

THE MODERN JUGGERNAUT.

At length the signs of spring appear,
The sun we humbly greet,
And daily walk abroad in fear—
The cyclist owns the street.
And doubly thankful should we be,
When daily wandering ceases,
At fall of eve, if we should see
Our loved ones not in pieces.
The Pedestrian.

LITERARY NOTE.

According to General Joseph Wheeler, the custom of setting apart a day for decorating the soldiers' graves had its origin among the women of his own state of Alabama. Unlike the men, they would not permit their dead "quietly to become a part of general history." Under the title, *The Memory of Our Fighting Men*, General Wheeler contributes to *The Saturday Evening Post* of May 27 a strong paper on the history and significance of Memorial Day. General Corbin, of the G. A. R., also treats a similar topic, but from a different point of view.

Among the fiction in this number is *The Crump's Creek Tangle*, a Decoration Day story by John Habberton. It is one of the cleverest of Mr. Habberton's clever tales of plain people.

Another feature of the Decoration Day number of the *Post* is a poem by Frank L. Stanton, that is a notable tribute to "The Fallen of the Fight:"

Oh, the story and the glory of the fallen of the fight!
Does the clamor of the captains reach their ranks all ghostly white?
Nay—they rest with rusting blades,
All the glory-starred brigades.
And the peace of God is on them in the splendor of the light.

NATIONAL EMBLEM.

What is diplomatically known as the entente cordiale has apparently struck England with greater force than this country. Even Mr. Labouchere has fallen under the ecstatic spell of so-called "brotherhood," to the extent of offering a prize of two guineas for the best suggestion for a flower "most suitable as the national emblem of the United States of America." The answers, numbering some hundreds, are weird and wonderful, and although it may be unkind to expatiate too freely on the same, yet I cannot refrain from quoting a few of the answers, invariably complimentary, but typically English.

Dandelion Signifies "dent de lion," tooth of a lion—not the whole lion but a bit of him.

The Crocus—As the Americans are given to crow or boast, having large ideas and to cuss or curse much.

The Forget-me-not—Show this to any intelligent American as his national flower and he will exclaim: "My! so 'tis!"

The Carnation—Being a nation celebrated far its use of cars.

The Anemone—Any money.
The Marigold—Because of the supply of heiresses.

The Mushroom—Because of his rapid growth and his liking for a mysterious refection called "mush."

And so the answers go on, and if it were not for my intense respect, owing to circumstances, toward our more than "cousins," I should feel more inclined to print more of these punning guesses. —Town Topics.

OBEYED ORDERS.

Merchant—If the man was out, why did you not wait until he came back, as I told you?

Messenger—Dere was a notice on de door what says, "Retoin at Wunst."

HER FINISH.

Telephone shade—May I come in?
Angel Gabriel—St. Peter is busy now

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