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Gen. Thomas H. Hubbard was talking in New York about the advertisement for an optimistic surgeon that Lieut. Peary inserted in the papers before the departure of his expedition.

Gen. Hubbard subscribed \$20,000 to the expedition. Therefore, it is easy to see that he has a profound interest in it, says the New York Tribune.

"Peary in his advertisement was right," he said. "It is as useful that the expedition's physician be a cheery optimist as that he be a practical surgeon. Optimism and good spirits go far in a voyage like this one. Perhaps it is because there has not been enough optimism and good cheer among men in the past that the north pole has not been found."

"When it is found, an optimist, commanding a band of optimists, will find it, and there will be no such cynic in that resolute and successful crew as the one who sailed with Peary on an earlier expedition."

"He was indeed a cynic. Let me give you an example of his disposition. With Peary one glorious night he paced the deck. Pointing to the sky, ablaze with splendid planets, Peary said: 'Isn't that a beautiful star?' 'The cynic with a grunt replied: 'Did you ever see an ugly one?'"

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"Cuticura saved the life of my mother, Mrs. Wm. F. Davis, of Stony Creek, Conn. Hers was the worst eczema I ever saw. She was hardly able to eat or sleep. Her head and body was a mass of sores, and she despaired of recovery. Finally, after spending hundreds of dollars on doctors, growing worse all the time, living in misery for years, with hair whitened from suffering and body terribly disfigured, she was completely cured by two cakes of Cuticura Soap, five boxes of Cuticura, and three bottles of Cuticura Resolvent—Geo. C. Davis, 161 W. 38th St. N. Y."

No Secret About It. Reporter—Senator, what is the secret of your hostility to reformers? Senator—Grapher—they're so blamed superficial. There's nothing that needs reforming.—Chicago Tribune.

When a man is willing to become stepfather to six children, it's a sign that he is really in love; when a woman is willing to become stepmother to any, it's a sign the man has lots of money.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

SEVEN YEARS AGO

A Rochester Chemist Found a Singularly Effective Medicine.

William A. Franklin, of the Franklin & Palmer Chemical Co., Rochester, N. Y., writes: "Seven years ago I was suffering very much through the failure of the kidneys to eliminate the uric acid from my system. My back was very lame and ached if I over exerted myself in the least degree. At times I was weighed down with a feeling of languor and depression and suffered continually from annoying irregularities of the kidney secretions. I procured a box of Doan's Kidney Pills and began using them. I found prompt relief from the aching and lameness in my back, and by the time I had taken three boxes I was cured of all irregularities."

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PISO'S CURE FOR

CONSUMPTION

EXPERTS ARE PERPLEXED.

Notation on Government Corner Stone Causes Controversy in Washington.

An interesting controversy has arisen in Washington regarding the date with which the architects for the house of representatives office building have inscribed the corner stone of that structure. As engraved, states a Washington report, the stone bears the line "MDCCLCV," whereas many of the savants of the national capital claim that it should read "MCMV," and the plain people are asking why it would not be better to inscribe it plain "1905," so that even members of congress would be able to read the inscription.

Carrere & Hastings, the architects, are said to be responsible for the unique method of Roman notation employed, and they maintain that they have a precedent for this method of indicating the date 1905 in the inscription they placed on the New York public library. They also claim to have submitted the question to Harvard and Yale universities, and to the French institute, and to have been supported by the opinions of all three.

Some reasonably well educated professional men in Washington, however, refuse to be awed into silence by the weight of these authorities. They maintain that even the Roman system of notation is consistent, and that as long as 19 is indicated by the letters XIX, and 100 is indicated by the letters CXC, there is no logical reason for changing the form when indicating 100 times 19 or ten times 190.

They further insist that it is a well established rule in Roman notation that no letter can be used four times in succession, the only possible exception to this rule being on watch faces, which indicate the fourth hour with IIII, but they explain that this is merely a perpetuated error, first made by a German watchmaker, and that there is no better authority for its use.

"If you write 19," say the expert mathematicians, "by indicating ten, and then deducting one from ten; if you write 190 by indicating 100 and then deduct ten from the next 100, why should you not write 1900 by indicating 1,000 and then deducting 100 from the next 1,000?"

Elliot Woods, superintendent of the capitol, looks careworn and furtively glances at the nearest exit when the subject is broached to him, although he explains politely that it is "up to" Messrs. Carrere & Hastings, and that he devoutly renders thanks to Providence that the responsibility for that inscription does not rest with him.

It is expected that some eminent scholars in congress will have not a few words to say on the subject when they reach Washington, and Mr. Woods seems to appreciate that the end is not yet, although he is determined not to commit himself irrevocably as to his own opinion on the subject.

Meanwhile the average man is wondering why the superintendent, the congress committee and the architect do not solve the problem by the easy method of going around it and writing the date in plain Arabic figures, which rural visitors could read without hesitation.

John M. Carrere said the other day that the inscription was based on ample precedent, since the Institute of France had some years ago decided that the longer method was the correct one. When a similar question arose in regard to the New York public library, Mr. Carrere added, the matter was referred to Columbia college, which decided in favor of the longer.

Capital Women's Diversion.

Face-making is to be a diversion of fashionable women in Washington this winter. Mrs. Roosevelt may be called the pioneer of this movement, though the wife of the French ambassador, Mme. Jusserand, and several other women in the diplomatic corps have added to its popularity. When Mrs. Roosevelt receives the women of the cabinet circle for the weekly boudoir conference she works on a piece of filmy lace while important affairs of the next social season are discussed. Whenever the president's wife receives an intimate friend in the sunny western alcove on the second corridor of the white house, which is her special preserve, she makes her lace, chats, stops long enough to take a cup of tea and begins at her lace again.

Times Talkers.

Senator Augustus O. Bacon, of Georgia, who recently returned from Europe, wears on the lapel of his coat a tiny watch not bigger than a man's thumb. In spite of its extremely delicate mechanism the watch keeps good time. Senator Bacon's purpose in wearing it so conspicuously is to curtail interviews with tedious persons. The man who can talk with the senator on any unimportant subject for any great length of time with the little watch staring him in the face and marking the passing minutes must be possessed of considerable courage or colossal nerve.

Man from Michigan.

C. E. Townsend, who is in his second term as member of the house of representatives from the Second Michigan district, is already recognized as a strong force in national legislation. His grandfather emigrated to Michigan all the way from New Jersey by ox team in 1834.

Woman's Hotel.

Washington is to have a woman's hotel—with an electric hair curler, of course, in every room.

EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

Water Rate the Only Levy Upon Foreign Governments for Quarters at Washington.

The attitude of the district government toward the embassies and legations of foreign governments located within the capital, in so far as assessments for various kinds of taxes are concerned, is set forth at considerable length in a formal opinion of the corporation counsel, which has just been forwarded to the commissioners. A copy of the finding will be transmitted to the state department and thence to the Cuban legation. It seems, says the Washington Star, that the points at issue were raised recently by the Cuban minister in a series of memoranda left at the state department and subsequently sent to the district building by Assistant Secretary Robert Bacon. The questions to which Senor Quesada asked particular answers included the following:

"Does a house owned by a foreign government in the District of Columbia pay any taxes whatever, water taxes, etc.? How in case of a minister who buys a house for himself and lives there and his office of the legation in the house? Is a minister who rents the house obliged to pay water taxes or any other to the District of Columbia?"

Quoting authorities to sustain each point, Corporation Counsel E. H. Thomas answered that "a house owned by a foreign government is exempt from payment of general taxes, but is not exempt from payment of water rent." To the second query the district law officer replies that such a house is exempt from general taxes whether owned by the minister or his government, but water rent must still be paid and the minister is further liable to special assessments for improvements, because the language of the act of congress in this respects only property "owned by foreign governments."

The last question is answered by the statement that the "minister who rents a house is obliged to pay water taxes, but not taxes on personal property," and, further, that "it is not customary in this district for a tenant renting a house to agree to pay general or special assessment taxes, so that the question as to his liability therefor would hardly arise."

SECRETARY ROOT'S ENERGY

State Department Officials Are Astonished by His Capacity for Work.

The way in which Secretary Root has entered upon his official duties, and his conception of them, have been a revelation to the old-timers in the state department. He has gone to work with a thoroughness that is without precedent in his office. Instead of taking the words of subordinates or taking anything for granted, he has insisted upon informing himself of the entire history from A to Z of everything that is likely to come before him in any way whatever.

Every afternoon as early as possible the secretary cuts short the business of the day, denies himself to visitors, orders that no cards be sent him leaving his office, and locks himself in the diplomatic room, where he busies himself in the records of cases. A force of messengers and clerks is kept busy bringing documents to him. Meanwhile swarms of visitors, including some of high degree, try vainly to induce the messengers to take their cards in.

Here he stays till six or seven o'clock every evening, working hard. By the time he has finished these preliminary studies at the rate he is going he will know more about all matters of current diplomacy and all that have any chance of becoming current than any man, from secretary to clerk, who has ever stepped foot in the building.

That stand-by of all executive departments, the veteran clerk, who "has the business of the department at his finger-ends," is to find his usefulness gone, because the secretary will know more than he does. Among the matters that the secretary is taking up are our relations with Venezuela, our trade relations with Germany, and the Moroccan situation.

The labor of acquainting himself in a few weeks with the entire machinery and all the problems of the state department and of American and foreign diplomacy and statesmanship is great, but no one familiar with Mr. Root's tremendous capacity for work doubts that it will take him less time than it would take almost anyone else. His manner of doing it has dismayed some of his subordinates, delighted others, and astonished all.

New Women Clerks.

Pension Commissioner Vespasian Warner has added to his laurels as a reformer by putting two women clerks on the pension board of review. The lucky ones are Miss Fanny Beall, who was in 1882 appointed from Maryland, and Miss Edith Quackenbush, who in 1890 was appointed from Indiana. The fact that several members of the board last year were dismissed for gross negligence of their duty and the notion that women do their duty without regard to grand army affiliations, may have had something to do with it.

Good Record.

Charles Denby, the new chief clerk of the state department, has a record of 20 years' good service in China. He went to Peking with his distinguished father, became first secretary of legation, was charge d'affaires once and again during the joint occupation in 1900 was secretary general of the provisional government.

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Secret Worth Learning.

"You poor man," said Mr. Henpeck, who, according to the Chicago Record-Herald, was for the first time seeing the inside of a lunatic asylum, "how long have you been here? Can you remember?" "Oh, yes; very well," replied the patient, "seven years. You see, they let me do pretty near as I please because I'm harmless."

"Are you married?" "Sure; I have a wife who used to throw things at me every time I came in the house."

"How sad! Do you know how she manages to live?" "She's getting along all right. Her brother, who is a rich bachelor, is taking care of her. He never would give up a cent, though, as long as I was able to work, confound him!"

"And what do you do here?" "Sit around mostly, smokin' and waitin' for the next meal time."

"Say," said the visitor, speaking softly, and drawing a little nearer to the patient, "just between ourselves, how did you get there to send you here?"

Words of Wisdom.

Westfield, Ill., Dec. 18th (Special).—All who are suffering with Bright's Disease should read carefully the following letter from the Rev. G. L. Good, of this place. He says:—

"I feel it is my duty to tell you of the wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Dodd's Kidney Pills. I am a Minister of the Gospel, and in my work I am frequently exposed to all weathers. Six years ago I was laid up sick. I doctored with a number of physicians, and finally consulted a specialist, but without success. They all told me I had Bright's Disease. I was in a bad way and almost helpless when, thank God, I heard of Dodd's Kidney Pills. They saved my life. I took sixteen boxes and now I am cured. The first day I took them I felt relief. When I began I weighed only one hundred and fifty pounds, now I weigh one hundred and sixty-five, and I am the picture of health. I recommend Dodd's Kidney Pills to all my friends who have Kidney Trouble, and I pray to God that other sufferers will read these words and be helped by them."

It always pays to be polite. When you are shaking hands with a man he can't very well be picking your pocket.

Inartistic Soul.

"What did you think of those voices at the grand opera?" "They were good, strong voices," answered Mr. Cumrox; "but considering what we paid for seats, I couldn't help thinking that we folks in the audience ought to be doin' the hollerin'!"—Washington Star.

Investigation.

First Insurance Millionaire—The self-made man has a hard time of it. Second Insurance Millionaire—Yes; first they look down on you, then up to you, and last look into you.—N. Y. Sun.

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A man has to be very proud of his children to think they are as good-looking as he would be if he didn't have so many business worries.—N. Y. Press.

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After all the man who exercises the most grateful self-restraint is the one who could have told us so, and didn't.—Puck.

Piso's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'Brien, 322 Third Ave., N., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1900.

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