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CURIOSITIES OF THE DAY

Events Out of the Ordinary That Are Worth Recording.

A Frontier Graveyard.

Here lie the dead 'neath headboards stained by time,
In graves uncared for; rudest heaps of earth;
Rough men whose lives on earth were black with crime.

black with crime.
Devoid of every mark of honest worth.
In way unnatural they met with death.
In blood-stained garments they were hid from sight.
A curse clung to each victim's dying

breath
And hatred lit their eyes till dimmed of light. With boots yet on their sinful feet they'll Till Gabriel's trumpet echoes from on

Here lies old Texas Joe, who met his death
From hand of one who was of quicker
fire,
And Tuscarora Sam, whose fund of
breath

breath
Slipped from him when he called Black
Bill a liar.
And here is Poker Frank, who tried to

The frayed affection of Sport Daly's dame.
And this rude board stands over Brocky
Teale.

Teale.
Whom drink had made unsteady in his aim
When with their shooters he and Grizzly
Pete
Went out to hunt each other on the

Here rests the shot-up frame of Smoky Tim.

Tim.
Whose stolen horse lacked necessary speed,
And close beside him sleeps old Greaser
Jim
Who was by vigilantes roped and treed.
That over there lies Sacramento Joe. Just over there lies Sacramento Joe.
Who died with boots too full of wrigsling snakes.
And Just beyond they planted Tommy
Lowe

Lowe
Who made a fatal play to grab the
stakes
From off the table in a game of draw—
"Bit off," the boys sald, "more than he
could chaw."

Here's Bob the Methodist and Sleepy Ike And Doughface Henderson and Whisky

And Doughface Henderson and Whisay Mack, And poor Joe Bowers (not the man from Pike), And Faro Dick and old Three-Fingered Jack, And others, names unknown, lie in this

spot; And standing in this border burial ground. Rude and uncared for, comes the thought That when the dead wake at the trum-

pet sound Old Gabriel will be filled with mute surprise
To see this gang of thoroughbreds arise!
—Denver Post.

Violins of Porcelain. Violins and mandolins of porcelain

are the latest things "made in Germany." "Kuhlow's" reports that a well-known manufacturer of the Messein okarinas and porcelain organs has invented a process for the manufacture of mandolins and violins from clay. Some violins have already been completed, and the inventor has ap-plied for letters patent in different countries. Under this process the vio-lins are cast, and every violin is guar-anteed a success and to be excellent for producing music. The latter qualfor producing music. The latter quality constitutes precisely the chief value of this invention. The porcelain body, it is claimed, is better able to produce sound than a wooden one, since it co-operates in the production of sound, making the notes soft and full. The mandolin, much played in southern countries, is also made of porcelain, and the musical sound of this instrument is likewise stated to be improved. In shape the porcelain violin is an exact imitation of the wooden instrument, but as the porcelain violin is very suitable for decora-tion, it is very likely that costly in-struments of luxury will be asked for, as is the case with the okarinas. It is as if the case with the porcelain violins possess the further advantage over the wooden ones that they are totally insensible to the influence of the weather. That the porcelain violins are liable to breakage, and that they are heavy, appears to have been left unconsidered. They are made in the earthenware factory, Sornewitz.

Novel Book Holder.
With the idea that anything worth ising is worth paying for, Harvey L. Fisher of Chicago has invented a coinhas already been formed for the intro-duction of this novelty and it is pos-sible that the penny-in-the-slot direc-tory will in the near future be scat-tered through all the large cities. The mechanism by which this novelty is operated is quite simple, comprising two hinged plates, to which the covers of the book are secured with extenof the book are secured, with exter sions at the lower edge of each plate which prevents the plates being opened until a coin is inserted. The falling until a coin is inserted. The falling coin trips a lever and allows the book to be pulled open for consultation, the user meanwhile taking care that pressure is exerted on one plate or the other as a spring forces them shut again the instant they are released. This arrangement might be utilized where the directory of a business house was in demand by outsiders the money was in demand by outsiders, the money furnishing a remuneration for the ac commodation, while the firm would use blank coins for their own inquiries.

The Latest Burglar Alarm.

There has been patented a neat little arrangement which is intended for at-tachment to the window to give warn-ing if an attempt is made to enter a room by tampering with either sash. room by tampering with either sash, Of course there are already numerous devices on the market to foil the burglar, but the majority of them are complicated or expensive affairs, liable to get out of order or in the way during the day. The arrangement of this alarm is such that it can be instantly disconnected if it is desired to open the window, and it also has the advantage of allowing the sash to be left. vantage of allowing the sash to be left open to ventilate a sleeping apartment without impairing the working of the The mechanism consists of a spring drum carrying the steel tape for attachment to the outside sash, with a hammer on the drum to strike the gong at each revolution. The base of the drum is fastened to the window frame and the tape is threaded through an eyelet on the inner sash before be-ing secured to the outer sash. The March.

window may be left open any distance, but as soon as moved the bell rings, warning the occupants of the room and

very likely scaring away the intruder, too.

A Nevelty From Austria.

A contrivance has been patented in this country by George Delrsa of Vienna, Austria, and its use is the automatic preservation from the danger of drowning, as the inventor oddly puts it. The device is carried by the person to be "preserved," and becomes operative of the person to the the person to be "preserved," and becomes operative. tive only when brought into the water, acting in such a manner that within a few seconds at the utmost the wearer is brought to the surface and supporte there. His patent shows the expanding gas reservoir partially infiated, but when the device is folded into its smallest size it is hardly noticeable, and may be worn attached to the clothing without inconvenience or discom-fort. The chamber at the right con-tains a small quantity of calcium carbide, which is transformed into gas almost instantly when water enters through the valve at the top. This valve immediately closes under the in-ternal pressure of the expanding gas, and the latter, seeking a new outlet. forces its way into the inflatable reservoir, creating sufficient buoyancy to maintain a body on the surface of the

Principle of Magic Squares

water for hours.

Magic squares of odd numbers in which the figures added in perpendicu-lar, horizontal or diagonal rows make the same sum are found in books of

puzzles, but the principle on which they are based is never given. There is a principle, and it is ap-plicable without limit, from one square to any odd number of squares indefinitely. For illustration, twenty-five squares are given and the sum of each of its rows of figures perpendicularly. horizontally or diagonally is sixty-five

horizontally or diagonally is sixty-live.

Now for the rule. Always write
your numbers consecutively, diagonally, upward, to the right. If that direction carries you outside of the squares,
then go to the opposite end of the
row at which you stand. If you reach
a square that is occupied, or the upper
right hand corner then drop to the right hand corner, then drop to square below the last one used, and proceed as before. Begin with 1 in the upper center square. Now try it.

Seissors That Are Always Keen A decided novelty in the shears and scissors line, that will especially rec-ommend itself to women, has just been perfected by a Chicago concern. The invention consists of a spring connecting the blades of the scissors, but which prevents them from loosening or falling apart while in use. The spring keeps the tension of the blades steady and continuous, and its action has the further effect of producing an edge that always remains as sharp as a razor. Another peculiarity of the device is that the seissors can be used with either hand and that it will cut the strongest or the flimsiest material as the cloth cannot slip from the grasp of the keen blades

Financier of Early Days. History tells of a man who had im-portant financial transactions affecting Louisiana territory, and whose portrait as a matter of historic interest might adorn the coming exposition at St. Louis. The man was John Law, who was born in Edinburgh in 1651. At the age of 20 he killed Beau Wilson in a duel in London. He founded a bank with a paper currency, and in 1717 he got France to hand over to him the whole of Louisiana, which at that time included the territory drained by the Mississippi, the Ohio and the Missouri. The whole scheme proved a flasco and Law died in poverty.

Relics of prehistoric times have been unearthed in a bog at what is known as White Sulphur Springs, two miles north of Afton, I. T., by Prof. W. H. Holmes, head of the bureau of tontrolled book-holder, intended espetially for city directories and other public reference works. A company agovernment photographer. The find includes several large teeth and bones.

Fortune-Telling Teacur

Perhaps the oddest piece of china turned out from any of the potteries in this country is known as "the astrological fortune telling teacup." The inside of the cup stows a complete division of the year, the twelve months, four seasons, weeks and days, revolv ing around a central sum in the bottom. Near the top of the cup are 12 modern symbols, which relate to the 12 ancient signs of the zodiac upon the

Wind Motor Bloycle.
The Bettis "wind motor" may be de-

The Bettis wind motor may be described as a paramount curiosity. It consists of a rotating fan, set in motion on meeting a wind, and two sets of beveled gearing at the ends of a re-volving shaft. This operates the sec-ond pair, which are in front of the crank bracket, and they in turn engage with a toothed wheel which sets the crank axle in motion.

Burest Postage Stamp on Earth.

There was recently sold in London at public auction what is probably the rarest stamp in the world. It is the Roumania-Moldavia 1854 issue, eightyone paras, blue on blue, unused, with nearly full gum and large margins. After lively competition it was knock ed down for £220 (\$1,100).

New Species of Tobacco. In Haiti a new species of tobacco has been produced by cross fertilization, which grows from five to seven feet in height, bearing a leaf twenty-five inches long and fifteen in width. Three or even four cuttings can be made from one plant between November and

TOLD BY THE VETERANS

Reminiscences of Battles and Campaigns Heard Around Campfires.

The Meking of an Army.

Men are not born to the fighting, men are not bred to the sword:
Only for God and their country have men to the battle front poured.
Not in the clanging of armor, not in the lilt of the drum!
But in the call of their country do men hear the terrible "Come!"
Then rise the men of a nation, men of a purpose and will—
purpose and will—
Then do they rise with a light in their eyes, but not as men go to the kill.

Let but the enemy's cannon threaten the strength of our walls:
Let but the hand of the traitor scatter diagrace in our halls;
Then will the clamor of bugles over the nation be dinned;
Then will the banners of battle snap in the hiss of the wind;
Then will the hearth be deserted; then will the marts all grow bare;
For the summons has pealed through the town and the field, and the men that were wanted are there.

were wanted are there.

Men are not born to the lighting. Tell it again and again.

Men who go down to the killing-pawns they may be, but not men.

Only when God and the country sound us the long rally roll.

Thrill us with drummings of conscience—comes then the knowledge of duty; come all the purposes high—
Then come the men, from the hill and the glen, to put on their armor and die!

The Blue and the Gray had a happy camp fire at Vicksburg, Miss., recently. The local camp of Confederate veter-ans united with the National Military ans united with the National Military park commission and the board of trade in tendering it to the visiting Federal veterans from the northwestern states. There were present a large number of old Confederate soldiers and confederate soldiers and confederate soldiers. man of the Vicksburg National Mill-tary park commission, a Federal vet-eran, gave an eloquent welcome to the old soldiers of both armies, dwelling on the bravery and heroism displayed on 2,200 battlefields by both Northern and Southern soldiers, which the gov-ernment is rightly and nobly commen-orating in the national military parks. Col. R. V. Booth of Vicksburg next

spoke in a similar strain, saying the American soldier is everywhere revered and honored, whether his uniform was blue or gray. H. C. Putnam of Brodhead, Wis., spoke also for the visiting soldiers and invited the Southern comrades to visit Wisconsin. Judge O. B. Christian of Marion, Ohio, spoke for his Buckeye comrades and gave some statistics comparing the size of armies and casualties in European wars which emphatically proved the valor of the American soldier and the mighty strug gle of the civil war. Lieut.-Gen. Ste-phen D. Lee, the famous ex-Confeder-ate commander, gave a brief sketch of Grant's army of the Tennessee, and outlined his Vicksburg campaign in a masterly way. He claimed emphatically that the fall of Vicksburg was the heaviest blow dealt to the Confederacy during the whole war, and praised the action of the government in establishing the Vicksburg National Military park. This gathering was one of the park. This gathering was one of the most significant events ever held here and the old soldiers from the North-west have very high opinions of Vicksburg hospitality.

Private Who Struck Gen. Sheridan Apropos of a story going the rounds of the press as to a pugilistic combat between a division commander and a private, the following story is told:

"When our division swung back from the pursuit of Bragg in Novem-ber, 1862, we marched toward Nash-ville, and camped for a short time at Edgefield, just across the Tennessee from Nashville. As we went into camp, den. Phil Sheridan commanding the division, dismounted near a house on a hill to our left, and designated the house and yard as his headquarters. Between this house and our regiment, the Fifty-second Ohio, was a field giv-en up to cabbage. Many of the heads had been cut off earlier in the season, and fresh, green, tender sprouts had grown up about the stalks.

"As soon as our guns were stacked the men broke ranks and literally swarmed over the cabbage field. They had been living on short army rations for so long a time that they hungered for cabbage, and in five minutes that field was black with soldiers, and they cleared it of everything green as they moved forward. So intent were they on gathering the cabbage that they paid no attention even to the orders of

they saw the general coming, but others, not seeing him, kept at work, and so it happened that Sheridan, with club raised to strike, came unawares on Jack Jeffers, of Company K, Fiftysecond Ohio. Jack was one of the sturdlest and most athletic men in the regiment and was not much given to conventionalities. The confusion about him had not disturbed him, and he was wholly oblivious of the approach of the general commanding the division. "Jack was bending over a particu-larly fine bit of cabbage when Sheridan

made a rear attack, striking the stoop-ing man a resounding whack with his club. Jack went forward on his hands and face, and, supposing that one of the boys had pushed him over in rough froic, he scrambled to his feet, and turning in blind fury struck his as-sailant squarely in the face. Sheridan went down on his back, and Jack, recognizing the figure and the uniform. "Sheridan was wild with rage. A score of men ran to help him, helped

him up and brushed the dirt from his hair and clothes. He pushed them rudely aside and shouted: 'Don't bother about my clothes—catch the skunk that knocked me down: catch him, I say, and he ran forward him-self in the direction taken by Jeffers. Many of the boys ran with him, but curiously enough, not one could remember the fellow's name or to what

Men are not led by a haiter, like to a reasonless beast;

Men are not lured by a bauble to add to the carrion feast;

Only when home and their country speak in the thunder of God Men walk, with faces illumined, the paths that their fathers have trod. Then, in the shrill of the bullet; then, in the war trumpet's song; In the pipe of the fife leap the soldiers to life—ready, and gallant, and strong.

Let but the enemy's cannon threaten the

Paid Regiment With Advertisements. There is an old confederate soldier in Louisville who tells an amusing story of an adventure he had during

the civil war. He says: "One day during the stege of Vicks-burg, when everybody was out of money, and business was at a stand-still. I was walking along the streets of the city with my colonel, when a shell from one of Grant's gunboats struck a house across the street from us. In this house was a drug store. The shell exploded and set fire to the house. The colonel and I and some other soldiers helped extinguish the flames. In looking around among the ruins we found a box of old mustang liniment advertisements made in

the shape of dollar bills.
"As soon as I saw them an idea struck me which I communicated to

number of old Confederate soldiers, a delegation from the United Daughters of the Confederacy and many prominent citizens. Capt. W. T. Rigby, chairman of the Vicksburg National Mill. every man was given a part of his pay in advertisements. Business immediately resumed, and the pie and tobacco stands opened up once more. The mustang liniment bills passed current and were as readily changed as confederate bills."

> Headstone for Soldiers' Graves. The United States government has had finished a large number of head-stones for the graves of soldiers and sailors who fought in the civil war and they are being distributed as rapidly as possible to the applicants at present.

Recently a consignment Recently a consignment reached Boston from West Rutland, Vt., for relatives of deceased soldiers and sail-ors living hereabouts. The headstones are about three feet in hight, and project at least one and a half feet above the ground.

They are made of white marble, and

are ten inches across the face and five inches thick. On the face is cut a shield and the name, rank and depart-ment of service the deceased served in is cut in clear letters. It is a very

These stones are forwarded free of charge to the relatives of any soldier or sailor, and all that is necessary is an application to the war department at Washington, giving the name of the person whose grave the stone is to mark, with his rating and date of

Training of the National Guard. The Army and Navy Journal, in an article on "National Guard Delusions," very truly says: "In the introduction of the various bills in Congress from time to time for the reorganization of the national guard, the fact is invari-ably lost sight of that the time of the majority of citizen soldiers is very limited, and any scheme advocating a ited, and any scheme advocating a month's training for officers and men

is wholly impracticable. is wholly impracticable.

In this line the Journal thinks a week the limit for militia training. While quite understanding that a month is completely out of the questions. tion, it is clearly within the line of possibilities to secure at least 14 days

Memento of the Civil War New York Press: The editor of "The Press Campfire" has in his charge a copy of a "Veteran Register, Company I. Thirty-seventh Illinois Infantry." ornamented, has been placed in our cheared it of everything green as they moved forward. So intent were they hands in the hope that some of the comrades connected with the organization attention even to the orders of the guards Sheridan sent among them.
At last, the general, fuming and swearing, caught up a stout cane or club and went among the men himself.

be found who would like to have it a memento and to whom it would be given gladly. Further information regarding the register can be had by be found who would like to have it as a memento and to whom it would be d went among the men himself. garding the register can be hored men in advance fell back when addressing the New York Press.

> Connecticut members of the Daugh ters of the American Revolution claim for their state the distinction of having more "real daughters" than any other commonwealth in the national organization. There are ninety nine "real daughters" on the Connecticut membership rolls, and each one has been presented with a gold spoon Massachusetts comes next with eighty six women whose fathers fought in the

Will See Gettysburg Again.
The Grand Army Club of Massachu setts has decided to attend the G. A R. encampment at, Washington have accepted the invitation of the G. A. R. club of Baltimore to visit that city on its way to the encampment. The club will also visit Gettysburg either going or returning.

General gains in membership are reported throughout the order of the Sons of Veterans. The Wisconsin vision is noticeable for the gain in new camps. The Connecticut division will hold its annual convention at Derby, April 15-16.

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