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### COST OF EDUCATION VS. COST OF WAR.

Firing a Sandy Hook Gun is More Expensive than the Education of Daniel Webster.

The amount now spent for education in the United States is about two hundred million dollars a year. From present indications the annual appropriation for the navy alone will soon very largely exceed this sum, with prospects of indefinite expansion. Until recently the combined military and naval expense of the country were less than one-fourth of those of education. We are, therefore, progressing four times as fast in the arts of war as in those of peace.

The latest type of battleship will cost eight million dollars to build, as much as the entire appropriation for the army and the navy during the eight years of Washington's presidency, since which time the military and naval expenses have increased fifteen times as fast as the population,—and when this ship is finished it will be merely an experiment! England has had the largest experience in naval construction, and has recently declared a great number of her warships to be useless. Eight million dollars is more than three times the cost of all the buildings and equipments of Tufts College, Boston University, Williams College and Amherst College. The yearly maintenance, operation, interest on investment, deterioration, and gun practice of this battleship will exceed one and one-half million dollars—a sum sufficient to pay every living and educational expense of three thousand young men or women in our best colleges, or to meet the school expenses of fifty thousand children. It costs more for the mere material to fire one shot from the gun at Sandy Hook than it did to educate Daniel Webster. A day's gun practice of a single ship, firing at imaginary enemies, costs more than it did to educate Emerson, Longfellow, Lowell and Phillips in Harvard College. Any increase in appropriations and naval activity immediately produces a corresponding increase in activity by the other great naval powers of the world, and this, in turn, excites us to further expenditure, so none gains anything in relative strength. The burden is merely increased. The taxpayers of the different naval powers of the world are kept in a state of continual excitement and fear by the activity of the others, each believing there is an intention to secure some unfair advantage, and claiming that no other reason can be offered in explanation of this extraordinary and unprecedented growth. There have been necessary and honorable wars, and the future may have others in store.

There are nobler sentiments than those of peace—duty patriotism, justice and honor—but above them all we may write love to man. To deny a penny of necessary appropriation or to cease one moment's needed activity in any genuinely patriotic cause is so wholly un-American that I need not refer to it. But it is far better to direct our labors toward the things that will build us up rather than toward those that tend to pull us down. It is far nobler and more in accordance with the spirit of American development and progress to direct our energies into the channels through which we may uplift our entire country and aid the whole world. Many of the arguments for a greater navy are untenable and specious. There is little reason for the existence of the navy, but many reasons why it should be dismissed and pass away as soon as possible.—Austin Barclay Fletcher in "Success Magazine."

Near the Panama canal exist gold mines abandoned by Spain centuries ago. They will soon be reopened.

### His Sweetheart.

A few evenings ago we saw a friend at the livery stable hiring a rig for a drive. We jocularly remarked: "Going to be kind to your sweetheart?" and the young fellow replied somewhat bashfully, "Yes, sir." Later we saw him with his mother in the buggy. They were in front of a soda fountain. The young man called to us, and when he had spoken to his mother, the young fellow remarked: "This is the sweetheart I told you I was going to take for a drive," and he looked as proud as a king. The mother's eyes suddenly became moist, and the editor's heart was too full of emotion for speech. With a "God bless them both" in my heart we turned away and left them, the mother proud of the boy lover and the son as happy in the love of the mother as ever he will be in the paradise of God. Such love can never die.—Sulphur Springs Gazette.

### Swindling Tramp.

James B. Dill, whose recent speech on "Graft," at Oberlin College, was widely quoted, told recently a story about a swindling tramp. "This tramp," said Mr. Dill, "had the alert, unscrupulous, bold mind that makes grafting successful. He was walking down a city street one day when he saw a little boy stoop and pick up something. He crossed over to the boy quietly. 'You have made a find, my lad?' he said. 'Yes, sir,' said the innocent boy; 'I have found a silver ring.' 'I thought so,' said the tramp. 'It's the one I just dropped. Now, ain't it lucky I had my name cut in it? 'What is your name?' said the boy suspiciously. 'Sterling, lad.' Take it, then. It is yours,' said the boy handing the ring over with a disappointed air."—Kansas City Star.

The vitality of the snail is remarkable. One that was glued to a card in a museum for four years came to life on being immersed in warm water. Some specimens in the collection of a naturalist revived after they apparently had been dead for fifteen years.

New South Wales is overrun with mice. In one store in the town of Merriem the other day 10,000 were caught.

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### PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE.

Consensus of Opinion of Congressmen That Filipinos Are Unfit for It.

Manila, P. I.—The last session of the conference with the agitators for the independence of the Philippine Islands developed the fact, according to a consensus of opinion among the Congressmen present, that the Filipinos are altogether unfit for immediate independence. Apart from the problems presented in the civilization of the Igorrotes, the Moros, the Maccabees and other tribes, it would be cruel to turn them over to the theorists and demagogues. They would then experience the worst kind of exploitation. The statements of the speakers at the meeting were widely divergent, those of the mercenary faction being in contrast with the native agitators. The Provincial Governors, when they were heard, emphatically declared that the whole people of the islands were unfit for independence for many years. It developed during the session that the two principal agitators had been under sentence for various crimes.

Secretary Taft, Miss Roosevelt and W. Bourke Cochran visited several of the Catholic colleges, which conferred honors on the gentlemen and presented souvenirs to the ladies of the party. The ladies of the party and formed a branch of the Red Cross society.

### Desultory Reading Habits.

(O. S. Marden in "Success Magazine.")  
The mind is a very delicate, complicated piece of mechanism, and, although made to do a certain kind of work marvelously well, yet, when put to an entirely different use, its efficiency is ruined, just as the delicate machinery intended for producing fine watch parts would be completely spoiled for this purpose if used to make clock parts. When the mind becomes deflected, to a certain extent, from its normal condition by the vicious reading habit, it diverges more and more, and rarely goes back to the normal.

By desultory habits of reading and lack of system you confuse the mind with a large mass of unclassified material. You pick up a book and read a few pages, and then pick up another one, and then go from that to a paper or magazine. This puts the mind in a chaotic state, because you let everything run into the mental reservoir without any order or definite plans. Systemless reading is profitless. You cannot gain knowledge of a friend or prize his friendship by a hasty first impression, so in reading a book you cannot gain everlasting good by skimming over its contents, or by reading a few pages one night and then putting it on a shelf to gather dust until you get time to read it again. Everything comes out of the mind as it went in, and if it does not enter in an orderly manner it will come out in chaos.

### Notice of Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Brownsville and Gulf Railway Company will be held at the office of the company, in Brownsville, Texas, on Thursday, the 21st day of September, 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing directors, and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

The transfer books of the company will be closed at 3 o'clock p. m. on the 20th day of September, 1905, and will remain closed until three days after the final adjournment of the meeting.

The regular annual meeting of the board of directors will be held at the same place and on the same date.

Brownsville, Tex., August 15th, 1905.  
M. PAVRO,  
Secretary.