LACK OF ORDER.

The Chinese Deficient in Military System and Discipline.

The Chinese are an untidy race, whose cities in their native country are frightfully unclean, and whose special quarters in our cities are apt to afford anxiety to boards of health. The Japanese, on the contrary, are extremely cleanly, orderly and neat; and one of the stories told of Chinese soldiers in the present war tends to show that this difference has played no small part in determining victory or defeat.

The Japanese are armed with modern weapons, of which they take excellent care, and which they handle with skill and efficiency. A lady writing from China says that the Chinese troops are provided with a curious variety of European arms, obsolete, ancient and new; and that cartridges for perhaps twenty different makes are all served out together.

In Manchuria she actually saw cartridges piled carelessly on the ground, "not in boxes, but lying in great heaps like potatoes—long and short, fat and thin, all mixed together, and soldiers fitting them to their guns, trying them, and throwing away those which were too large or too small."

No wonder the Chinese do not stand before the Japanese. Assuming as the cartridge each man happens to carry are exhausted, he can only depend on one chance in twenty of getting any more that he can use. He seldom waits that chance; he runs, and throws his useless rifle promptly away that he may run the faster.—London Spectator.

HER REASON.

It Explained Why a Girl Was Not to Squeeze Her Hand.

"George!" It wasn't what she said so much as the way in which she said it.

She took the word and drew it out until it was a long, tremulous filament of sweetness.

Yet there was a tinge of reproof in her tone.

"George!"

She said it only once in reality, but it is customary with story writers to say "George" twice under these circumstances.

"What is it?"

"You have been squeezing my hand with great regularity and emphasis for some time."

"I know it," he replied, with the frankness that was characteristic of his manly nature.

"Please don't do it any more," and her voice dropped almost to a whisper.

"No more?" This sounded like heart throbs of anguish, and his form shook with emotion.

"Why not?"

"Because"—she faltered.

"Go on."

"Because I have got a blister on my little finger."—Tit-Bits.

A Sheep-Killing Parrot.

Among the remarkable birds of New Zealand is the greenish-gray nocturnal parrot of the genus Strigops, which lives in burrows and resembles an owl; and still a more singular parrot, the Nestor notabilis, which the English have come to regard as a dangerous nuisance. The English, as is well known, introduced sheep farming into New Zealand, as well as into Australia. Now these parrots have acquired the habit of perching upon the backs of the sheep and excavating holes therein with their formidable bills in order to extract the kidneys. The fact is so much the more curious in that it cannot be attributed to an innate instinct, since previous to the arrival of the English these birds had never seen a sheep, nor even any animal of analogous conformation, the fauna of New Zealand including scarcely a single mammal. We know, moreover, that in entire Oceanica there are no other mammals except marsupials. There is here, then, on the part of these birds an act of intelligence and even of calculation, so much the more curious in that it is certainly complicated with a phenomenon of language or analogous communication. It is true that the birds are parrots, but the fact is none the less worthy of remark.—Revue Francaise.

The Peculiarity of the "R."

A little feature to be seen in some writings—perhaps only to be distinguished as a separate gesture by the aid of a magnifying glass—is the tiny stroke which is separately placed above the small r, in order to show that it is an r, and to thus distinguish it from another letter, or part of a letter, which resembles the r when the latter is made without this little top stroke. At the first glance, how insignificant does this detail appear! But is it really without meaning as a human action? I think not.

A man who habitually takes the trouble to make clearer the meaning of one of his symbols, at the cost of a little separate action, is a man who takes pains with his work and who desires to do his work well. This action, trivial as it appears, could scarcely be done by a slovenly or careless person; it is a gesture of minute care and attention—qualities that in one way or another have been of great service to individuals and to mankind. Thomas Carlyle, for example, showed his minute carefulness by an attention to punctuation that I have never seen excelled, and which has rarely been equaled.—Nineteenth Century.

Short-Lived Books.

Collectors of old books in the twentieth century may not be so fortunate as their predecessors of the nineteenth century have been. It is not very uncommon in the present day to find books two or three hundred years old in a good state of preservation. The paper may be yellow with age, but it is still tough and strong. On the other hand it is asserted that the paper now used in making books consists of materials which insure rapid decay, and that most of the books printed in our time will have fallen to pieces before the year 1950. Our descendants, however, may not regard this as an unalloyed misfortune.—Youth's Companion.

THE NEW WOMAN.

THE COMING WOMAN—"My darling, give me just one little kiss." The Coming Man—"No, indeed. Why, you haven't been shaved to-day."—Philadelphia Record.

"Is it true that Maud Makeface was arrested for intimidating voters?" "Yes. She threatened to kiss every man who would vote for Johnson."—Indianapolis Journal.

FIRST NEW WOMAN (at the club—"Have you finished your social duties for the day, dear?" Second New Woman—"Horrors! no. I feel that I really must go home and call on my husband."—Chicago Record.

FOND—"Is your wife exhibiting any 'new woman' tendencies?" Smallwort—"Well, no—except, of course, when it comes to new clothes. She insists on their newness, right along."—Cincinnati Tribune.

DIALOGUES OF THE FUTURE.—Master—"O—will you get me my boots?" Maid—"If what?" Master—"O—if you please." Maid—"If you please what?" Master—"Will you kindly get me my boots, if you please, miss?" Maid—"That's better. No, I won't."—Pall Mall Budget.

ENGLISH NOBILITY.

LORD ROSEBERY has recovered from the grip, but there is no improvement in his insomnia.

LORD RANDOLPH CHURCHILL, who was supposed to be bankrupt, left an estate valued at $500,000.

WITHIN a few weeks Lord Rosebery's hair has turned entirely gray, and he is spoken of by foreign newspapers as "a physical wreck."

IT is a curious coincidence that Lord Beaconsfield and Lord Randolph Churchill should leave personalty to the same amount. Lord Randolph left $375,000 and Beaconsfield only a few dollars more.

THE earl of Aberdeen, governor general of Canada, has undertaken to defray the expenses of the maintenance and education until they have reached the age of twenty-one of the two sons of the late Sir John Thompson, premier and minister of justice of Canada.

THE GEOLOGIST.

MICA is reported to be a satisfactory substitute for selinite for use in polarizing outfits.

OVER one-half of the sand of every shore is composed of minute shells, each of which was once the home of a living creature.

PROF. GILBERT, the geologist, has come to the conclusion that the huge hole in the ground known as the Diablo canyon, in Arizona, marks the place where a large meteor once struck the ground.

THE tensile strength of iron at 400 degrees below zero is just twice what it is at 60 degrees above. It will take a strain of 60 instead of 30 tons to the square inch, and equally curious results have come out as to the elongation of metals under these conditions.

PERSONAL POINTS.

RICHARD VAUX, who died in Philadelphia a few days ago, is the only American who ever danced with Queen Victoria.

MRS. CHRISTIE WASHINGTON (colored) has just died at Somerville, N. J., leaving her son an orphan. She was one hundred and sixteen years old and the orphan son is eighty-nine.

MRS. NELLIE GRANT SARTORIS' eldest daughter has a decided talent for the stage, but it is not likely she will embrace it as a career. She is a pretty girl, with very attractive manners.

JOSHUA H. STOVER, of Staunton, Va., has been sentenced to the penitentiary for life for stealing three and a half pounds of bacon worth thirty-seven and a half cents. Stover is a white man, a carpenter, and a confirmed thief.

MRS. KATE GANNETT WELLS declares that "men are quite as nagging as women, and would be more so if they had to wear women's clothes. When men are said to be disagreeable to their wives, it is often because the latter are too weak, and do not assert their rights at first."

THE late Rev. Dr. Lord, of Buffalo, N. Y., officiated at the funeral of one of Buffalo's notoriously rich and wicked citizens. After noting the deceased's parentage and date of birth he closed his tribute by saying: "Our dead friend had one noble virtue. He always got up early in the morning."

JAMES KEMP, who has just died in Boston, is said to have been the first man converted by the Salvation Army in the United States. A member of the army picked him out of an ash barrel while he was drunk. The next day he joined the army, and soon rose to be a captain, an office which he held until his death.

RULERS OF EUROPE.

CZAR NICHOLAS has established a fund of $250,000 to relieve journalists and authors in distress and to provide for their widows when they die.

THE king of Servia has taken up with the slumming fad and enjoys going around seeing his subjects without letting them know who he is.

EMPEROR WILLIAM is said to be rather hypochondriacal, and, among other worries in which he indulges, he is haunted by the fear that he will grow too fat. To avoid this he takes a number of Russian baths every week.

THE German emperor has a magnificent wine cellar, containing precious brands from all parts of the globe. Each brand has its separate inclosure shut in by iron railings, with a tablet affixed giving name, age, price and number of bottles.

QUEEN VICTORIA never makes purchases in a shop, but has everything brought to her. There was much gossip in St. Petersburg some time ago over the new czar's unprecedented act of going into a store with his wife to buy gloves. The Austrian empress seldom goes into a store in Vienna, but is very fond of shopping when she can do so without being recognized on her travels.

GOSSIP FROM ABROAD.

M. ANATOLE LEROY BEAULIEU, the French political economist, who is not a radical, proposes that a tax be put on the French "rentes" as a concession to the socialists. The "rentes" are the equivalent in France of registered government bonds.

MEMBERS of the house of commons have heretofore reserved their seats in the house by leaving their hats in them during prayer time. The speaker has introduced an innovation by allowing a seat to be reserved by leaving on it a visiting card, "provided that the member has attended prayers."

AT Avignon, the palace of the popes, in which, during the "Babylonian captivity," for seventy years in the fourteenth century, the popes lived, which is now used as a cavalry barracks, is to be completely restored and used as a museum or for the residence of the archbishop.

AT Ole-Russian town of Reni, at the junction of the Pruth and the Danube, a rich find was made lately of gold coins of the time of Philip of Macedon, the father of Alexander the Great. They are in excellent preservation, and five hundred and twelve of them have already been seized by the police and sent to St. Petersburg.

AN extraordinary story of crime comes from Nauenburg, in Prussian Saxony. Four boys, from fifteen to seventeen years of age, imprisoned in the Zeitz reformatory, have been convicted of strangling two of their fellow prisoners. Their sole object was to be transferred from the reformatory to a jail, where they thought they would be more comfortable.

THE Johannisberg vineyards revert to the emperor of Austria by the death of Prince Richard Metternich. The estate had been held originally by the dukes of Polatz Ragusa, and it was in Marshal Kellermann's family. After the peace of Vienna it was given to Prince Metternich for their lives. The Kellermann line has just ended with the death of Prince Richard, who leaves no sons.

MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

HENRY HOLCOMB, who was the oldest living graduate of Yale, has just died at North Wrentham, Conn. He was ninety-two years old, was graduated in the class of 1822, and was a Congregational minister.

MATTHEW M. BALLOU, the well-known Boston editor, publisher and writer, died in Cairo, Egypt. Mr. Ballou was born in Boston in 1820, and was editor and publisher of the first illustrated paper in this country, which was known at the outset as Ballou's Monthly.

WHILE the late showman, W. C. Coup, was connected with Barnum he received a letter from a sick child at Syracuse regretting that he could not come to the show and see the elephants, so he had the entire herd of elephants march out to the youngster's home and perform their tricks before his window.

MR. KENTON, the Japanese minister at Washington, is very fond of society, and he and the chargé d'affaires of the legation, a Japanese who speaks several languages and is a most courteous and sociable young man, go out a great deal and have become very popular with the hospitable people at the capital.

PRESIDENT KRUGER, of the Transvaal republic, is not gifted with an appreciation of music. A short time ago at an entertainment in his honor one of the most gifted singers of Bloemfontein sang a song. The hostess asked the president how he liked the music, and he replied: "I go out into the country when I want to hear a she wolf scream."

SHORT CLEANINGS.

"RAFFLE for a dimon pin" is the top line on a sign back of the bar attached to a popular New York cafe.

THE Portland (Me.) Street Railway company has been given permission by the aldermen to use electricity.

IT is said that moths will not attack green fabrics. Arsenic is used in dyeing green, and the moths are wise enough to shun that deadly drug.

RICHARD BURGES, the Hartford poet, says that does like Warner's music. Of course this is a vile insinuation that dogs do not know what is good for them.

AUNT NANCY GARRISON, a colored woman, aged sixty, of Holly Springs, Miss., has a head of hair which extends twenty feet when down to its full length.

AN international congress for the protection of infancy will be held at Bordeaux next August. Besides the moral, legal and physical sides of the subject, it will discuss the decline of parental authority and its delegation into other hands.

MANNERS OF THE GREAT.

BURNS always ate with his knife.

ASPHER THE GREY said: "A king can afford to be polite."

GUSTAVUS was very pompous and full of his own importance.

JUSTINIAN inculcated politeness on every official of the empire.

FOX would never stand covered in the presence of ladies.

COUNT DE LESSEPS was the type of the French gentleman.

CORNEILLE'S manners were the admiration of his contemporaries.

BRET HARTE is said to ape the behavior of the English aristocracy.

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