

Helen Gould and Hetty Green prettily well offset each other.

The next time Mr. Astor tries to break into high society he will have a competent chaperon.

To cultivate the correct standing position just touch the nose, the chest and the toes to the wall and then retain the attitude.

Diamond values have increased, owing to the war and the trust. Actresses preparing to be robbed will please make note of this fact.

The superstition that a bulldog cannot go mad is going the rounds of the press again. No tramp of extensive farm-yard experience believes it.

The Chinese name, "Tien-Tsin," means "The Gate to Heaven," but the name is curiously inappropriate just now, whatever it may once have been.

Li Hung Chang may send his son to an American college. Should he do no more than develop into an all-round athlete, it's better than being just a boxer.

Swinging a scythe is fine exercise just after sunrise, if you can avoid everything save the grass. The legs and feet seem to have a quiet knack of getting in the way, and it's bad for them.

One of the paradoxes of the Chinese character is that while ordinarily a most docile and good-humored people they are terribly and ingeniously cruel alike in the punishment of their criminals and in the treatment of their enemies in battle.

Our experienced postal clerks are seldom staggered by a blind address. For instance, a letter from Germany addressed to "Edward Baumgartner, Gunzen, Illinois street 1515, Heli," was promptly delivered to Mr. Baumgartner at No. 1,615 Ohio street, Quincy, Ill.

The census authorities assert that no "fulty" was found in getting answers from women regarding their age, and that the average age of women is greater than that of men. This should explode the perennial joke about the unwillingness of a woman to tell her age, or, if she tells, to prevaricate in regard to it. But will the jokers stop on account of this showing of fact? Can anything block the onward way of what the majority takes to be a good joke, when once it is started? With new generations hungering and thirsting for jokes, would it be well to suppress either this or the mother-in-law joke without supplying something "equally as good"? When the women run all the newspapers, they can take their revenge. But perhaps they will be too magnanimous to do so.

London Truth criticises the severity of the law in dealing with suicides and quotes cases which have their parallel in America. It tells of a man named Bullock, who pleaded guilty in court of an attempt at suicide. A charge of embezzlement had been made against him, which turned out to be unjustified and which was ultimately withdrawn. At the time he was ill and worried, and when a policeman went to arrest him he shot himself in the head with a revolver. When Bullock had been discharged from the hospital he was placed on trial for attempted suicide. He had lost the use of his right eye as the result of his temporary insanity, and his counsel urged that under the circumstances mercy and lenience would be justified. The Judge answered the appeal by observing that "the prisoner has brought all the trouble upon himself," and he sentenced him to three months' hard labor. Truth is trying to secure the pardon of the man from the Home Secretary. Another case is that of a man who has been kept in jail three months awaiting trial on the charge of cutting his own throat. It may be necessary that the law should provide penalties for an attempt to commit suicide, and these penalties may deter some who would otherwise commit suicide; like the man who was prevented from taking poison by his friend, who threatened to shoot him if he did not drop the bottle of arsenic. Yet a trial and sentence to imprisonment for attempted suicide can hardly have the effect of reconciling the punished man to life. It would be better if he were made to feel that the state wanted him to live and would give him a chance to get out of his troubles.

In these days of high-tensioned living, when one is always mentally quoting to one's friends, "All the world is queer except you and me, and you're a little queer," such an article as J. M. Buckley's "How to Safeguard One's Sanity," in the Century Magazine, is timely and acceptable. He says that the widespread belief that persons of powerful intellect are more liable than others to go mad is an erroneous one. In fact, the opposite is true. "A large number, actually and relatively, of the insane consists of the more ignorant classes of farm laborers, artisans, sailors, soldiers, and persons without employment. Hard-working farmers of the poorer class, and especially their wives, living remote from towns, having little variety in life, reading little, conversing and thinking in the same ruts, furnish a large proportion of such cases." To preserve a sound mind in a sound body one must, says the writer, observe the laws of health with regard to food, exercise and sleep. Few become insane, who, with sufficient mental occupation, daily take two or three hours of vigorous exercise in the open air, and do not protract exciting studies or business far into the night. "The observance of one day in seven by a complete change in subjects of thought, and the suspension of modes of activity required for six days, would be philosophical, even though it had no basis in religion." Other foes to sanity that the doctor mentions are anxiety, exaggerated sensitiveness, and the lack of occupation that great wealth makes possible.

The best prescription for insomnia dates, he says, from the time of Solomon: "The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much; but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep." These are old truths that long ago men grappled to their souls with steel hooks, but the grapple has become weak and it is well to see to it that they are tight-ended.

At no time in the history of English letters has punctuation had less to do than now in clarifying expression. In the first place, this is the era of the short sentence. Again, the comma is in process of elimination. In the history of printing the comma was the first point of punctuation to be evolved. Greeks before the time of Christ had found punctuation necessary, but it was in an early translation of the Bible that the comma first was used. After other characters had come the comma found new and relative uses. Twenty-five years ago the school text book on English grammar insisted on the use of the comma to mark the least of rhetorical pauses, in addition to setting off every phrase and clause with the same mark. This, simply in recognition of the fact that the tendency to misuse the comma had resulted in an English that was unintelligible without this punctuation point. The comma had put a premium on slovenliness. A sentence could be started blindly, the writer depending upon the comma to link phrase to clause and lead the reader through the tangled maze of his verbiage. He emphasized, modified, colored and phrased where he was confident that the comma would mark the way to the end. To-day, however, there is a distinct disposition on the part of printers to economize in the use of the comma. Already this disposition is having its effect on current literature. While it has a tendency to shorten sentences, it has a still greater mission in forcing clearer sentences. In this elimination of the comma the modern newspaper has taken a lead. As a rule, its favored style admits of the comma only where it is a sharp necessity. Thus the newspaper writer above all others cannot depend upon the comma to point his meaning. Realizing this he writes to avoid it. The result is that adverbs, adjectives, phrases and all forms of modifiers are in closest relation to the parts of speech which they affect, leaving a sentence so clear that "he who runs may read." Whatever may be said of the degeneracy of modern literature no one will deny that the written language of to-day is clearer than it ever was before. Nobody will deny that some of the enshrined classics, if stripped of slovenly commas, would be unintelligible. Not only has the comma degenerated, but the italicized point of a witticism; the slovenly brackets, the overworked quotation marks, and the lazy dash, all are reduced to the occasion of strictest necessity. All this has made for better English.

Bringing of the Difficulty. A lady had issued invitations for a dinner of twelve, and on the morning of the appointed day, when conferring with her footman, she discovered that one of the twelve silver shells in which scalloped oysters were to be served had been misplaced. Rigid search for the missing article having proved unavailing the lady decided that, sooner than give up that course, she would simply decline oysters when they were handed to her, and so the eleven shells would be sufficient.

It happened that when the oysters were served at dinner the hostess was engaged in a very animated conversation with some of her neighbors, and, forgetting her determination, she took one of the shells of oysters and set it before herself.

If the servant's heart felt in consternation at this he gave no external sign of it, but, speaking in tones distinct though low, said respectfully: "Excuse me, madam, but you said I was to remind you that the doctor forbade you eating oysters."—London Tit-Bits.

In the Wrong Place. A characteristic story of General Scott is told in connection with the sword presented to him by the State of Louisiana, through the Legislature, at the close of the Mexican War.

He was accosted one day by a man who said, "General Scott, I had the honor of doing most of the work on the sword presented to you by the State of Louisiana. I should like to ask if it was just as you would have chosen."

"It's a very fine sword, sir, a very fine sword indeed," said the general. "I am proud to have it. There is only one thing I should have preferred different. The inscription should have been on the blade, sir. The scabbard may be taken from us, but the sword, never!"

The sword cost about five hundred dollars, the principal expense being in the scabbard, which was richly chased and ornamented.

A Muddled Memory. "I'm just aching to have those war dispatches mention some of the dear old Chinese names that were so familiar to me when I dogged my crude little geography in the old red brick school house on the hill."

"What names?"

"Why, Yang-tse-Kiang and Hoang-Ho, and—and Iragmaddy, and—and Passamaddy, and—and—and Tambigbee, and—and—and Memphremagog, and—and, yeh, Beloochistan, and Spenceteles, and—"

"Well, good-day. I'll see you later."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Lemon Juice for Hoarseness. A singer in grand opera contradicts the statement frequently made that lemon juice is excellent to relieve a slight hoarseness. It may clear the voice at first, but only for a short time, and the strong acid is extremely injurious to the vocal chords.

Dine on the Streets. Public ovens are established on most of the residential streets of Japanese cities, where people can have their dinners and suppers cooked for them at trifling expense.

A woman's idea of obtaining revenge in a perfectly satisfactory manner is to make up a few sandwiches, invite in her friends, and leave the hated one out.

TELEGRAPHIC RESUME

The Boers and English Still Vigorously Contesting

OTHER HAPPINGS OF INTEREST

Reported From All Parts of The World Which are of Particular Moment to the Busy Reader.

Denver.—A special to the Times from Del Norte, Colo., says heavy timber fires are raging south and west of Del Norte, from the head of the south fork of the Rio Grande. The damage is the greatest in the history of the country.

There is almost conclusive evidence that these fires are being intentionally set, and the general impression prevails that this section is entitled to a fire patrol at once. No rain is falling, and the fires are spreading away across nearly fifty miles of country.

Miss Ralston and Al Reagan Fool the Old Folks. Mount Vernon (Vt.)—Angela Ralston, aged 20, and Alfred T. Reagan, aged 22, both of San Francisco, were quietly married by Mayor Pike of this city in the executive chamber of the City Hall. The wedding was the culmination of a pretty romance, which began in San Francisco two years ago and ended in their elopement of the young couple from New York last night.

Miss Ralston is a daughter of J. B. Ralston, vice-president of the Union Iron Works and Reagan is the proprietor of a prosperous real estate business in San Francisco. About two years ago Reagan became acquainted with Miss Ralston and the acquaintance soon ripened into affection, which led to an engagement. Miss Ralston's parents were bitterly opposed to the marriage and did everything they could to persuade the daughter to break the engagement with Reagan.

Finally, as a last resort, they determined upon a trip to Europe and thought that by the time they returned the daughter would listen to a request and dismiss her fiancé. After several months' touring in Europe and at the Paris Exposition the Ralstons sailed for New York, arriving on the Deutschland Tuesday.

Meanwhile Reagan had been informed of the family's plans and he hurried to New York to be there when Miss Ralston arrived. He was in New York nearly a week before the steamship arrived and completed his plans to make Miss Ralston Mrs. Reagan as soon after her arrival in New York as possible.

KRUGER A PRISONER Fighting Commandants Keep Him Under Guard. London.—A correspondent of the Central News, who was lately released after undergoing ten months' captivity at Nootgedacht, has arrived at Durban, Natal, whence he cables confirming the assertions that President Kruger wants peace, but says the fighting commandants want to continue the war. They are confident that they can hold the difficult Nootgedacht country for at least six months. They are not alarmed by the prospective stoppage of supplies imported by way of Delagoa Bay, as they have an abundance of provisions, a large part of which are buried. They have ninety guns at Machadodorp.

The correspondent professes to know that when President Kruger was at Machadodorp, he wanted to leave the country, pleading that his health was bad. The military leaders suggested that Watervalbosch was a desirable and healthful place, and they simultaneously provided the president with a large guard of honor, who were instructed not to lose sight of him day or night. The leaders argue that the President is responsible for the war and must face the consequences. They will prevent his flight forcibly if necessary.

Cape Town.—Lord Kitchener, after a forced march, has relieved Col. Hoare and the British garrison at Elands River.

DEWEY ELUDES KITCHENER. Pretoria.—Gen. Dewey has managed to elude Gen. Kitchener in spite of the fact that all the British wagons had double teams of picked animals. The Boers evaded the British by marching at night over grounds known to them, while their pursuers were obliged to march in the day time.

BROKE UP HIS FORCE. London.—The War Office has received a dispatch from Lord Roberts expressing the fear that Gen. Dewey has eluded his pursuers. Lord Roberts says he imagines that Dewey's escape is due to his breaking up his force into small bodies.

CONSPIRATORS CONFESS. Pretoria.—The trial by court-martial of Lieut. Conduca of the Staats Artillery and the other leaders of the conspiracy to kidnap Lord Roberts has begun. The prisoners pleaded guilty, but at the suggestion of the court, withdrew their plea and the trial is proceeding.

AMERICAN DISTRIBUTES COIN. Cape Town.—An American consular officer has gone from Lorenzo Marquez to Nootgedacht to distribute money to the British prisoners there, each of whom receives £4.

Jealous Wife's Shot. Phoenix (Ariz.)—Mrs. John Campbell, of Clifton, shot a young woman named Mary Summerfield at Clifton early this week. The motive was well-grounded jealousy. Miss Summerfield is the daughter of a respected citizen of Clifton and Campbell is an old resident, being employed at the mine of the Arizona Copper Company. He became infatuated with Miss Summerfield, and she received his attentions. Their relations were notorious, and Mrs. Campbell remonstrated with her husband in vain. A few days before the shooting, when she begged him to give up Miss Summerfield, he turned on her as a beast.

Mrs. Campbell was at length driven to desperation. The night before Campbell had taken his children out for a ride, and taking Miss Summerfield into the buggy, drove about the town. Next morning Mrs. Campbell went to Miss Summerfield's home, and calling her to the door, shot her. The bullet went through the stomach, missed the liver and lodged under the right shoulder blade. She is still alive, but it is feared that she would will prove fatal.

Mrs. Campbell was arrested, but it is the opinion of the community that the case will end with the arrest.

HAND-TO-HAND FIGHT Stones and Swords Against Three Revolvers—Party Plundered. San Francisco.—A number of refugees arrived here from China on the steamer Honkang last night. Among them are Dr. P. C. Leslie of Montreal, Dr. C. H. Denman from Siam, Mrs. L. Durstler from Japan and Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm and two children, Mrs. W. McClure and three children, Mrs. F. W. Parich and child, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Skinner and two children and Dr. H. G. Welpion from China. Dr. Leslie has no less than fifteen wounds, on his body as a result of his encounter with the Chinese, tells the following story:

"When the news was received from the north by a special messenger that the various Consols had ordered all their people out of China immediately, the following party started from the mission in Hong Kong: Mr. and Mrs. M. McKenzie and child, Mr. and Mrs. J. Goforth and four children, J. Griffith, T. C. Hood, Miss M. J. McIntosh, Miss Dr. J. J. Dow, Miss M. A. Pyke, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Simmon and child, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Mitchell, Dr. and Mrs. P. C. Leslie, and three American engineers, Messrs. Jamieson, Reid, and Fisher, and myself.

"About the tenth day of our journey, we were suddenly attacked by two or three hundred yelling Chinese robbers. The day before a part of our little force had gone from us originally with the intention of securing a military escort from some of the local Chinese officials. Those who had left us were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Simmon, with their little child, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Mitchell and the three American engineers. Out of the eleven left there were only five men, and among us five there were only three revolvers.

"The two or three hundred Chinese at first made a furious attack upon us, bringing our carts to a standstill and completely surrounding us. They pelted us with bricks and stones and anything they could lay their hands on, at the same time slashing away with their swords, those who were thus armed, and yelling all the time as so many maniacs. We brought our three revolvers into play and fought like demons to protect the women and children.

"I had one revolver in my right hand. It was a six-shooter. I wanted every shot to tell. Those who had the other revolvers laid several Chinese low in death before their weapons were knocked out of their hands by stones and sword cuts. I killed two Chinese myself, that is, I believe they must have afterwards died from the wounds I inflicted. But my active fighting was soon brought to a close by a vicious sword slash by an infuriated Chinese whom I had wounded. He cut me across the right wrist, knocking the pistol from my grasp and rendering the arm powerless.

"Most fortunately for me, I had pressed my hand just as things were beginning to look hopeless for us, some of the Chinese pounced upon our valuables. It was now evident that they valued our belongings more than our heads. They fell to fighting among themselves and robbed us of everything we had—money, personal belongings and all, even going so far as to follow by the skirts of the women and cut the buttons off our clothes with their swords.

"I have fifteen wounds as a result of my encounter with the Chinese. My whole body bears souvenirs of the fight. I don't know if I will ever be able to use my right hand again. I'm going to attend the annual reunion of the Third Ohio cavalry, of which he is a member. The couple are stopping at the Jefferson Hotel, and will return to Chicago in a few days. He has given up the ministry, for the present at least. So quietly was the divorce secured and the second marriage performed that it was never made public until after the visit to this city.

We generally are much more ready to say that we cannot afford it when it is a question of some one else rather than ourselves being benefited.—Philadelphia Times.

Rev. Brown Got a Rich Wife. Toledo (O.)—Rev. C. O. Brown, whose sensational church trial stirred San Francisco a few years ago, is in the city with Mrs. Brown No. 2. His first wife petitioned for divorce in Chicago about two months ago. The style of the case was "Mary Brown vs. Charles Brown," and the grounds for separation were alleged cruelty. Just after the case came up for adjudication, the pleadings were so changed that they read, "Mary Brown vs. Charles O. Brown," and the charge was changed from cruelty to adultery.

The divorce was granted, and Rev. Brown, on August 6, married Mrs. Mary Malloy, a wealthy and well-known lady. Brown came here a few days ago to attend the annual reunion of the Third Ohio cavalry, of which he is a member. The couple are stopping at the Jefferson Hotel, and will return to Chicago in a few days. He has given up the ministry, for the present at least. So quietly was the divorce secured and the second marriage performed that it was never made public until after the visit to this city.

Judge Seizes a Courtroom in Honolulu. HONOLULU, United States Judge M. M. Estee has arrived here and opened his court, and one of his first acts was to make an order seizing a courtroom for his own use, the local authorities not having provided him with one. Judge Estee ordered United States Marshal Ray to take possession of a room which has been the court of Circuit Judge Silman.

The order from Judge Estee came after a good deal of correspondence had passed between His Honor and Superintendent of Public Works J. A. McCandless regarding the finding of quarters for the United States court. The order created a great sensation among the legal fraternity. It has raised the point whether the United States or the Territory of Hawaii is the owner of the public buildings here. The matter will have to be decided at Washington.

Judge Estee is doing quite a large business in naturalizing citizens. Many old residents of the islands had not changed their allegiance from the country of their birth and they are now taking advantage of the opportunity afforded by the United States court. A majority of the new citizens are of English birth.

The British bark, Dunreggan, arrived here on the morning of the 8th inst., after voyage of 146 days from the west coast of Africa. She was on the Diamond Head. She lay to in the rocks for nearly two days, after which she was pulled off by the combined efforts of three tugs, and her own windlass. She is now safely docked in the harbor with a leak in her bottom, but is not seriously damaged.

ALL ALONG THE COAST

Interesting General Information

About California

MENTIONED IN THESE COLUMNS

Selections That Will Be of Great Interest to Both Old and Young.

The Belgian hare is pronounced a financial success up in Oregon.

The Tulare County Supervisors have been considering a bounty on coyote scalps, but as the county is already paying out a very considerable sum for squirrel tails, have decided to leave the coyotes to assist in exterminating the squirrels. Thousands of squirrel tails are brought in every month.

A San Rafael ghost which has recently haunted the Catholic cemetery of that place, to the terror of the neighborhood, turns out to be a woman who has become deranged through the death of a child, and has formed the habit of visiting his grave, clothed all in white, to strew flowers and tear up the ground.

Orpheum, week commencing August 25, Bennett and Stembler, vivacious comedienne, in a Cohan farce, "Sapho and Lulu"; Meeker Baker Trio; Queria Vincent, Nicholas Slocum, Hooker and Davis, St. Onge Brothers, Zelma Rawlston.

Sacramento.—About noon today, two laborers engaged in cleaning a sewer manhole in an alley threw out the body of a prematurely born infant, and without notifying the authorities, cast it on the dumps, south of the city. The body was horribly mangled, and how it got into the sewer is a question causing considerable comment. Coroner McMullen is investigating.

San Francisco weather prophets are foretelling an early and wet winter from the arrival of ducks and geese a full month and a half before the usual time. In addition to these, other birds that are said never to come to the coast of California excepting just before a severe winter have been seen by sea captains along shore. Some of them are of kinds that have not been seen near California for many years.

The Seattle Times reports the peculiar case of a family of four generations found by the census enumerator in one house in that city. The eldest man of the family is the son of a Mexican father and an Indian mother. The daughter of the two married a man half French and half Indian, and the daughter of these two married an Englishman. The Times says that the child born to this last couple—a daughter—is as fair as any child of pure Caucasian blood.

Morocco's Burbank Theater, week commencing August 20, Mr. James Neill and the incomparable Neill Company, presenting the great fantastic comedy in three acts, "Niobe," all week. Matinee Saturday.

It is announced that a "guaranteed egg company" is about to begin business in San Jose. The company intends preparing for market 80,000 to 100,000 eggs a day, every one guaranteed and packed in sealed boxes with date of laying printed on the seal. Patents for a laying nest, a perch and a food distributor have been taken out and these articles will be used in the chicken colonies to be kept by the company. The latter is capitalized, according to the San Jose Mercury, at \$1,000,000, and expects to spend \$210,000 yearly.

'Frisco Expects Crowds. San Francisco, Aug. 9.—Accommodations for 180,000 guests have been provided by the Hotel Committee of the Native Sons, and from reports received at the Admissions day celebration headquarters, it is estimated the committee has not placed its figures "any too high.

The United States life-saving service will be represented in the parade. Two of the most modern lifeboats on their carriages will be in the line, and an exhibition drill of life-saving corps with their apparatus will be gotten on the ocean beach.

A hose company of the Petaluma Fire department will parade with the Veteran Firemen's Association. The Ancient Order of Druids will be in the parade with about one thousand members.

Makes Another Start. San Francisco.—News was received from Australia that the ship Canada had made another start on her memorable voyage to Manila.

The Canada left Norfolk, Va., with a load of coal for the United States warships in Manila bay on August 27, 1899. Approaching the Leewards, bad weather was encountered, which was followed by a dead calm. A waterspout came sailing along and took the mizenmast out of the ship. Early in May of this year the Canada put into Melbourne, Australia, to refit. As soon as she docked the coal was found to be on fire and the vessel had to be flooded. On June 23 she was towed into Fremantle, Australia, partially dismasted and in a generally dilapidated condition.

Brown Paper Substituted for \$25,000. Chicago.—Somewhere between Chicago and Burlington, Iowa, an express package, supposed to contain \$25,000, is alleged to have gone astray. The Commercial National Bank of this city sent the package to the Burlington agent of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad a few days ago, under orders given from the Burlington headquarters in this city. The money was sent by the Adams Express Company.

When it was expressed from the Chicago bank it was wrapped in the usual way in which money is transmitted. In due course of time the Burlington agent of the railroad received a similar package, but it contained nothing but brown paper.

The wrapper enclosing the worthless stuff was returned to Chicago, and the bank officials are certain that it is not the one sent out by them. Representatives of the corporations interested in the matter spent a busy day investigating the mystery of the missing package and laying plans for the arrest of the robber—if the money was stolen between Chicago and Burlington.

One of the last acts of C. P. Huntington was to contribute \$100 to the Native Sons celebrations.

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