

"HOSPITALITY which includes the whole human race is not desirable," says the great American snob, Wood McAllister. What is hospitality, pray, Mr. McAllister? Get thee to the Bedouins and learn the definition of a word whose significance is as unknown in New York as it is that of charity.

There is said to be a conspiracy under way having for its object the prevention of the sale at the world's fair of peanuts in the shell. It will be disastrous. The chances are that the plain people who now first peanuts to a person who can be called a snob, will and leave behind them a trail of debris will reject the new idea as the fad of some gastronomic dupe.

A HOWLING lunatic happened to board a train upon which Helen Gould and Mrs. Russell Sage were passengers, and as he refrained from molesting them they did not faint. The two are now spoken of as heroines, showing how greatness is occasionally thrust upon people who must in modesty be surprised at the gravity.

SUCRIDES, like flies, seem to have their cycles. Every despondent man and woman should paste in his or her that the words which Napoleon spoke to a person who said he would give a certain situation by blowing out his brains: "Yes, I can do that," said the emperor, "but those who wish me well could not profit by it, and those who wish me harm would be pleased."

Every time producers of any article combine and eliminate the element of competition, the result is a price that they have not formed a trust. Just as consumers are feeling glad to know just prices go up. Of course this is no sign that the men in the combination intend to deceive, but the unalloyed regularity of the coincidence is apt to shake popular faith.

Now is the time when the farmer might be expected to give second thought to an argument for better country roads. With the wheels of his wagon up to their hubs in mud, the beauties of the antiquated poll-tax system of road-making, whereby the man who can tell the most and largest stories and do the least work is reckoned the best man on the job, must appear beautifully less.

THE story is told that explorers along the Nile have unearthed a plow of modern shape, a telescope and a photograph camera, the existence being indisputable that the articles are at least 6,000 years old. This is a fairly good story. It might have been advantageously rounded out by adding to the collection a nickel-in-the-slot machine, a typewriter and a telegraph, but then it will do as it is.

Corrosion is becoming an important article in commerce for better itself, with fair prospects of increasing in value the older staple. Cotton seed oil is a wholesome article of diet; the meal is a superior stock food; the hull is a very valuable fertilizer, and as though this were not sufficient, it has been found to contain a substance which can be used to manufacture a superior waterproof garment, rubber boots and all that sort of thing.

REGS governing racetrack courses are beyond the ken of ordinary mortals. A jockey at the Bay District track complained that he had been struck by the starter's whip, showing the bruises to substantiate his story, and with what seemed an unreasonable spirit requested a cessation of lashing. The result was that he was ruled off altogether, along with such relatives as had dared to strengthen his protest. The starter was supplied with a new whip.

THE misguided Cuban filibusters are arranging for another raid on the gem of the Antilles with headquarters at Key West. As a means of working off superfluous energy and getting killed in a cause, the filibustering enterprises are great, but as an assistance to Cuba they are so-called failures. Some time the United States may send an official expedition down there composed of men in blue uniforms, but until that time Cuba is better off without these out-throat gangs of patriots.

THE London Lancet advises visitors to the world's fair to drink no water that has not been boiled. The advice ought to be universal in its application. Water to drink is never absolutely safe until it has been boiled. This truth has been known even to Celsus for centuries, and this is one of the reasons why he can sleep in a railed-up dry goods box and not be smothered. The poison his blood with impure air he takes good care that no poison enters that blood through his stomach.

A PENNSYLVANIA lawyer has found in "Year Book" the oldest book of reference known to law, that it is libelous to call a lawyer a fool, "because it is injurious to him in his profession." The same authority says it is not libelous to so characterize a clergyman. "Because one may be a good clergyman and yet a fool," is the authority would hold in three days that it would be injurious to a lawyer's professional reputation to call him a knave, for to deny that he was a knave would be to assume that he held himself better than a majority of his clients.

NEW YORK society people who are sending expeditions to Chicago to ascertain whether they can attend the Columbian exposition without contamination are far more different kinds of jackasses than the mind of the average Westerner has conceived of.

THE English language has not been appreciably enriched by any new words since the begonia was discovered, but many inflections and ornamental shades of meaning have been added to the old stock by those who failed to realize on their fondest hopes.

THE arrest of a woman of Cheney, Wash., on a charge of shoplifting was quickly found to be a mistake. The shopkeeper felt much chagrined at his error, but how was he to know that she was rich and respectable?

AN exchange in speaking of the marriage of a popular citizen gives age of the groom as seventy-two, and says that "for everyone of these years he was a bachelor." A truly remarkable man. Comparatively few are born to the full bloom of bachelorhood.



THE GREAT FAIR OPEN.

The Gold Button is Pressed and the Machinery Begins to Whirl.

THE PRESIDENT'S POINTED ADDRESS.

Three Hundred Thousand Persons Present to Witness the Opening Ceremonies of One of the Greatest Exhibitions Ever Held.

WORLD'S FAIR GROUNDS, Chicago, Ill., May 1.—Jupiter Pluvius held an uplifted fist over Chicago this morning. The skies were sodden and a break and chilly mist filled the atmosphere. The weather conditions seemed not to have yielded to Cleveland's luck. The hazing in the city throughout was damp and listless and a general tone of gloom pervaded the air and streets. But to Chicago, whose day of history this was, the condition of the weather counted for naught, and early the people were astir.

At 8:45, the exact time scheduled, the duke of Veragua and his party entered their carriages at the Auditorium to proceed to the Lexington hotel, where the parade to the World's fair grounds was to be formed. They reached the hotel in ten minutes and during a brief season of waiting for the president the duke held a somewhat informal reception. In the meantime the city at large seemed bending toward the "white city" by the lake. Every means of transit to Jackson park was crowded.

Soon after 9 o'clock President Cleveland and his associates left their rooms at the Lexington hotel and were conducted to their carriages. The Spanish guests also plying the notable company embarking for the ride to the great fair. Standing like mounted police waited between the curbs to lead the procession. Behind them were companies B and K of the Seventh United States cavalry. Next were the Chicago buzzards with a troop of Illinois national guard.

They followed twenty-three carriages containing the national state, city and Columbian fair notables and dignitaries. Arriving at the grounds, the procession proceeded to the administration building, where the ceremonies were to take place, and disbanded. Entering the building, the notables, including President Cleveland, passed up on the great platform erected for the event, where a throng of people covering every atom of space was gathered. The president was received with a tumult of cheers that shook the air and made the buildings tremble. At 10 o'clock for the first time in days, a ray of sunlight hung over the lake and the World's Columbian exposition was in a blaze of glory. From this time on there were rays of sunshine, but the weather

Witnessed by 300,000.

The multitudes which thronged the world's fair grounds to-day were greater in number than were anticipated, considering the incalculable number of people who had assembled. When at 11 o'clock the advance guard of the cortege signalled the approach of President Cleveland and the dignitaries of the day to the grounds. After entering the grounds the journey to the administration building was made with all possible dispatch, not stopping to acknowledge any of the popular ovations extended to the chief executive. Of course the cheering was tremendous when President Cleveland faced the largest audience ever faced by an American citizen. Following the president and director general were the members of the presidential cabinet under escort of the world's fair officials, Duke de Veragua and family,



PRESIDENT CLEVELAND DELIVERING THE OPENING ADDRESS.

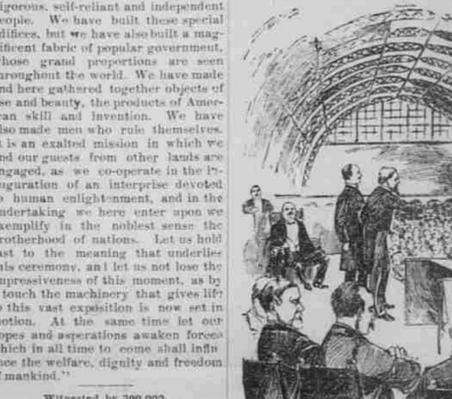
continued threatening. The opening ceremonies were begun after 10 o'clock with the performance of John K. Paine's "Columbian March," followed by an invocation by Chaplain Milburn of the United States congress. "Prophesy," a poem written for the occasion by W. A. Croffut of Washington, was then read. After an official overture Director General Davis, as master of ceremonies, faced the multitude and made the opening speech, which closed with the presentation of President Cleveland. Mr. Cleveland, having arisen, was kept several minutes waiting until the applause subsided after which he, with bowed head, began speaking.

President Cleveland's Address.

"I am here to join my fellow citizens in congratulations which build this occasion. Surrounded by the stupendous results of American enterprise and activity, and in view of the magnificent evidences of American skill and intelligence, we need not fear that these congratulations will be exaggerated. We stand to-day in the

presence of the oldest nations of the world and point to the great achievements here exhibited, asking no allowance on the score of youth. The enthusiasm with which we contemplate our work intensifies the warmth of the greeting we extend to those who have come from foreign lands to illustrate with us the growth and progress of human endeavor in the direction of higher civilization. We who believe that popular education and the stimulation of these impulses of our citizens lead the way to the realization of the proud national destiny which our faith promises, gladly welcome the opportunity here afforded us to see the results accompanied by efforts which have been exerted longer than ours in the field of man's improvement, while in appreciative return we exhibit the unparalleled advancement and wonderful accomplishments of a young nation, and the present triumphs of a vigorous, self-reliant and independent people. We have built these special edifices, but we have also built a magnificent fabric of popular government, whose grand proportions are seen throughout the world. We have made and here gathered together objects of American skill and invention, which also made men who rule themselves. It is an exalted mission in which we and our guests from other lands are engaged, as we co-operate in the inauguration of an enterprise devoted to human enlightenment, and in the undertaking we have entered upon, we exemplify in the noblest sense the brotherhood of nations. Let us hold fast to the meaning that underlies this ceremony, and let us not lose the impressiveness of this moment, as by a touch the machinery that gives life to this vast exhibition is now set in motion. At the same time let our hopes and aspirations awaken forces which in all time to come shall influence the welfare, dignity and freedom of mankind."

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the programme. It was read by Miss Courtenay, a delicate young woman whose enunciation was perfect, but whose voice, of course, was lost to all except the immediate circle.

The Prophesy. Gaily Columbus watched the western deep, In the golden country beyond the sea, Strange shores that day had hither led him, And yet no land, and now, when through the air The Santa Maria sailed before the gale And angry billows tossed the caravels, With that firm faith that never falters, He saw the world's wide ocean, and the world's wide sea.

marked the solemn opening of the fair to-day. Of the multitude of visitors, some estimate the number as high as 300,000, probably not one fully realized the full import of the effect that was to come from the arrangement cleverly devised in the opening of the exposition. It was known to the vast throng that the president was to press a gold key and that electric communication with the machinery was to start the fair but no one realized how intricate was this machinery, how infinite the ramifications of the electric spark until the great excitement through the president's feet into the air and the rumble and hum of the wheels in the manufacturers' building and the clatter of machinery in all that vast area told the story of the final consummation of scientific thought. Lifeless and inert as long as they lay in the factory, they were set in motion and revealed to the world the artistic labors of the past eighteen months, and in a moment all that had been apathetic and inert and inactive through the long hours of the morning sprang into a mad and maddest of mad things, the multitude and crowned the triumph of the exposition. In previous exhibitions the possibilities of electricity have been limited to mere starting of the engine in machinery hall, but in this it made a thousand servants do its bidding. Directed by the great electric genius and mammoth foundations down to the minutest acts where power and touch were requisite the magic of electricity did the duty of the hour.

As a result of the persistent zeal of the board of lady managers of the World's fair, the women's building was dedicated to-day with appropriate exercises. It was a grand triumph and was attended by those who have been the leading spirits in the enterprise. The event was international in character, the representatives of many nations contributing their part to the programme. On an elevated platform erected in the west vestibule of the attractive building the guests of the lady managers sat surrounded by an elaborate display of tropical plants profusely arranged about the stage. Directly in front of the stage the American flag was unfurled and around the entire balcony flagettes of the different nations were displayed in profusion. At the north end of the rotunda on an elevated platform Lord Theodore Thorneycroft, the veteran orchestral leader, surrounded by 125 musicians, and at their feet was seated a grand chorus of 300 voices. Everything was in readiness for the exercises at 3 o'clock and the big orchestra rendered an inspiring march. Mrs. Palmer, president of the board of lady managers, motioned the audience to its feet. Miss Ida Halla offered prayer. Miss Florence Wilkin, daughter of Prof. Wilkinson of the University of Chicago, recited an original ode, which included the story of the great Queen Isabella assumed in her discovery of America. Mrs. Palmer then delivered her address, which was punctuated by frequent bursts of applause. Mrs. H. A. Beach of Boston sang, accompanied by the chorus and orchestra, which was then rendered by the orchestra. Then Director General Davis, in behalf of the exposition, delivered his address. As the director general stepped back the president of the United States stepped forward and the climax of the ovations of the day was reached. For three or four minutes he was cheered over and over again, and men 500 feet away tossed their hats in the air, waved umbrellas and otherwise disported themselves in frantic exhibitions of enthusiasm. The president bowed once or twice and then began his speech. At the conclusion of his address the president touched the electric button and the World's Columbian exposition of 1893 was ushered into official existence. Huge fountains 300 feet away from the grand stand threw a volume of water seventy feet into the air and the machinery of the engines in machinery hall a quarter of a mile away told the multitude that the electric spark had done its duty. As soon as the ceremonies attendant upon the formal opening of the exposition were over, President Cleveland, Gov. Alger, Mayor Harrison, Duke de Veragua and other notables were conducted to the dining hall on the third floor of the administration building, where they were entertained at dinner by the World's fair officials. When the dinner was over the party, with President Cleveland and Director General Davis in the lead, proceeded to the grounds, where they were escorted by the very animation that permeated the atmosphere. He is one of the historic characters of American politics, first receiving his appointment as chaplain of the house some years ago and lately being selected chairman of the senate. During his long residence in Washington Mr. Milburn has been the intimate acquaintance of presidents, cabinet officials, senators and congressmen until to-day, although blind, he probably recognizes by their voices more men prominent in American life than he has been the lot of most men ever to know. After a brief pause, when the murmur of voices ceased, the blind chaplain uttered the opening prayer, "The Prophesy," an ode written by W. A. Croffut in honor of the exposition, was next on

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From here they drove to the north end of the grounds, and thence to the state buildings at the south end of the grounds. After having thoughtfully inspected the whole city, President Cleveland and party were driven to Grand crossing, where they took their train for Washington.

A New Era. The electric age was ushered into being, in this the last decade of the nineteenth century today, when President Cleveland by the pressing of a button started the mighty machinery and rushing waters and revolving wheels in the World's Columbian exposition. No exhibit of this fair that will attract thousands to this city for the next six months can be more marvellous than the magic effect which

After leaving the exposition grounds the president went into the private car of Second Vice President Harrison of the Illinois Central road, which was in waiting. A party reception was held in the car and for ten minutes the exposition officials shook hands and said pleasant things to the chief executive, while he in turn thanked them for the warm reception and assured them the exposition was a grand success. While the reception was in progress a wagonette with six white-capped and white aproned young ladies drove up to the station. They alighted and basked in the sun. Without a word the young women stood before the president and soon the sweet notes of "Let Us Remember the Days of Old" floated over the singers. Lord and Lady Aberdeen presented the president and Secretary Greenham each with a genuine Columbian badge and sent Mrs. Cleveland a delicate lace handkerchief made by the girls in the Irish village.

At Butte City, Mont., the city council passed a resolution requesting the employees of the city to refrain from patronizing Chinamen in any manner. A lawyer of Butte, acting as agent for the Six companies, wrote to the governor of the state asking him to consider whether this action of the city council was in violation of the treaty obligations between the United States and China. The question was referred to the attorney general of the state, and after due consideration he has a long opinion pronounced the action of the city entirely within the limits of the law. Boycotts will now be the order of the day in Chinese infested districts.

Once a Cook. Woo Hun Penk, who was cook in a mining camp only three years ago, is now a millionaire. He has just received the order of the day in Chinese infested districts.

Did Not See the Door. Mr. Edward Siemens, of New Orleans, was completely very unusual feat at the Great Northern hotel in Chicago the other day. He walked through a closed door. The door was made of plate-glass, brilliantly clear, and Mr. Siemens, in a great hurry to catch a train, did not see it. When he struck it the quarter class fell around him with a crash that quickly assembled a crowd, but Mr. Siemens was unharmed, save that he had to procure a new hat.

Spring in Old Virginia. Frogs have commenced their serenades, the molten bugs are describing circles, hyperbolas and ellipses upon the surface of the crystal ponds; the trees are budding; the whole town is playing marbles; Easter cravats have made their appearance; Uncle Smith has planted his "lators; Tom has written some poetry to his "lators;" asking her if she hasn't a few attentions for him in the right vehicle of her heart; the prospective friend chicken is already scratching in the grass, and spring is beginning to begin.

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Explained. About the year 1787 the beats and calls of the drum, then used in the service, were put into a permanent shape. The tattoo, or beat of the drum calling soldiers to their quarters at night, was once called "tap, tap," from the Dutch word signifying "no more drink to be tapped or sold."

Good Reason. A candidate for a county clerkship in Oregon frankly gives as his reason for appealing to voters that he has spent a lifetime hustling for other candidates and thinks it time that others should now do the same for him, especially as they were artists on his office and in need of the salary.

As a Naval Power. The United States Navy has recently passed Germany and Spain. Perhaps we will overtake England and France in six or eight years. England and France will still be ahead of us, however, and the former is likely to remain ahead for a century to come.

Valuable Estate. The executors of the P. T. Barnum estate have paid \$270,000 in legacies during the past year, of which Mrs. Barnum received over \$40,000. The estate divided from the Barnum & Bailey circus was \$145,000. This represents one-half the earnings of the show, Mr. Bailey receiving the remainder.

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Arrangements for Completing and Re-erecting the St. Louis City Hall. ST. LOUIS, April 29.—City officials have been in conference this week over the final details for completing the erection of the new city hall. The only question involved in one of expense. It has been about decided that \$1,500,000 will be sufficient to complete the remaining stories of the hall and have it ready for occupation. The furnishings will cost a considerable sum in addition, but the result will be a magnificent structure. It is probable that some of the offices on the ground floor will be occupied almost immediately. One of these will be used by the Recorder of Deeds, whose office is now in the court house, and by the time the building is completed and occupied throughout there will be a great change in the arrangement of municipal apartments.

There is a good deal of rejoicing in the city over the early prospect of getting rid of the trolley wires used by the electric roads. Electric cars are very popular and provide an excellent service, but it has always been regarded as a temporary expedient to use the trolley wire. Experiments made this week seem to demonstrate the possibility of using a storage battery under conditions which will prove even more profitable to the railroads than the trolley wire, besides doing away with the inconvenience and danger, slight as the latter has proved to be.

There has been a very efficient system of milk inspection in operation in St. Louis for a long time, but the city is now going into the business of protecting its people from all kinds of food adulterations. Two city chemists have just been appointed, and they will be expected to inspect every sort of food that is brought to them by suspicious purchasers. If they find that the food is adulterated, they must prosecute the seller, and the law puts it into their power to punish him severely. If they find that the food is adulterated, they must prosecute the seller, and the law puts it into their power to punish him severely.

Every large city in the country has its own "white city" signs. New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Boston have signs that do very well in the day time, but are of no use whatever at night. St. Louis is now spending thousands of dollars in putting a most excellent system into operation. The city has had the names of the streets painted on the glass of the gas-lamps at the corners, but when electric lights were substituted for the gas, the lamps were removed. Then black ink signs, painted with white letters were put on the houses. The contract was made with the city of other big cities, but they couldn't be read at night. Illuminated signs are being put up now, and the crowd who come here next fall for the season of the festivities will be able to find their way about the streets in the dark. The signs have the name of the street painted in white letters on a dark background, the whole enclosed with glass. The letters shine brightly in the dark, and the blacker the night is, the brighter they are.

Free Trip to Chicago. Separate World's Fair and use the latter as many words as you can with signs backwards or forwards, but not with the same letter in any one word more than once. It is said seventy-five small English words can be spelled correctly from the ten letters contained in "fourteen hundred and one." If you are good at word making you can secure a Free Trip to the World's Fair and return. The South Sea Company will give all expenses, including travel fare, hotel bills, admissions to the Columbian Exposition and \$500 in cash for each word spelled correctly from the letters contained in "fourteen hundred and one." The Fair to each of the first five persons sending sixty words as above. They will also give a free trip to the World's Fair and return with \$500 in cash. The first person sending sixty words as above. They will also give a free trip to the World's Fair and return with \$500 in cash.

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Bill has been introduced in the French chamber which proposes to cut a ship canal from the Bay of Biscay across the Mediterranean, a distance of 325 miles, all through French territory. It will reduce England's special route of Gibraltar to a far less important position than it now holds. The canal would entirely obviate the necessity of going around Spain and Portugal and entering the Mediterranean through the Straits.

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Explained. About the year 1787 the beats and calls of the drum, then used in the service, were put into a permanent shape. The tattoo, or beat of the drum calling soldiers to their quarters at night, was once called "tap, tap," from the Dutch word signifying "no more drink to be tapped or sold."

Good Reason. A candidate for a county clerkship in Oregon frankly gives as his reason for appealing to voters that he has spent a lifetime hustling for other candidates and thinks it time that others should now do the same for him, especially as they were artists on his office and in need of the salary.

As a Naval Power. The United States Navy has recently passed Germany and Spain. Perhaps we will overtake England and France in six or eight years. England and France will still be ahead of us, however, and the former is likely to remain ahead for a century to come.

Valuable Estate. The executors of the P. T. Barnum estate have paid \$270,000 in legacies during the past year, of which Mrs. Barnum received over \$40,000. The estate divided from the Barnum & Bailey circus was \$145,000. This represents one-half the earnings of the show, Mr. Bailey receiving the remainder.

There are no native kangaroos except on the continent of Australia. The country contains 11,000,000 of them. Over 1,000,000 skins are shipped to the United States for use in bootmaking. Each skin will make about four pairs of ordinary-sized shoes.