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Old Fort Marion's Dungeons—Where the Cruel Spaniards Used to Torture Their Hapless Victims—Lazy Days in the Canteen.

The Battle of Blenheim.

It was a summer evening,
Old Kaspar's work was done
And before his cottage door
Was sitting in the sun,
And by him sported on the green
His little grandchild Wilhelmine.

She saw her brother Peterkin
Roll something large and round,
Which he beside the rivulet
In playing there had found;
He came to ask what he had found,
That was so large, and smooth, and round.

Old Kaspar took it from the boy,
Who stood expectant by;
And then the old man shook his head,
And with a natural sigh,
"'Tis some poor fellow's skull," said he,
Who fell in the great victory.

"I find them in the garden,
For there's many here about;
And often, when I go to plough,
The ploughshare turns them out!
For many thousand men," said he,
"Were slain in that great victory."

"Now tell us what 'twas all about,"
Young Peterkin he cries;
While little Wilhelmine looks up,
With wonder-waiting eyes;
"Now tell us all about the war,
And what they kill'd each other for."

"It was the English," Kaspar cried,
"Who put the French to rout;
But what they kill'd each other for,
I could not well make out.
But everybody said," quoth he,
"That 'twas a famous victory.

"My father lived at Blenheim then,
Yon little stream hard by;
They burnt his dwelling to the ground,
And he was forced to fly;
So with his wife and child he fled,
Nor had he where to rest his head.

"With fire and sword the country round
Was wasted far and wide;
And many a childing mother then,
And new-born baby died;
But things like that, you know, must be
At every famous victory.

"They say it was a shocking sight
After the field was won;
For many thousand bodies here
Lay rotting in the sun;
But things like that, you know, must be
After a famous victory.

"Great praise the Duke of Marlbro' won,
And our good prince Eugene."
"Why, 't was a very wicked thing!"
Said little Wilhelmine.
"Nay—nay—my little girl," quoth he,
"It was a famous victory.

"And everybody praised the Duke
Who this great fight did win."
"And what good came of it at last?"
Quoth little Peterkin.
"Why, that I cannot tell," said he,
"But 't was a famous victory."

—William Southey.

Fort Marion's Dungeons.

St. Augustine Letter in Mail and Express: The most interesting sight of St. Augustine is Fort Marion, as the old structure was chrisened after the Florida purchase, in honor of the revolutionary general, Marion. Its grim, weather-beaten bastions and parapets are all built of coquina—that strange calcareous deposit of decayed sea shells, making a kind of natural and durable mortar that solidifies upon exposure to the air. Even a new structure of this material takes on instantly a gray and venerable appearance. One might wander for hours or sit for days near one of the boxes or in the antique watch tower of this fortification and dream of the sucessive scenes of conquest, of Spanish cruelty, of French revenge, of British conquest, of Spanish preocupation and of final acquisition by the United States.

Sergeant Brown of the regular army is in charge of this historic pile. He will show you through the old casements, each of them curious enough, and will reach his culmination of horror in the dungeons beneath the northwest bastion. Here, opening by a narrow passage from the central place of arms, is the place of punishment for prisoners. The walls will show the recesses into which were let six crosses. Before one of the crosses the hapless prisoner was hung in chains, so arranged that he could neither sit nor stand, while every movement was an agony, and while the cross, emblem of peace and love, hung above him until he was ready to confess or die. It must have been a sacrilegious travesty of the crucifixion.

Until the year 1835 this large prison chamber of comparatively public imprisonment and torture was supposed to be the most thrilling relic of Spanish barbarity. But in that year the moving of a heavy cannon on the outside parapet above broke through a roof; and then were revealed two inner chambers. Investigation showed that these inner dungeons were connected with the larger prison chamber by a low, narrow tunnel, running through walls four feet thick. This tunnel, before the transfer of the old fort, had been blocked with masonry—perhaps to conceal from the new owners the testimony of atrocious cruelty; or perhaps the tunnel was blocked at a far earlier period.

The first of these dungeons, which you examine by lantern light, is about seven feet by twenty and fifteen feet high. Its length fitted it for the use of the rack and its seclusion prevented the groans and shrieks of the tortured from being heard, except, perhaps, as they might faintly reach through the tunnel the chained prisoners in the outer chamber, to strike further terror to their fainting souls. There is a small passage for ventilation in the roof and it was this that after many years caused the break that led to the discovery of the torture chamber.

It is with a shuddering realization of the possibilities of Spanish ferocity when, in unbridled power that one emerges from these dark, stone-walled dungeons and greets the outer sunshine with a gasp of relief.

Lazy Days in the Canteens.

Never did a canteen of any army post in this country make as much money as did the canteen at Jefferson barracks during the life at Camp Stevens, says the Kansas City Star.

Canteen are the creation of the government by law, for the benefit of the troops at a post. They form a sort of club for the privates and "noncoms" where they may get a meal, a cigar and what a saloon in town affords. The profits go to the benefit of the mess, to eke out the table with food not supplied in the government rations. For men grow weary of government rations and to be able to order a meal of ham and eggs or a steak or get a cheese sandwich or a broiled ham sandwich with restaurant coffee becomes quite a luxury.

With the arrival of 5,000 volunteers the Jefferson barracks canteen swirled with business. It was a downright luxury for the volunteers who were unused to eating government rations, as well as a windfall for the Third cavalry, which operated it. The Third had been stationed at the barracks, but is now at the front. There was this difference, however, that the hungry customer, who pushed into the restaurant, crying, "Give me a steak, quick!" would find the waiter oblivious to his presence for a space of several minutes.

"Can I have a steak?"

The waiter would not turn from his conversation with a soldier about how the Third fared at Chickamauga.

"Say, won't you take my order?"

Then, wiping his hands on his apron, disclosing cavalry trousers, the waiter would reply:

"You can have ham and eggs if you are good."

In the barroom it was the same thing. The customers who shouted loudly for beer would have to wait. If they leaned on the counter the bartender would say:

"Here, mister, if you do that again you won't get any beer."

Wise were those who came to the canteen with fitting humility, for they were served promptly.

Weyler as a Business Man.

Let us give the devil his due. Weyler may be a bad soldier, but he is a very talented business man, says the New York Mail and Express. He, through his agents in the last two years, bought 11,000 mules from the United States and Mexico at about $30 apiece and then sold them through other agents to himself as representing the Spanish government at $123 apiece, making a clear profit of $98 a mule. With all allowance for transportation and feed, insurance and labor bills, all of which were probably paid by the poor government, the clear profit must have been $800,000.

Equally shrewd was his cattle syndicate. The cattle concession was given to a concern in which he is said to have been the chief partner. They bought cattle, both live and refrigerated, at 6 cents a pound, and sold them at Havana for 20 cents a pound. The consumption in that city is over 100,000 pounds a day, the profit over $10,000, and in 600 days the total profit would be about $6,000,000. He is also said to have had a large interest in the tobacco monopoly, the flour trade, the potato business, the wholesale cabbage industry, the bottled beer commerce and the milk routes of Havana. It is no wonder, therefore, that the people of Manila say he sent home $6,000,000, and the people of Havana that he transmitted $8,000,000. Of course this was not all for himself. He has many poor friends in the cortes!

Chinaman in the Civil War.

The enlistment of a Chinaman in the volunteer army in California reminds the Washington Post that there was but one celestial in the war of the rebellion. His Chinese name is unknown, but the name under which he enlisted was Thomas Sylvanus. He was born in Baltimore about eighteen years before the outbreak of the war. When only a child he was taken to Pittsburg, where he acted as a servant for a wealthy family in that city. When the war broke out Thomas ran away and enlisted in the army. He served Uncle Sam until the close of the war, shortly after which he turned up in Indiana, Pa., where he resided until his death, which occurred a few years ago.

While in the service of the United States Sylvanus contracted a disease of the eyes, from which he almost went blind. In 1880 he applied for and was granted a pension of $12 per month. He also secured several hundred dollars' back pension. An examination of the records discloses the fact that Sylvanus was the only Chinaman in the late war, and consequently the only one of his race who drew a pension. At last accounts his widow and children were still living in Indiana, Pa.

His Prize.

Commodore Chauncey, during the war of 1812, commanded for a time the fleet on Lake Ontario, and had the extreme ill fortune of never during that period exchanging a hostile shot with the enemy. There were a great many uncharitable enough to blame the commodore for this, believing that he was rather anxious that this should be the case. Some time after the war he was placed in charge of the navy yard, and one day caught a youngster with a basket, gathering chips. Walking up to him he snatched the basket and roughly ordered him to leave the premises, while he confiscated the basket for the owner's presumption of entering forbidden ground. The little fellow backed away until assured that he was beyond danger, when he called out: "Keep the basket if you want. It's the only prize you ever took!"

John Bull Knows a Good Thing.

Great Britain has the most powerful navy in the world. Untold millions have been spent in its building, and the best brain of the island kingdom has been devoted to its improvement. Yet, impressed with the behavior of the American navy, and openly acknowledging the superiority of its methods, the British admiralty has taken steps looking to the adoption of the American system of gunnery and open sea target practice. The accuracy of the fire of the American guns is the wonder of the world.—Des Moines Leader.

New Hand Fire Engine.

Enthusiastic descriptions are given, according to the Philadelphia Record of a new hand fire engine for use in suburban and country towns, where the public service is not within easy call which has lately been brought out in Great Britain. This machine is portable, being mounted on a pair of strong iron wheels, and can pump fifty gallons of water per minute against a head of sixty-five feet, or, when used in emergency, can be forced to deliver one hundred gallons a minute. The engine rests on four iron feet, this position being effected by raising the handle of the carriage and lowering the boiler. It is of the quick-raising steam type and may be run up to a working pressure in a few minutes, which for emergency work is, of course, of great importance. The pump can be disconnected readily.

War Into Africa.

"Your wife is somewhat strong minded, isn't she, Littlejohn?" "Strong-minded. A furniture polish peddler came here yesterday and in five minutes' talk she sold him some polish she had made herself."—Detroit Free Press.

Would Be Welcomed.

If Cervera keeps on his present cheerful strain of compliment for this country and its people we may expect him to apply for naturalization papers before long.—Syracuse Post.

William Neff of Colorado unearthed six baby coyotes on his ranch and trained them so that they follow him like dogs.

Crops in Oregon and Washington.

Portland Commercial Review: News of the progress in the wheat fields is now attracting the attention of our exporters and grain dealers. Reports to hand from the state of Washington show crops in some parts of the state are two weeks late, but are in excellent condition. State Grain Inspector George Wright returned from a tour of the Eastern Washington wheat districts. He says: The Washington wheat yield this year may amount to 23,000,000 bu or 24,000,000 bu. It will likely be larger than that of last year, but I would not make any positive statements as to the outcome. The fact that a large part of the Washington wheat sought the seaboard via the Columbia river last year has made it impossible for us to get complete figures as to the crop. Whitman county farmers claim they will produce 10,000,000 bu this year. Whitman is a large county and the soil is rich, and such a yield would mean that Whitman county is the greatest wheat-producing county in the state. The joint is just beginning to form in the late Whitman county fields. The farmers have planted more wheat and less barley this year, because wheat demanded a better price than barley last year, but the barley crop should be fairly large even this year. Estimates placed by dealers state that the crop of the state of Washington will be from 22,000,000 bu to 25,000,000 bu. The acreage of the state is estimated as 5 per cent increase over that of 1897. In Oregon the wheat shows up well, and harvesting is progressing rather slowly. By next month work will become quite active. Reports from the harvest fields show that the crop is turning out very good, and that the yield will be as large as that of 1897. According to this basis, the crop of the two states will be fully 45,000,000 bu, but we think that the figures are a trifle too large and dealers here think that our figures, from 41,000,000 bu to 43,000,000, are almost correct. In the wheat market here very little doing can be said. Holders are offering sparingly, and those selling are pressed for ready money.

The Indiana Fruit Prospect.

Early in the season Prof. J. Troop of Purdue University published the results of inquiries sent to every county in the state concerning the prospect for fruit. At that time 24 counties gave the prospect for apples as good, 42 only fair and 9 as poor. Pears, 55 good, 17 fair; 3 poor. Peaches, 62 good, 8 fair, 5 poor. Plums, 61 good, 9 fair and 5 poor. Not all of the counties reported. In order to ascertain whether these estimates would hold good or not, a second lot of inquiries was sent out to the same persons about ten days ago, and 70 have been heard from. This time the result is as follows: Apples, 57 poor, 13 fair and none good. Pears, 6 poor, 40 fair and 24 good. Peaches, 20 poor, 30 fair and 20 good. Plums, 6 poor, 29 fair and 35 good. These counties are well distributed over the state, from the extreme north to the Ohio river, so that these last figures may be taken as representing the fruit prospect for the whole state. As will be seen, the percentage has dropped very materially since the blossoming period, and it now appears that we shall be obliged to look to other states for our winter apples.

Liquid Manure.

The following directions for preparing a liquid manure are given by the Gardeners' Chronicle: Put into a forty gallon tank or cistern two bushels of fresh horse dung; stir it well about, and leave it to clear; and in about a week add one peck of fresh soot enclosed in a canvac bag, squeeze this a little every third day, so as to make its contents exude. Let the mixture get clear, and then use, say one quart to three gallons of rain or soft water. This is a good manure for all kinds of soft-wooded plants. It may be made stronger by adding chickens' or pigeons' dung, at the rate of half a peck to the above quantities. If, in summer time, bubbles generate on the surface, it is a symptom of fermentation, and the latter should be stayed, by the addition of a small quantity of white vitriol. Of course, after the cask has been filled up twice, the contents should be turned out and a fresh lot made up. Instead of clear water, soap suds may be used in filling up the cask.

Antiquity of Agriculture.—The art of tilling the soil for the production of food is as old as human civilization. The discovery of the nutritive quality of the grains, fruits and vegetables as they grew wild must have preceded the cultivation of them. The fertile valleys of the Nile, the Euphrates and the Ho-ang-ho must have abounded in these spontaneous productions, and population would be invited by this natural supply, till its density would demand an increase of production, which would naturally lead to cultivation. In conformity with this hypothesis we find that Egypt, Chaldea and China each claim the introduction of the agricultural art. It is possible that cultivation of the soil for the production of crops was practiced in each of these countries without the knowledge of the others. But the similarity of the ancient processes and implements strongly suggests a common origin, most probably that detailed in the ancient Hebrew narrative.

Getting Iron Into Eggs.—An exchange says a French physician has conceived of a novel method of administering iron, if not to his patients in general, at least to his immediate family. He has noticed that hens have powerful digestive organs, and has discovered that they can digest considerable quantities of iron, and send it back through the albumen of their eggs, in a form which is more easily digested by the weaker stomach of man than if taken in any other way. So he feeds his hens salt of iron, mixed with their wheat, and they lay eggs extremely rich in predigested iron. The amount of iron contained in the animal tissues of a man weighing 150 pounds is about 100 grains, or a quarter of an ounce. Yet even this small amount is so necessary to the economy of human nature that a few grains less may produce serious disturbance in the system.

Soft Water for Test Bottles.—Frequently when the bottles are taken from the tester a bit of foam will be found on top of the fat. This can be remedied by using soft or distilled water for filling the bottles. If no soft water is to be had from ordinary sources, condensed water can be had from the boiler with but little trouble. Arrange a drip cock from some steam pipe and leave it open very little. Condensation will give you all the soft water you want, not only for filling the bottles, but also for washing them.—Elgin Dairy Report.

One form of lime, gypsum, has been shown to be a most effective corrective of black alkali, found in some of the soils of the arid portions of the United States.

THE YELLOW METAL.

BRING FOUR TONS OF GOLD FROM THE KLONDIKE.

Argonaut's Return from Alaska on the Roanoke—Joaquin Miller Says the Mines Are the Richest in the World and Hardest to Work.

Seattle, Wash., July 19.—The North American Trading and Transportation Company's steamer Roanoke arrived here at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon from St. Michael's, Alaska, with 240 passengers and with about four tons of gold, which, reduced to dollars, amounts to between $1,500,000 and $2,000,000.

Of this amount the Canadian Bank of Commerce had 5,000 ounces and the North American Trading and Transportation Company 20,000 ounces. Probably 50 per cent of the returning miners have fortunes averaging at least $10,000 each.

Joaquin Miller, the well known poet, who was among the Roanoke's passengers, briefly expressed the general tenor of the stories told by the Roanoke's passengers as follows:

"The Klondike mines are certainly the richest ever found on the face of the earth, but this gold is tenfold harder to get than in any camp I have ever seen."

This is a list of those having the largest individual amounts:

William Sloan	$119,000	Robert Linsley	$ 6,000
N. Berrette	56,000	Ed. Simpson	5,000
Alex. Boudette	50,000	Charles Welsh	5,000
G. N. Belden	51,000	R. C. Walker	5,000
H. G. Anderson	49,000	C. H. Chestwood	4,000
Frank Conrad	46,000	Jack Shay	4,000
James Ladd	40,000	W. H. Dryden	3,000
Ed. Monahan	35,000	Frank Leslie	3,000
L. Spencer	30,000	J. Merrit	3,000
A. D. Gray	20,000	John White	3,000
Jos. Chevalier	20,000	E. Singleton	3,000
W. F. Cobb	17,000	Charles Allen	3,000
Ara McIntosh	15,000	J. C. Stewart	2,500
J. A. Miller	12,000	T. Beveridge	2,000
Ole Olson	10,000	William Bryges	2,000
Swan Peterson	10,000	W. J. McAlpin	2,000
J. S. Ordell	10,000	David Penecokon	1,500
Frank Smith	8,000	Alex. Little	1,500
H. Lachman	6,000	James Reed	1,500

The miners are reticent about the amounts they brought. The reason for the observance of such secrecy lies in a desire to evade the payment of the 10 per cent. royalty exacted by the Canadian government. Not in every case have the miners paid royalty on the full amount taken out of their claims, and many of them have smuggled out larger sums than they will admit.

It is said that the shipment of gold on the Roanoke would have been much heavier had those in the interior not felt some apprehension of an attack at sea by privateers.

The North American Trading and Transportation Company will, it is stated, ship most of their gold on later boats. Some of the wealthiest miners will come out later in the season.

If you have a skeleton in your closet make no bones of it.

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Iowa Patent Office Report.

Des Moines, Aug. 13, 1898.

J. A. Merritt, of Des Moines, the senate studious attorney, has surprised his friends by a display of poetical genius in the production of a poem that deserves to rank with Longfellow's Hiawatha and is entitled to 'Tama." The author has applied for a copyright and the poem will be published in illustrated book form.

Fifteen U. S. patents were issued to Iowa inventors August 9, as follows:

To B. L. Bonnell, of Donnellson, for a railway switch; to W. F. Brown, of Maquoketa, for a lawn sprinkler; to L. W. Carson, of Elma, for a motor; to J. C. Dukes, of Ellston, for a floor-laying machine; to W. D. Graves, of St. Augur, for a bag-holder; to J. R. Holt, of Des Moines, for a duplex clothespin; to J. A. Koontz, Centreville, for a draft-cock; to A. A. Lindley, of Oskaloosa, for a track-sanding apparatus; to E. S. Manning, of Des Moines, for a signal lamp for railways, etc.; to J. C. Perkins, of Inwood, for a roller attachment for sleighs; to G. F. Snider et al. of Abingdon, for a washing machine; to M. J. Stroud, of Paton, for a draft attachment for vehicles; to I. A. Weaver, of Oskaloosa, and R. M. Boyer, of Tracy, for a well-drilling machine; to J. F. Wessel, of Kellogg, for a bee hive; to J. W. Wood, of Hawarden, for an extensible clothes-line prop.

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