

Wheeler at Santiago.
 Into the thick of the fight he went,
 pallid and sick and wan,
 borne in an ambulance to the front,
 a ghostly wisp of a man;
 But the fighting soul of a fighting
 man, approved in the long ago,
 went to the front in that ambulance,
 and the body of Fighting Joe.

Out from the front they were coming
 back, smitten of Spanish shells
 Wounded boys from the Vermont
 hills and the Alabama dells;
 "Put them into the ambulance; I'll
 ride to the front," he said;
 And he climbed to the saddle and
 rode right on, that little old ex-
 celed.

From end to end of the long blue ranks
 rose up the ringing cheers,
 And many a powder-darkened face
 was bejeweled with sudden tears.
 As with flashing eye and gleaming
 sword and hair and beard of
 snow.

Into the hell of shot and shell rode
 little old Fighting Joe!

Sick with fever and racked with pain
 he could not stay away.

For he heard the song of yester-
 years in the deep-mouthed can-
 non's bay.

He heard in the calling song of the
 guns there was work for him to do,
 Where his country's best blood
 splashed and flowed 'round the
 old Red, White and Blue.

Federal body and hero heart! This
 Union's heart to you
 Beats out in love and reverence-and
 to each dear boy in blue

Who stood or fell 'mid the shot and
 shell and cheered in the face of
 the foe.

As, wan and white, to the heart of
 the fight rode little old Fighting
 Joe.

—James Lindsay Gordon.

Pungent Paragraphs.

Humor of the Camp.—"Cap-
 tain, the new recruit is a fine
 fiencer." "Is he? Put him on
 picket duty."—Cleveland Plain
 Dealer.

Old Crusty (angrily).—"Well
 I wouldn't talk like a fool, if
 I were you." (sencenely)—"No
 you wouldn't dear."—Town
 Topics.

The Real Ordeal.—"I hear
 he refused to take chloroform
 when he was operated on."
 "Yes, said he'd rather take it
 when he paid the bill."—Detroit
 Journal.

"I heard a queer expression
 the other day. I was speaking
 to a lady of the fine old town
 of Wrentham, and she exclaim-
 ed: "O, yes, I know that town—
 it's the one that has those per-
 fectly delicious old grave-
 yards!"—Boston Transcript.

A Dolt.—Mrs. Putt—"I had
 to get rid of my cook." Mrs.
 Bye—"Indeed?" "Yes; she used
 one of my golf sticks for kind-
 ling wood, when three of Henry's
 walking sticks were right at
 hand."—Philadelphia North
 American.

Maud.—"Funny what curious
 eyes some people have! I
 showed my new photograph to
 the Nellisons to-day. He said
 it was awfully pretty, and she
 said it didn't look a bit like me."
 Edith—"So it seems that
 husband and wife can think
 alike, doesn't it?"—Boston
 Transcript.

The Essence of Jingoism.—
 "Wal, Jim, wot d'ye think
 abart the czar of Rooshia and
 this 'ere universal disarmament?"
 Jim—"Well, it's sum-
 mat like me and my ole woman,
 mate, when there's a bit of a
 shindy brewing. The one wot
 proposes peace is the one wot
 ain't god 'old o' the poker!"
 —Fun.

☐The English people are rap-
 idly becoming as blunt and bru-
 tal in their diplomacy as we
 Americans. The British Am-
 bassador to France, in a speech
 in Paris, has told the dandies
 that they are not wanted in the
 Soudan.

Second Annual Rabbit Hunt.

The citizens of Saline Town-
 ship, in particular, (and the
 world in general is invited to
 participate), will have their an-
 nual hunt on or about the 21st
 and 22nd of December. All the
 rabbits killed will be ship-
 ped to the Provident Associa-
 tion of St. Louis and distrib-
 uted among the poor on Christ-
 mas eve. The rabbits will be
 shipped to St. Louis over the
 Burlington Route free of charge,
 the management having tender-
 ed their services, which was
 very kind in them. This is
 truly a labor of love, and all
 who can should go out, and in
 that way help feed those who
 otherwise would go hungry.
 We hope to see many of our
 citizens engage in this hunt,
 and trust success will crown
 their efforts.—Ralls County
 Times.

The Times refers to what is
 known as the Monroe Rabbit
 Hunt, but Saline Township de-
 serves a great deal of credit for
 the success of the first hunt be-
 cause she delivered nearly one
 half of the rabbits and in 1898,
 Saline, one of the best town-
 ships in the Little Kingdom,
 will again do her duty nobly.

The citizens of Saline town-
 ship will have a big rabbit hunt
 on Dec. 21st and 22nd. They
 will ship them to St. Louis on
 the 23rd, where they will be
 distributed among the poor peo-
 ple. This is a good scheme.
 No doubt a large number of
 cotton tails will be killed and
 shipped and the hearts of the
 poor will be made glad.—Ralls
 County Record.

The "Rabbit Hunt" referred
 to is the one gotten up by Judge
 John D. Fields and the Monroe
 City DEMOCRAT, better known
 to the outer world as the Mon-
 roe "Rabbit Hunt."

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A Valuable Hint.

A lady writing to a news-
 paper office gives the following
 pertinent suggestion gratis:

"Mr. Editor: A lady wants
 to say a few words to the
 merchants, and really it is a
 delicate subject to handle.
 You know it is now time when
 our grocery men set their vege-
 tables outside on the pavement
 and you know there are very
 tall dogs and it operates as
 though they drank from Sara-
 toga Medical Springs. Now
 Mr. Editor, you must know
 what I want to say, and if you
 will help me out you will do
 the public a great favor. What
 we want is the vegetables on
 boxes, or shelves, or above the
 high water mark. For the good
 of woman and mankind; the
 grocers will please attend to it.
 Those wire screens they use
 over baskets and barrels are
 not "water tight." This is a
 delicate matter, but you know
 when a lady goes to a store for
 cabbage and beets she doesn't
 like to be obliged to take peas
 also. Please put it in shape so
 as to offend nobody.

"A HOUSEKEEPER."

"Alaska has been an American
 territory for 30 years but as
 there is no commodity there for
 the Spreckels and Co. backed
 by other grabbers, to get a cor-
 ner on, there has been no colo-
 nial or territorial juggery con-
 nected with it, but on the other
 hand "De Gang" are fighting
 for offices in the Philippines
 and other islands before they
 are in the possession of this gov-
 ernment.

Reflections of a Bachelor.

Love has a language to de-
 scribe everything but itself.

Every woman likes to be
 thought a riddle, but not one
 that can't be guessed.

Never tell a newly-married
 man a secret. Wait a few
 weeks until he gets over it.

The general opinion seems to
 be that economy should begin
 at somebody else's home.

Every woman has a garret in
 her memory in which she stores
 all of her worn-out ideals.

It is always a mystery to a
 man why a woman doesn't have
 more accidents happen with her
 clothes.

Probably the greatest compli-
 ment a man can pay to a
 woman is not to have her fall
 in love with him.

A woman's face may look
 like an open book, but you may
 be pretty sure the pages are
 stitched in all wrong.

When a woman reaches the
 age where she is not worth
 looking at, she is old enough to
 be worth listening to.

When a girl tells a young
 man that she has dreamed about
 him the night before, it is time
 he should commence saving his
 money for the future.

You can generally tell how
 engaged people will treat each
 other after they get married by
 the way they don't treat each
 other while they are engaged.
 —N. Y. Press.

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