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A COMMENCEMENT WEEK DIVERSION



CADETS AT SINGLE SICK

It Was His Turn.
Two weary travelers were compelled to seek lodging in a country hotel that was unpromising in looks at least. Upon conferring with the owner the prospects brightened.

"Certainly, gentlemen," he said. "I have one spare bed that the two of you may have—a large feather one. This way, please."

They followed and were loath to anticipate much ease, but accepted the only thing and retired. One was soon snoring long and loudly, the other could not sleep. At about two in the morning the wakeful one nudged his companion.

"Here, get up! Time's up," he said. "What's the matter?" asked the other; "we are not on duty."
"No, but it's my turn to sleep on the feather," was the reply.

Invariably.
"When I looked over my mail," said one young author, "there was nothing in it excepting bills or rejected manuscripts."

"I know," replied the other, "it's always either something due or nothing doing."

Apology.
"You have broken your word to me!" said the helmsman, bitterly.
"Yes," replied Baron Fucash; "being a foreigner I can't help using a certain amount of broken English."

After the Horrible Example.
"Does a minister to China, pa, have to take a queue with him?"
"He gets a cue not to talk too much."

A DOCTOR'S EXPERIENCE
Medicine Not Needed in This Case.

It is hard to convince some people that coffee does them an injury! They lay their bad feelings to almost every cause but the true and unsuspected one.

But the doctor knows. His wide experience has proven to him that to some systems, coffee is an insidious poison that undermines the health.
Ask the doctor if coffee is the cause of constipation, stomach and nervous trouble.

"I have been a coffee drinker all my life. I am now 42 years old and when taken sick two years ago with nervous prostration, the doctor said that my nervous system was broken down and that I would have to give up coffee.

"I got so weak and shaky I could not work, and reading your advertisement of Postum, I asked my grocer if he had any of it. He said: 'Yes,' and that he used it in his family, and it was all it claimed to be.

"So I quit coffee and commenced to use Postum steadily and found in about two weeks' time I could sleep soundly at night and get up in the morning feeling fresh. In about two months I began to gain flesh. I weighed only 146 pounds when I commenced on Postum, and now I weigh 167 and feel better than I did at 20 years of age.

"I am working every day and sleep well at night. My two children were great coffee drinkers, but they have not drunk any since Postum came into the house, and are far more healthy than they were before."

Read "The Road to Wellville," found in pkgs. "There's a reason."
Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.



GRADUATION
week at the United States Military academy is easily the crowning week of the year, and is looked forward to with the keenest anticipation by all the future generals of the American army in the making. In this respect, however, the significant week in June at the great military institution on the Hudson is not so very different from the corresponding culminating interval of the academic year at other great seats of learning in this country. To be sure, the drills, open-air evolutions, dress parades and sham battles do supply an element of the spectacular not to be found in like degree anywhere else, unless perhaps it be at the United States Naval academy at Annapolis, but in so far as the graduation exercises proper are concerned, and the attendant farewell balls, the program at the Point is not so different from that carried out at other big educational institutions at the close of the school year.

Yet for all this sameness, in some respects there is enough of novelty in the climax at West Point to draw visitors by the thousand from all sections of the country. Nor are the spectators by any means limited to the relatives and close friends of the young men who are to receive, along with their diplomas, commissions as second lieutenants in the regular army. That would be understandable enough—such a gathering of interested kith and kin. But aside from the onlookers whose interest is stimulated by blood ties, there is a vast assemblage, the members of which feel no interest in either graduates or undergraduates at the Point, but who have been drawn thither by the prospect of a "show" literally worthy of many miles of travel to witness. The picturesque events, ranging in variety all the way from "guard mount" to rough riding, are the magnets which draw to West Point the vast throng of sightseers and pleasure seekers. Incidentally, it may be noted that it is an excellent opportunity to see celebrities. The president of the United States, the secretary of war, or some other prominent official, presents the diplomas to the graduates, and high officials of the army are always present in their bravest show of gold braid.

The military academy is probably unique among all educational institutions in that the term "commencement week" has a certain appropriate significance for the whole student body, rather than merely for the graduating class. At West Point, commencement week means the commencement of a new life for the lads, who after four years of book learning and practical training, are to go forth to assume the responsibilities of lieutenants of infantry, cavalry or artillery. But for the quota of cadets left behind to finish their uncompleted courses of instruction this momentous week in June likewise means the commencement of a new era, a change in the existing order of things that is about as radical as could be imagined.

GENERAL WOOD ALWAYS READY

Qualification That Earned His Advancement in Brief Time.

Ray Stannard Baker writes a most interesting sketch of Gen. Leonard Wood in the American Magazine, part of which is quoted as follows:
"Many there are who have attempted to account for the startling rise to power and fame of Gen. Leonard Wood. Twelve years ago an assistant surgeon, with little or no regular military training, how is it possible that today at the astonishingly youthful age of 50 (he was born October 9, 1860), he should be the ranking major-general and chief of staff of the army of the United States?"

"Somewhere in one of his essays Emerson observes of a certain extraordinary man that he was 'prepared for his age.' No better description of the success of General Wood could possibly be written. Without especially brilliant qualities to commend him, with little promise in his earlier years, he has been, at every crisis he has had to meet, peculiarly the man who was ready. There stood Leonard Wood—prepared. It was not that he sought the places which he has filled so successfully, but that he was supremely the man who was ready for them.

"At the very beginning of his career in the

army, although only a surgeon, he was assigned to lead a detachment of soldiers in pursuit of Geronimo's Apache warriors, far down among the mountains and cactus deserts of Old Mexico. He performed this difficult task with such courage and efficiency that he was especially commended by his commanding general and rewarded by congress with one of its rare medals. Theodore Roosevelt said of him:
"No soldier could outwalk him, could live with greater indifference on hard and scanty fare, could endure hardship better or do better without sleep."
"At the beginning of the Spanish war, when it was proposed to raise a regiment of rough riders, the man naturally chosen to lead was this same reticent, low-spoken, well-prepared army surgeon. He became colonel and led the rough riders on the bloody hill of Las Guasimas. After that, when the high ones at Washington looked about them for a man to command the conquered province of Santiago, there stood Leonard Wood—ready. . . . He proved an admirable colonial administrator and from that moment onward he had been the 'imminent man' in connection with the most difficult problems of our foreign dependencies. He became governor of Cuba, then he went to the Philippines.
"As he has held more and more important positions, performing each task with that high sort

of quiet efficiency which Americans admire, he has risen, naturally, in rank in the army, until now he is chief of staff, with headquarters at Washington."

INDIAN CREMATION MUST STOP.

Some time ago the agent and other officers in charge of the Yuma reservation asked the braves to refrain from burning the houses of the dead. They showed how easy it would be for a fire to sweep over a part of the reservation and put government property in jeopardy.

For a time the Indians observed the request, the Los Angeles Times says, but a few days ago celebrated the departure of one of their number in the most approved redskin style. The personal effects of the deceased were burned and his house was set on fire. He was supposed to have arrived in the happy hunting ground, ready for an enthusiastic reception.

But, inasmuch as the personal property of a deceased person belongs to the heirs by the California law, there is no doubt that zealous friends overstepped the law when they cremated everything the dead Indian had ever owned.

The practice of the Yuma Indians in burning their dead, together with the possessions left by the departed braves, has aroused the federal authorities to action. While there wouldn't be interference with cremation—a religious rite—the officers declare that government property must not be endangered.

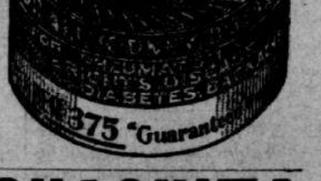
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