

There is every evidence that Cuban affairs are rapidly approaching a crisis.

The critical condition of affairs at the principal scenes of hostile activity in Cuba has called all attention again to the affairs in that war oppressed country.

The republican doctors of the House have prescribed a dose of tariff medicine for the sick treasury.

Now, in the midst of the season when our mental status is likely to be seriously disturbed by rather sudden and painful growth of the 1895 crop of good resolutions for 1896, let us pause.

COFFEE AND CORN

As the people of a nation multiply and the area of land per capita lessens, which the sustenance and wealth of the whole people must be produced less and less, it is necessary that new resources shall be developed.

Agriculture ranks first among the industries of primary importance. What is important to agriculture is important to the whole world.

Two products, practically new to this country, are now before us among the possibilities that promise to largely and favorably affect American farmers. One is coffee, which, it is claimed, has been raised in small quantities successfully for two years by a farmer of central Iowa.

Facts Conclude.

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AN ENGLISH OPINION.

American Women Scolded at a London Newspaper.

From a London paper: The American woman must surely be the vainest creature that struts about the earth. Compared to her Yufa-Yuan, in the 'Mikado,' admiring herself in her mirror and congratulating herself on being the most beautiful woman in all the world, is modest. She, at least, utters her conviction only to herself, whereas the lady from Chicago, Ill., or Cicero, Me., goes up on the housetops and publishes hers abroad to all who care to listen.

ROCHEFORT'S INFLUENCE.

What He Said About Starting a Newspaper in Brussels. M. Rochefort is known in England as a Boulangist, as the editor and proprietor of the Intransigent newspaper, as the wild political agitator who opposed the government of Louis Napoleon in the '60s as bitterly as he attacked the actual republic at the close of the '80s.

Chicago Girls and Marriage.

I have no doubt that the remaining cause of the low marriage rate is that many men dislike intellectual women—whether because such women are really disagreeable or because man's taste is at fault, I shall not try to determine. And even among those who like them as friends many feel as the young man did who made this confession: "I never expected to marry the sort of a girl I did. You know I always believed in intellectual equality and all that, and had good friendships with the college girls. But you see, you girls hadn't any illusions about us. After you had seen us hanging at the board on problems you could work, and had taken the same degree yourselves, you couldn't imagine us wonders just because we had gone through college, and when I met a dear little girl that thought I knew everything—why, it just keeled me right over; it was a feeling I had no idea of."—Century.

Costly Entertainment for a Prince.

The Prince of Wales recently paid a visit to Lily, Duchess of Marlborough. It was for a few days only and "very quiet," yet this little informal stay, it is rumored, cost the duchess \$50,000. The suite of apartments which his royal highness occupied was newly upholstered in pale blue satin, and the prince's bath was of plated silver.

War Against the Wicked.

Police Commissioner Lee of St. Louis recently sent a letter to the pastors of the different churches of that city asking them if they would uphold him in an heroic effort to enforce the Sunday law in St. Louis on the lines pursued in New York. Most of the pastors have promised a zealous support.

A Remarkable Man.

"At that moment the worthy pastor appeared on the threshold of the manse. His hands were thrust into the pockets of his large, loose coat, while he turned over the leaves of the prayer book and wiped his spectacles."—Paul Lindau.

Where Three Empires Meet.

There is in the southeastern part of the Prussian province, Silesia, a spot where the frontiers of Germany, Russia and Austria meet. This point, which is called "The Three Emperors' Corner," is in the heart of a great coal and iron region. Count Schuwalow, the new governor-general of Poland, recently made a trip of inspection through the iron and industrial districts of Russian-Poland, and upon this occasion made a visit to this historical spot, where once the three emperors of Russia, Germany and Austria met and spoke to each other, while each stood in his own country.

Bath Recommended.

The following is the horror perpetrated by a well-known Scottish baronet: A sportsman said to him the other day: "Talking about dogs with keen scent, I have one that will compare favorably with any you have in England." "Very remarkable dog, I suppose?" yawned the listener.

Progress of Christian Endeavor.

The latest denomination to make Christian Endeavor its official young people's society is the African M. E. Zion church. The board of bishops, at its recent conference in St. Louis, unanimously passed a resolution endorsing the Y. P. S. C. E. and making Christian Endeavor the denominational young people's society.

Dromedaries as Camels.

Dromedaries are swifter than camels, and without a load go eight miles an hour for ten or twelve hours. Caravans consist of from 1,000 to 4,000, and many Arabs possess from 400 to 500. They cast their hair every year, and it is made into clothes, stockings, shawls, carpets, etc. Dromedaries live from forty to fifty years.

Woman Appointed County Physician.

Dr. Mabel Spencer, a Kansas City woman, has been appointed county physician of Riley county, the first woman in Kansas to receive such an appointment.

CHINESE MUSIC IN COURT.

An Attempt to Decide Whether It Hath Charms or Hates. The case brought by J. C. Clunie and others asking for an injunction forbidding the erection of the new Chinese theater came on yesterday before Judge Cooper. L. A. Thurston for the plaintiffs, and A. S. Hartwell for the defendants, vs the Pacific Commercial Advertiser. The grounds on which the injunction was asked were that all Chinese performances necessarily include an instrumental performance, and that the orchestra—if the theater were erected—would give such dismal, hideous and unearthy music that it would constitute a nuisance and make the neighborhood not worth living.

Combs of High Degree for This Season.

From the little unobtrusive inch and a half combs that used to plaster back refractory bangs during the Madonna craze, the side comb has developed into a five or six inch implement, encircling half the head and variously ornamented and filigreed. The teeth are fine and far apart, to suit soft or coarse hair, and variously graded, being perhaps only a half inch deep on one end and two inches on the other.

An Unmanly New Woman.

"What do you think?" exclaimed one emancipated woman. "I don't know." "What do I?" "Our president, Miss Tomasa Buoy, has taken to smoking cigarettes." "What! We must impeach her at once. The idea of her doing anything so unmanly!"—Washington Star.

STUDY OF THE MOON.

Peculiarities Noted in Its Appearance at Different Seasons.

To the casual observer the motions of the moon appear to be exceedingly whimsical and irregular, says the St. Louis Republic. If its place in the sky is watched it will be found that it is first north and then south of the sun's path, and that it is sometimes east and sometimes west of that luminary. The last two motions are steady and regular from east to west, carrying the moon in its endless swing around the heavens, starting at new moon near the sun and progressing until at full moon the whole visible portion of the sky separates the two bodies. After this there are two weeks in which the moon still appears to move backward, approaching the sun from the other side, then, again apparently all of a sudden, it passes the sun and we behold a "new moon." The north and south motions of the moon are entirely different. While performing its endless journey from west to east there are two special periods in which it either moves far northward or takes up its position low down in the south.

HE WAS SAD.

But He Then Knew How It Used to Be with Emancipated Women.

She had yielded to the fascinations of the new woman idea, and was at least a neck ahead of the most advanced. Her husband was meek and lowly, observes the Boston Post, and adds that they lived out on Fannin street.

Fills a Down East Pulpit.

The town of Littleton, N. H., has a woman pastor, Mrs. Frost. She first came to town as the wife of the pastor of the Congregational church, Rev. George B. Frost. Owing to ill health he was obliged to go abroad, and the church invited Mrs. Frost to supply the pulpit during his absence. This she did for a year, when an ecclesiastical council was called, and after a most rigid examination the rite of ordination was administered and Mrs. Frost was then fitted legally for all the functions of a minister. In pulpit, parish, at funerals, marriage ceremonies and all other services she was equally acceptable.

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