

INSPIRATION OF THE COLORS

Sentiments That the Soldier Assoo-ates With the Flag Have Turned Many Battles.

Instance after instance could be quoted from military history in which the mere sight of the colors has inspired men and carried them to ultimate victory when the tide of battle appeared to have turned against them and all seemed lost. Great generals have themselves taken the colors in their hands and rallied their forces to supreme effort in the hour of trial. Obviously it was not the mere piece of tattered silk that wrought these wonders; it was the sentiment inseparably associated with the colors that acted as the spell.

We know, too, that the capture of the loss of colors has always been assigned a vital importance by the world's greatest commanders, because they knew that these regimental emblems typified all that their possessors held most dear—prestige, honor, victory. Let any man visit Napoleon's tomb at the Invalides, and, taking on the solemn spirit of the hour, gaze down into the circular shrine in which lies the huge porphyry sarcophagus containing the body of the great captain whose legions made all Europe tremble. Apart from the sarcophagus itself, what is it that most impresses him out of every ten spectators? Surely the stands of colors—the trophies of war—that stand grouped round the tomb. They are the mute eloquent witnesses to the greatness of the man whose dust rests in their midst.—London Telegraph.

FROM AN AUSTRALIAN DIARY

Voracious Ants of All Kinds—One Species that Evinces Fondness for Sheet Lead.

About noon it got too hot for anything and I took a well earned swim in a secluded creek, amid shoals of fish, large and small, who apparently resented my intrusion, from the way they came and stared at me.

I found on emerging from the water that a host of blue brown ants had taken possession of my clothes, and when they were shaken out they re-winged themselves by biting my bare feet in a way which was exceedingly painful.

There are thousands of ants every where, says a writer in the Gentlewoman. Some of the ant-hills are three feet high and six feet across—but except for a sharp nip at the time, the ordinary ant's bite is not noticeable. But if a soldier ant or a bull ant or a green head (an ant about size and

a half inches long, with a green head) bites you, it is not to be forgotten, because they take quite a big piece out.

Then there are the white ants (not really ants, but termites), which cheerfully eat the inside out of the beams of the wooden houses, and recently have been eating the sheet lead on the top of the Sydney museum. The city fathers thought this was going a little far, so now the ants are preserved inside the museum with samples of the half consumed lead as warning to all who allow their appetites to run away with them.

It Isn't Veneer That Really Counts.

It's what a man is, not what he has, which makes him a real man, after all. Acquired powers have their fascination, it must be admitted, but compared with genuine qualities, are not important. Which do you wish—the ability of a husband to swear at you in seven languages, or a loving-tenderness that will prompt your husband to speak words of sympathy to you in commonplace accents? Are you contemplating living with cleverness that can cut you to the heart, or with a great tenderness of nature that can sympathize?

Technical facilities, encyclopedic information, polished manners, all acquired points, usually attract a woman. They are veneers, and the wise girl will look beneath. A continental bow, a polite speech of apology with a French phrase thrown in, can never counterbalance the black eye given in a blind rage.

ORGANISTS OUT OF TUNE

National Association Has Inharmonious Session Because New Yorkers Capture All the Offices.

Asbury Park, N. J.—The harmony of the convention of the National Association of Organists has been rudely broken by a protest from western members against the alleged "steam-roller" methods of the New York state delegates, who elected New Yorkers exclusively as officers of the association. J. J. McClellan of Salt Lake City and F. Arthur Henkel of Nashville, Tenn., led in the criticism because of their domination of the association's affairs.

Remains Silent for Two Years. Sacramento, Cal.—Even the ether test has been unavailing in making Charles Carson, a prisoner, break an absolute silence of two years and six months.

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STAG PARTY SEES SEA LION

Animal Installs Itself as Watch-dog at a Mansion, According to a Belated Party.

Hillsboro, Cal.—A weird story to the effect that a real live sea lion had found its way from the ocean beach to Uplands, the Hillsboro home of Charles Templeton Crocker, has been going the rounds in San Mateo county.

Up till the other night the report was received with considerable skepticism, albeit many motorists are said to have steered clear of the Crocker gateway, at which the new "watch-dog" was supposed to have installed himself.

The monster of the deep may have departed for regions where there is more congenial society than that of Hillsboro millionaires, but that he was there in spirit and in truth, even if more in spirit than in truth, is no longer doubted.

What greater confirmation of the report is needed than that he was alleged to have been seen by members of a jovial stag party returning in the cold, gray dawn from a midnight revel at a polo club?

As a rule poloists do not run to sea lions, but they are a pleasing variation of vision of pink crocodiles, blue lizards and polka dot boa constrictors.

Corner on Idols.

H. E. Huntington of Pasadena, Cal., has done a foolish reactionary thing. He has bought 57 idols, brought them from their original Japanese temple, and installed them in his grounds so that he can worship Buddha in seclusion. How much better it would have been if he had got statues of some of the American idols and put them up so that the populace might worship. He could have several political favorites, Mammon, two or three baseball heroes, several moving picture cowboys, a ten-foot statue of an American silver dollar, a leading vaudeville address, an aviator, a fat hog for Chicago, Kansas City and Omaha visitors, and statues of a bull moose, an elephant and a donkey.—Pennsylvania Gist.

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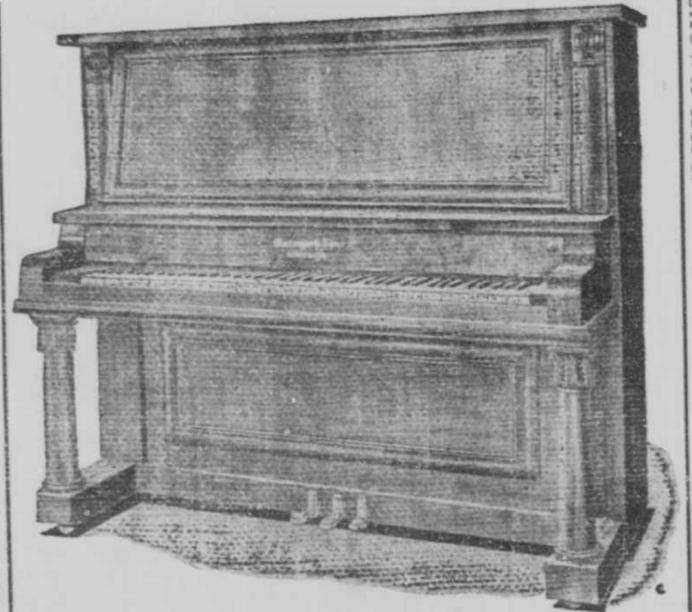
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