floor, and a large wreath of living flowers from the Daughters of the American Revolution fills a prominent place. A splendid monument to Miranda, one of Gregorio Monagas, who, when president, freed all the slaves, one to Antonio Jose Sucre, and one to the patriots in general who fell in the con-

It is rather surprising to find in a land with such an unstable government—a land to which Europeans send warships to collect debts—more statues of heroes in its capital city than there are in the rich and solid town of Boston. In nearly every one of the numerous plazas bronze perpetuates the fame of some national figure, and the statues are, as a rule, well executed.

The largest is naturally that of the



"Washington of South America," Simon Bolivar, in the handsome plaza of that name in the center of the city. Mounted in full uniform on a rearing charger, with chapeau in hand as if acknowledging the plaudits of an admiring throng, the liberator sits, every inch a man. Both Bolivar and Miranda were born at Caracas, though the latter died at Santa Marta, from which place his bones were brought here. What a pity that Bolivar in the bitterness of his retreat, where he died heartbroken at the ingratitude of the people he had rescued, could not have



PANORAMA OF THE CAPITAL

flict with Spain, are the other more striking memorials. On the whole it is a fine beginning for a national Westminster Abbey, and should have a pronounced effect on the patriotic impulses of future generations.

The traveler from the United States is frequently reminded how eminently the worth of Washington is appreciated in other lands. Here a little plaza, twice the size of our Granary burying ground, bears his name and has in the center an extremely fine bronze statue of the "Father of His Country." He is represented standing

had provision of the honor in which they hold his name!

Besides the handsome shaft to the much-loved Miranda which stands in Puerto Cabello—dedicated also to O'Leary and his other companions—his bronze image adorns the plaza in front of the Pantheon. A notable bronze is also that of Columbus, at the top of the grand staircase which leads to the handsome gardens near the reservoir.

Not a statue in the city has a "truly" stone pedestal, though all are cunningly designed to imitate reality. Even the high posts of fences around the palaces are not real iron, only painted wood; try them with your walking stick and hear the dull response. The semi-gothic architecture of the university, copied from some monastery of Europe and formerly used by monks here, almost deceives you at first, with its time-stained stone—mere imitation. The Federal Palace and Municipal theater, though low in stature, have stupendous fluted columns of (imitation) stone. Nearly every building in the place is masquerading in false colors.

Take it all in all, few cities of its size (70,000 inhabitants) have more in the way of public adornment than this Caracas, hidden away in its mountain retreat. A walk in any direction reveals beauties that a more northerly land could never hope to rival, and it is small wonder that so many of the inhabitants delight in spending every possible moment out of doors. Hundreds of houses have their own spacious patios, and through half-opened portals one may catch glimpses of lavish floral effects. The courtyard of the Yellow House (the presidential mansion) is generally free to all visitors.

When things resume their natural (or rather unnatural) condition, and there is an interim between revolutions, the seeker for novelty might do worse than spend a month in this pretty little city.



STATUE OF SIMON BOLIVAR

on a pedestal in an easy pose, the figure being perhaps eight feet in height. Americans, on special occasions, decorate this statue, and it has no superior as a work of art in the city. "W. R. O'Donovan fecit" is written on the base.