

LITERARY NOTES.

Are women mean in money matters? is the subject of a symposium in the Christmas issue of the American Queen. The symposium is cleverly worked out by Gertrude Atherton and Adeline Sargent. Lois Knight contributes an article on Christmas Church decoration, and gives a number of original illustrations for adorning churches in holly and mistletoe for the holiday season. The cover is a clever sketch by Traver, titled "Under the Mistletoe," presenting a woman paying the forfeit of a kiss beneath the mistletoe bough.

The most sanguinary naval action of the war, and on that showed well a phase of that reckless daring and cool effrontery displayed by American soldiers and sailors, was the engagement between the American vessels and the Spanish gunboats off Cardenas May 11, 1898. The torpedo-boat Winslow went within half a mile of the wharves of the town, with the intention of drawing the Spanish gunboats from their hiding places, and inducing them to give battle in the open. Suddenly, from behind the corner of one of the piers, their came a flash, followed by a faint puff of vapor, and a shell screamed past the Winslow, and before she could turn, from three or four other places came the

the Hudson struggled for more than twenty minutes at a task that at each moment grew more helpless. At last a fortunate sheer, a quick shift of the helm, the line was thrown, caught, the hawser was bent on, and the two little crafts started to draw away from their most dangerous position.

It was at this time that the tragic event which has given this engagement its sad prominence occurred. The officers and crew of the Winslow were gathered along her rail, waiting to grasp the expected heaving line. Grouped around the starboard gun were an officer and four men. And they stood there, says Lieutenant Earnest E. Mead, the navigating officer of the Hudson, in his article on "The Rescue of the Winslow" in Harper's Magazine for December,—the man expectant, every nerve faint, waiting to grasp the elusive line, which was their only chance of escape from almost certain destruction, the officer, self contained, smiling, a perfect antidote to nervousness in his calm bearing. The next instant they were gone. A flash barely visible in the glare of the sun, a report, unnoticed in the noise of the battle, a faint puff of vapor, and, as it cleared away, it was seen that five men had been wounded, killed, destroyed by an enemy's projectile. One cry, a few muttered curses, and the crew hurried to their stations.



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THE RESCUE OF THE "WINSLOW"

smokeless flash, and again, with greater precision came the destructive projectiles and the fight was on.

The Winslow was soon followed by the Wilmington and the Hudson, but it was to the Winslow that the Spanish gunners devoted their energy and their shells. One of the first shots struck her and partly lamed her. Fairly deluged with shot and shell, and struck in a dozen places she still fought on, and it was not until her steering-gear was injured and she became unmanageable, that her commander thought of withdrawing. But then it was too late, for her machinery was stopped and she was rapidly drifting towards shore.

It was then that the Hudson came within hailing distance of the Winslow, and Lieutenant Bernadou, the commander of the Winslow, called out that his vessel was totally disabled.

The Hudson was steered for the Winslow, close enough to throw a heaving line to her. The line fell short. Reversing the engines and putting the helm to the starboard, the captain of the Hudson tried to back his vessel down to the Winslow; but working directly against her helm she backed around until she was bows on to the Winslow and, moving directly away from her. The water was so shallow that the Hudson was unmanageable, and fate in the garb of the regular afternoon seabreeze was setting the Winslow every moment nearer the shore, and into a zone of more murderous fire. Back and forward, swerving this way and that

Aguinaldo was born on the 22d day of March 1863, at Cavite Viejo, and his education was such as the schools of the little country town were able to provide



EMILIO AGUINALDO

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and his life was spent in business to his twenty-fifth year, when he was elected Mayor of Cavite. On the 20th of Aug

ust, 1896, the governor of the province of Cavite reported to Manila that everything was quiet in Cavite, and no insurgents to be found anywhere. Aguinaldo on his way home the day after, the 21st of August, 1896, heard that a warrant had been issued for his own arrest on the charge of siding with the insurrectionists. Instead of going home according to Captain W. A. Harper, who writes of his interview with Aguinaldo in Harper's Weekly for December 3d, he gathered twenty of his friends around him and waited for the arrival of the warrant. On the 22d a captain of the civil guard and two sergeants appeared to arrest him and were promptly killed. This started the revolution which has culminated in making him president of the Philippine republic.

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The man to whom the agonies of starvation and exposure were but minor considerations when weighed in the bal-



DR. SVEN HEDIN

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