### TRADITIONS OF WEST POINT than one to advance at a time at night, so

Customs as Forceful as Law Handed Down from Class to Class.

VIOLATION A SOURCE OF TROUBLE a plebe has been severely "jumped" for

Anecdotes Illustrating Phases of Life at the Great Military Academy-Officers Ontwitted by the Cadets.

States where traditions and precedents have morning tour of inspection of barracks so much weight as they have at West Point. and on entering a certain room he walked These traditions are carefully preserved and over to the mantelpiece. Stooping down handed down from one class to another, re- he pried up a brick from the middle of lates the New York Tribune, and it is of the the hearth with his sword scabbard and rarest occurrence for a cadet to do anything revealed a hollow space about a foot that is contrary to them. If he does vio- square, in which was nicely packed a conlate an important one, the cadel in question siderable quantity of tobacco and other is made to feel the displeasure of the corps contraband articles. Meanwhile the cadets in an unmistakable manner.

Such a tradition is that a "plebe" as members of the fourth class are called, is never the general was to have been able to disregarded on an equal footing with an up- cover the only "cellar" of its kind in barper class men until he has completed his racks. Turning to the commandant the first year at the academy. He is invariably general remarked: addressed as Mr. So-and So, or just plain mister, and must always address upper class still there. I made it when I was a cadet taken a deep interest in Arctic explorations career for themselves or for others of their men in the same formal manner and, in and lived in this room." addition, he must be prolific in his use of the word "sir," affixing it to the end of every sentence.

If a plebe is asked by an upper class man what his name is, he must reply "Mr. Brown, str," or whatever his name may be, and if cadets, always on the alert for some new he falls to do so he is certain to be told to scheme for amusement, decided that they "put a 'sir' on that, Mister," in a way that course, a plebe soon learns this, and there lection was taken up with which to purchase

### The Raw Recruit.

An amusing anerdote is told of a raw country lad who reported at West Point a few academy they first visit the adjutant's office, being so arranged that there was a large one this young man passed through the prelimi-

"John Smith." answered the lad.

letter his superior's injunction. For the billiards. next few minutes that poor plebe's life was burden to him, for all the cadets about his supposed attempt at facetiousness. The clicking tegether, but they could not find it. the far north has steadily increased until domestic tastes. It was evident from some name "Sir John" stuck to him throughout his entire career at the academy and even followed him into the army.

ing their first encampment. A great many

or no opposition from the authorities. between the tents. There he saw in a tent laden with fragrant tobacce smoke. across the company street a great, strapping The officers paused for a moment and plebe, over six feet tall and weighing more held a whispered consultation. Finally, detent say, "Put more feeling in it, mister;

gay it as if you meant it." thing was only an innocent form of devilment contrived by some ingenious yearling, there were three cadets the previ-

shouting, "Turn, boys, turn; we're going a laugh at the expense of the officers. ferent company streets he ran, dragging fore the club adjourned that night. his horse with him, until finally he ran into the officer in charge, who promptly morning, none the worse for his night in

### Trials of a Piebe Sentinel.

A plebe's first night on guard is generally an unpleasant experience for him; for, besides the official visits of the various officers and noncommissioned officers charged with his instruction, to see that he understands all the fine points of his duties as a sentinel, he is sure to be visited by a legion of spooks, hobgoblins and various other unauthorized individuals.

An incident of this kind is related where the post of a plebe sentinel at night. "Hait!" shouted the plebe "Who is there?" "Moses and the ten commandments."

came the response The poor plebe thought there was something irregular, but he remembered his moved to the officers' mess, and, according instructions about never allowing more

'Advance, one commandment, to

he promptly shouted:

A favorite pastime among cadets for generations past has been to capture a land tortoise and after taps at night to start him across the parade with a lighted candle on his back. As a consequence many permitting a light to approach or cross his post.

Anecdote of General Sherman. An amusing anecdote is related of General Sherman, who, as commanding general of the army, visited West Point one June for the graduation exercises. He accom-There is probably no place in the United panied the commandant on his Sunday occupying the room stood by mutely watching and wondering what sort of man and is confident that it will be successful.

"I have been wondering if that hole was

Story of a Billiard Table. One of the most interesting of West Point's traditions is that relating to the billiard table. Shortly after the civil war the would like to have a billiard table, and acwill usually cause him to remember it. Of cordingly organized a bilitard club. A colis no longer any trouble with him on that a table, and a suitable place was sought in which to set it up. Until the present steamheating apparatus was installed in the cadet barracks, about twenty-five or thirty years ago, the heating was by means of furnaces. years ago concerning this use of the word The basement of the sixth division of the When the new cade s report at the barracks was used for coal bins, the bins where they deposit their credentials and near the center of the building, which could give information concerning their parents or only be reached by passing through one of guardians and their former careers. Next the others. After considering all available they visit the treasurer's office and deposit places this coal bin was finally selected as what money they may have with them, and being the place least liable to detection-for then they go to the barracks, where they re- it must be remembered the table was unauport to the cadet officer in charge of their thorized. The table was bought in New instruction. It is here that they receive York and sent to Garrisons, across the river, their first taste of military discipline. Well, for there was no West Shore railroad in those days. One cold winter night it was naries, finally reaching the barracks, and, hauled by a team of oxen across the river on after several attempts to enter the office in the ice, and up the hill, and was safely military manner and to the satisfaction stowed away in the coal bin before morning. of the austere lieutenant in charge, he was The table was soon set up and became a asked by that functionary what his name source of great enjoyment to the cadets. A keg of beer was always kept on tap, and lamps were hung from the ceiling, giving "Suppose you put a 'sir' on that!" cried the room a cheery appearance. The memthe cadet officer, forgetting for the moment bers of the club used to gather there at all in his assumed wrath the equally beinous hours of the day and night when their presence was not required elsewhere by their "Sir John Smith." innocently replied the duties, and sit around smoking, drinking and plebe, and supposed he had obeyed to the telling stories while two of them played

The authorities soon became aware that there was a billiard table somewhere in the was an employe of a panorama of the Kane ditional feminine qualities of character and the room at once began "crawling" him for barracks, for they could hear the balls expedition. My interest in the regions of are model wives and mothers, with strong of the encampment shouting in stentorian later, saw them climb over a pile of coal tones, "I'm mad! I'm mad! I know I'm and enter an open door, through which Wondering what the trouble was, he came sounds of laughter and conversation walked a short distance further and looked and the clicking of balls, while the air was

than 200 pounds, creeping on his hands and ciding that they would tell the other ofknees about the tent, like a caged lion, and ficers of their discovery and have all of every minute or two giving vent to the cry them come down the following night and that he was mad. Stopping for a moment to enjoy the fun of a raid on the club, they take in the situation fully, the officer heard withdrew and went home. Next day all a mild and persuasive voice from a nearby the officers at the post were informed of raid should occur at midnight. All might The officer, perceiving that the whole have gone well and the officers might have had their little fun had it not been that made no report of it, but went on his ous night instead of two. The third had forgotten his pipe and had gone back Another amusing incident of this kind for it, while the other two went on and were occurred one quiet Sunday afternoon, when discovered by the officers. The third, commost of the cadets were asleep in their ing along a moment later, saw the officers tents and the visitors' seats in front of and quietly followed them, observing all the camp parade were nearly deserted, their movements and listening to their A tall, slender cadet, wearing a shake and whispered conversation. When they withplume, armed with a saber, and riding drew he went in and told the members of between his legs a little tin horse scarcely the club all he had heard and seen. The six inches high, came charging down the cadets at once realized that it was all up company street, brandishing his saber and with the club, but they determined to have Back and forth through the dif- cordingly, all arrangements were made be-

The next night the officers met as arranged and crept stealthily down the areaconfined him in the guard tent. But all way and into the sixth division. Hearing no the camp had been awakened, and the sound of clicking balls, some became cadets and the few visitors had a good sceptical and concluded the whole thing The plebe was released the next was a hoax, but nevertheless they pushed on and climbed over the pile of coal. Opening the door, they were greeted with a glow of light, but still no sound. On entering they found the room deserted, but there was the billiard table, an almost untouched keg of beer, several pounds of tobacco, some chairs and lastly a note on the table addressed to the officers on duty at West Point. The note was to the effect that as the officers of the post had been so kind as to permit the club to continue its existence more than a year, it desired to present to them (the officers) the table and all its a yearling, wrapped in a sheet, appeared appurtenances, as it was deemed expedient to wind up the club's affairs. The note was signed, "The Executive Committee."

The officers, of course, were much chagrined at being thus outwitted by the cadets. Nevertheless, the table was reto tradition, is the one still in use there.

# Dig Mining Deal Pending.

A WAY THEY HAVE

What This Omaha Citizen Says Only
Corroborates the Story of Thousands.

The particulars related by this representative citizen of Omaha are similar to hundreds of others in this city. When there are scores of people, all anxious to tell about the benefits received from the use of Doan's Kidney Pills, the greatest skeptic in Omaha must be convinced. Read this Mr. W. R. Taylor, of 1513 Webster Street, amployed at the Omaha Hardwood Lumber

DENVER. Nov. S.—Although the reported Sa's of the Portland mine is denied at the offices of the company in Colorado Springs in its is generally believed in mining circles that this big property will pass into the hands of an English syndicate, consisting of the Venture corporation, the Exploration company and Werner, Beit & Co. the South African diamond miners and investors in Mexico mines and railways. It is said the price to be paid is about \$15,000,000. It is known that experts for the concerns in the deal have made a thorough examination of the property and from London the report comes that the deal is practically closed.

The plan reported from London is to consolidate the Portland with Stratton's Independence and to form a new company to control both of the great gold properties. Such a consolidation would create not only the greatest gold mining property in Colorado, but probably the greatest in the world.

## ANOTHER PULL FOR THE POLE

An American Expedition Financed by a New York Merchant.

Patriotic Motives Prompt the Move -Experienced Man to Lead It-Definite Plans Laid to Start Next Summer.

equip an Arctic expedition to be headed by Evelyn B. Baldwin and sall from that port told a reporter for the Brooklyn Eagle why he had decided to aid business man is well known. in a search for the north pole. Neither Mr. Ziegler nor Mr. Baldwin is ready at this the fact that negotiations are pending which make it unwise to do so. Mr. Ziegler is very enthusiastic in his new undertaking gathered at Williamsport in annual con-

prompted solely by patriotic motives. If the kind, says the Philadelphia Record. While north pole can be located, and I confidently there clubwomen are regarded as being believe it can, I want the Stars and Stripes advanced in intellect and culture, they to be the first flag raised there. I have are by no means all ambitious for a public

to furnish funds for an expedition under my leadership and incidentally referred to the matter it. Mr. Ziegler's presence. Mr. Ziegler then stated that he had taken a deep interest in Arctic mattrs since Dr Kane's time and had always been desirous of sending the Stars and Stripes to the far north. He asked to be permitted to finance the expedition, being inspired with no RIVAL RACERS WILL HEAD FOR AXIS other motive than that of patriotism. He wanted America, he said, to vie with the Norwegians and the Italians in the race for the pole. His offer to finance the expedition solely was at once accepted, it being his desire to place me in a position to undertake the work with absolute free dom. Were he a younger man he would himself go the entire Journey, but his age William Ziegler of New York, who will precludes such a trip. He will neverthetess accompany the expedition for some distance.

William Ziegler's record as a successful

### CLUB AND OTHER WOMEN

time to reveal their plans, but this is due to Deeds by Which Some of Them Scales

the Heights of Fame. The clubwomen of Pennsylvania, who vention last week, represent a large and "In sending out this expedition I am growing proportion of American womansince I was a youth of 17. At that time I sex. Most of them, in fact, retain the tra-



event carrying them out to the letter." Lender of the Expedition.

in the Arctic regions. He has always taken a deep interest in 1897 he went to Spitzbergen, having volbanana plantation and at once set about known in many of the large cities. He was



EVELYN B. BALDWIN-LEADER OF EX-PEDITION.

Mr. Baldwin said he had definite plans Mobile. He is 38 years old and was born a cask until she was rescued. in camp at Springfield, Mo., his father, E. B. Baldwin, at that time being a first afterward became lieutenant colonel of the

Eighth Missouri cavalry. Young Baldwin attended public school in western college, Naperville, Ill., where he had as classmates J. A. and M. T. Snyder, the men intrumental in arranging for : trip to the Arctic. In order to study and observe Baldwin visited Europe when 22 years old and toured Ireland afoot, defray ing his expenses by writing for magazines Returning to this country he became a teacher in Illinois public schools and spent his vacations traveling. Although neither

The cadets continued to enjoy the priv- now I am willing and ready to place suf- of the addresses gelivered that not all of ileges of the billiard club for more than a ficient means at Mr. Baldwin's disposal to the club members realize how greatly the year. Finally one night soon after mid- aid him in every possible way to get to the expansion of woman's interests has in-It has been the custom in the corps from night, as two officers were returning from a pole. I have always made it a rule to actime immmemorial to "devil" plebes durconvivial evening at the mess, they saw complish whatever I have undertaken, and I expected instances the qualities of physics. two cadets, clad in their underclothing and expect the hunt for the north pole to be ical courage, muscular strength and skill of the practices indulged in are perfectly dressing gowns, emerge from the north no exception. I have every confidence in and self-poise. It may interest the clubinnocent, and so long as the upper class men sallyport and disappear down the steps to Mr. Baldwin. He is a man of determination women if we note the incidents of a sinconfine themselves to them there is little the areaway in front of the barracks. In- and of experience. I would not waste 5 gle week, as reported in the newspapers, stantly the thought of the billiard table cents if I did not think we would succeed. in which woman has been portrayed as flashed through the minds of the two of- I have told Mr. Baldwin that I did not want something quite unlike the clinging vine: an offices who was walking in the rear of ficers and they started quietly after the to see him return until he could bring the Mrs. B. F. Tremann of New York City Company D's tents one afternoon in one of cadets. On reaching the basement door- welcome news that the north pole had been sprang at the head of a runaway horse the recent encampments of the cadets at way of the sixth division the two cadets reached. We have plans-very practical and stopped it, after having been dragged West Point. He heard a voice from the body entered and the officers, arriving a moment ones, too-and there is nothing apparently some distance, and thus saved the life of an old man. Mrs. Bertha Valentine of Hoboken defended a small street car con-Evelyn B. Baldwin, whom Mr. Ziegler has ductor against two toughs, both of whom chosen to head the expedition, is a man of she knocked down with her fists and one medium height. He is well built, has brown of whom she dragged to the police station. hair and bright blue eyes. He has a modest Captain Margaret Kelley (brown-eyed and manner and is one of the last men a person demure) of the Salvation Army in Brookwould select for a battle with the elements lyn literally thrashed a gang of hoodlums into meekness, refusing the aid of a policeman. Miss Lottie Poillon (who looks like meteorology. He was a member of the a school girl) knocked down and severely Peary Arctic expedition in 1893-1894. In punished with her fists two rufflans who insulted her in Central park, New York the discovery and it was arranged that the unteered to accompany Andree on his Mrs. Margaret Heilmeyer of Brooklyn, on aerial flight, but, there being no room for being attacked by a highwayman, struck him in the basket of the big balloon, he the scoundrel across the face with a bottle could not proceed. In 1898-99 Mr. Baldwin of ammonia and he fled screaming. Miss accompanied the Wellman expedition to Ruth Covington, a society belle of Peru, Franz Josef Land. Early in the present Ind., with her own hands dug an Italian year he made a trip to the Republic of laborer out of a trench which had caved in Colombia, South America, to visit his friend and buried him. Mrs. James Withey of and college chum, M. T. Snyder, on his Bocca Grande, Fla., was attacked in her kitchen by a large mad dog, which she beat putting into execution plans for the pro-posed expedition, Mr. Snyder and his dragged outdoors. Mrs. J. F. Fullam of brother having volunteered to aid him in a Washington Heights, New York, being an financial way. Later Mr. Ziegler, who is a expert with the pistol, shot in the leg a cousin of the Messrs. Snyder, heard of the rowdy who had attacked her husband. Mrs. plan and at once asked to be allowed to Kerry of Albion, N. Y., marched a vicious equip the expedition. Mr. Baldwin is well tramp across a field to her husband, holding a pistol in her hand. Mrs. Angelina Vorino of Harlem, N. Y., whipped a policeman so severely that he was sent to a hospital and a New York society woman compelled a burly negro to get down from his wagon and go to the police station for having been cruel to his horse. Instances of other forms of courage and

enterprise were reported during the period in question. Mrs. Mercy McCormack of New York seized her gon in her arms when his clothing was aflame and, although she was terribly burned, held him until the fire was extinguished. Mrs. Charity Craig, a daughter of the late secretary of agriculture, Jere Rusk, fought and downed an established telephone company at Asheville, N. C., and is now running an independent telephone exchange there. Two girls confined at the Magdalen home, in this city, escaped by sliding down a rope of sheets and climbing over a high wall topped with barbed wire. A hair-pulling bee at the Cleveland College for Women was marked by blackened eyes, bruises, torn hats and skirts and everything but weeping. The vigilance of Mrs. Davidson, wife of an for several years connected with the English sea captain, saved the lives of weather bureau service and at various twenty-nine wrecked sailors. Mrs. Rose times was stationed at Washington, D. C., Anderson allowed herself to be flung into Nashville, Cairo, Teledo, New Orleans and the sea from a sinking ship and clung to The week in which these various events

were recorded was not peculiar, and the captain in the Illinois regulars. His father incidents are not unusual. Within the same period there were published an account of Mr. Fuller's acceptance of a position at general housework in Syracuse, N. Y., and a Great Britain were the protagonists, but Illinois and finally graduated from North- description of the beautiful embroidery as a matter of fact Abdur Rahman's standwork of a man at Evanston, 13.

### CALDRON IN CENTRAL ASIA.

Large Possibilities of Trouble in Event of the Ameer's Death.

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General Kouropatkin, the war minister of Asian politics is likely to boil over. a peace emperor, proudly claims to be the inheritor of the ambitions of Skobeleff, Soboleff and Kaufman.

But the great danger which threatens India is not alone an overt act of hostility on the part of Russia, but the outbreak of internal strife in Afghanistan.

The Unitarian mission work in Japan has been very successfully prosecuted in that country.

Over 1.000 children in Havana are received on the process of the king instruction in the Protestant day and afternoon.

In the charch, New York, Rev. Donald Machurch, Ne who is probably the most absolute despot on earth His military power is much underrated. Writers generally treat the Cen-Great Britain were the protagonists, but as a matter of fact Abdur Rahman's standing army numbers 60,000 men, on the most conservative estimate, and unlimited numbers of wild tribesmen would eagerly flock to his standard in any warfare. All these troops are armed with excellent modern to his standard in any warfare. All these troops are armed with excellent modern rifles and first-class small arms and ammunition factories are in working order at Kabul. The character of the country is perfectly adapted to the warfare of daring, hardy guerrillas, while it would break the heart of European troops. The Russians know all this and are unlikely to advance upon India during his life, unleas they succeed in winning Abdur Rahman as an ally, which at times has seemed possible.

The danger will come with his death. That danger is the nightmare of Indian administrators. It is a wonder the ameer has lived so long and it is known that he

The Key. William A. Burch, a Methodist rolling and reading sunday of Indian.

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RELIGIOUS.

Chinese gods are mostly made in Bir-mingham, England. Over 1,000 children in Havana are receiving instruction in the Protestant day and Sunday schools.

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Sunday schools.

A great Japanese statesman has recently said that he feared that religion would be lost to his people unless they defied the emperor.

Among Catholic women the demand for a convent education has resulted in Trinity college at Washington, which opens this month. This is the first Catholic woman's college in the world.

mous appeal to the British people and else. When he dies the caldron of Central main as financial secretary of the university and conduct the business affairs and handle the finances of the institution. The second Sunday in November is Bible day with the Baptist denomination, when churches and Sunday schools will make their offerings for the bible work of the denomination.