

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

In Berlin no woman is allowed to ride on the top of an omnibus.

Eight million eggs have been found in the roe of a single codfish.

A caterpillar in the course of a month will devour 600 times its own weight in food.

Manitoba traces its origin from Manitou, the Indian appellation of "The Great Spirit."

Argentina, now the Argentine Republic, owes its name to the silvery reflection of its rivers.

In the 23 libraries of Berlin, which are public or belong to official bodies, there are over 2,000,000 volumes.

In every school in Paris there is a restaurant where free meals are served to the children who are too poor to pay.

Pernambuco means "the mouth of hell," in allusion to the violent surf always seen at the mouth of its chief river.

Brazil is a Portuguese term, derived from braga, "a live coal," relative to the red dyewood with which the country abounds.

The longest canal in the world is in Russia. It extends from St. Petersburg to the frontier of China and measures nearly 4500 miles.

If only pure milk was sold in London it is estimated that from 20,000 to 30,000 more cows would be wanted to keep up the supply.

A French agriculturist has grafted tomatoes upon potatoes, with the result that his plant produces potatoes underground and tomatoes above.

The Correspondence, published in Madrid, expresses confidence in the "eventual triumph of justice." And that is what Uncle Sam plus his faith upon.

Oakum is chiefly used for caulking ships; it is also largely used for surgical purposes in dressing in the hospitals of Great Britain and on the Continent.

There will be a partial eclipse of the moon July 3, annular eclipse of the sun July 18, a partial eclipse of the sun December 13, and a total eclipse of the moon December 25.

The ground in the vicinity of the Bank of England is estimated to be worth not less than \$10,000,000 per acre. Land in Pall Mall has changed hands at \$2,500,000 an acre.

Some Philadelphians are calling upon the police to enforce a long-forgotten ordinance of the city, which forbids a vehicle following another in the streets at a less distance than 10 feet.

A pair of scales, much like those of modern pharmacists, are among the objects discovered this year, in excavations about 30 miles from Thebes, and recently exhibited in London.

There could not possibly be a whiter city than Cadiz, unless it was built of snow. As you near the coast, you see in front of you a white mass which appears to be floating upon the water, just as you are.

SPAIN'S very liberal concessions to American commerce have not prevented her from making a prize of an American schooner, laden with coal, near Manila. The question naturally arises whether Spain has changed its mind on the subject of coal as contraband of war.

THE President has declined with thanks Miss Helen Gould's offer of \$100,000 for war purposes. Can anyone tell why? It would have saved that much taken from the toil and sweat of the masses. She can well afford it, while they will miss every cent of contribution to that sum.

VERSATILE CAPTAIN SIGSBEE

Captain Sigbee, the naval commander, is known to the whole world—a man of indomitable courage, cool demeanor and good judgment. But not so many people know that this gallant officer has other talents besides the ability to command a war vessel, or that he has won distinction in other fields, says the Pittsburg Dispatch. His bravery and wisdom in Havana harbor, when his splendid battle ship was blown up, were sufficient to overshadow his former achievements, including his exploit of running the Maine into a New York dock to avoid collision with a crowded excursion boat.

It is a fact, however, that Captain Sigbee is an artist of no mean order, an inventor who might have made a brilliant success in the patent office, and a scientist of practical character. As commander of the survey steamer Blake, Captain Sigbee rendered valuable service to his country in peaceful paths. The deepest depression in the Gulf of Mexico was named Sigbee Valley in his honor by the party of scientists which accompanied the Blake as a token of their appreciation of his scientific assistance and his inventions to facilitate their work. As an illustrator he won recognition before he had secured a command in the navy.

In brief, Captain Sigbee is one of those versatile, forceful men who might win fame in almost any occupation to which they might turn their attention. Withal he is a gentleman with a conscience as active as his mentality. When he declared his belief that his ship was blown up by an enemy he had good reasons for believing it, and the Spanish dogs, barking at his heels, will neither frighten him nor weaken the confidence of the American people in his integrity and sincerity. Captain Sigbee is a typical American and the nation may well be confident of victory when it remembers that it has such men in command of its naval vessels and such citizens behind its guns, both on sea and land.

Something of the historical character of the Spaniard was displayed in the telegram of the Governor of the Philippine Islands to the Government at Madrid, that he was in hourly expectation for the battle with the American squadron to begin, while Admiral Dewey coolly advised his Government at Washington that there might be a collision between his own and the Spanish naval forces in three days. It is the cool fellow who gets there every time.

THE United States have been a happy nation today. Such glorious results in two-hours time, have probably never been equaled and certainly never excelled.

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