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Odd Errors in Books.

Some one has been hunting for errors in the writings of old and new authors. He has run down some funny mistakes. In "Ivanhoe" Sir Walter Scott makes a knight of Richard I converse with a contemporary of William the Conqueror, who was Richard's grandfather. The new moon appears in the western sky and sets from the moment it becomes visible; but in "The Children of Gibbon" Walter Besant caused a new moon to rise in the east at 2 o'clock in the morning. Trollope makes one of his characters, Andy Scott, come whistling up the street with a cigar in his mouth. In "Don Quixote" Sancho continues to ride on his donkey after having lamented the animal's death. In "The Reign of Law" by James Lane Allen, one of the characters refers to a book which was not published for ten years after the time the reference was said to have been made. Hamlin Garland wrote in 1896 "The Rose of Dutcher's Coolly," and one of the characters in the novel is given about three different names. Jacob Riis tells in "The Making of an American" that while a young reporter, in giving the particulars of a river's overflow, he described a stone floating on the waste of waters. But that was not more wonderful than the case of our old friend, Robinson Crusoe, who, after taking off his clothes to swim to the wreck, took the precaution to fill his pockets full of biscuits. Neither was it more surprising than the discovery by a Paris reporter, who found in the Seine "the nude corpse of a man with ten sous in his waistcoat pocket."

DOCTOR ON FOOD.

Experimented on Himself.

A physician of Galion, O., says: "For the last few years I have been a sufferer from indigestion and although I have used various remedies and prepared foods with some benefit it was not until I tried Grape-Nuts that I was completely cured. "As a food it is pleasant and agreeable, very nutritious and is digested and assimilated with very little effort on the part of the digestive organs. As a nerve food and restorer it has no equal and as such is especially adapted to students and other brain workers. It contains the elements necessary for the building of nerve tissue and by so doing maintains an equilibrium of waste and repair. "It also enriches the blood by giving an increased number of red blood corpuscles and in this way strengthens all the organs, providing a vital fluid made more nearly perfect. I take great pleasure in recommending its use to my patients for I value it as a food and know it will benefit all who use it." Name furnished by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.



The First Decoration

May 30 is Memorial Day, the day when pious hands the country over will place floral tributes upon the graves of the dead of the civil war. The following version of the origin of the custom is told by a veteran who wore the blue.

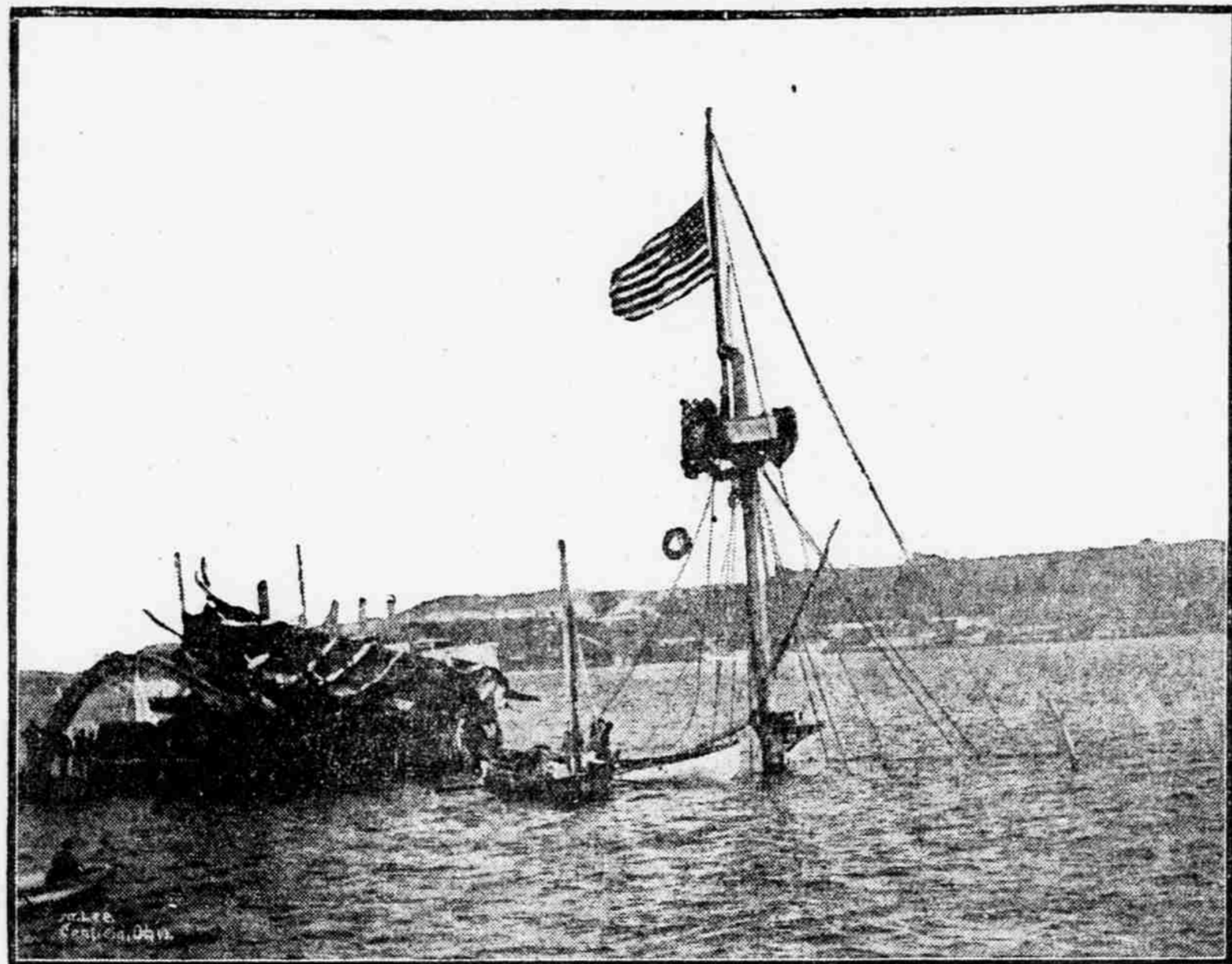
"It was just forty years the 13th of last April," said he. "Two little girls—children of a Michigan army chaplain—were the first to lay spring flowers on a soldier's grave dug in Virginian soil, and from that little act of childish impulse grew up the custom which is now nationally observed, north and south.

"I was a member of the Second Regiment, Michigan Infantry, Col. J. R. Richardson commanding, which saw most of the fighting of the army of the Potomac until the war was well nigh ended. The chaplain of the regiment

They must have had in mind the little acts of remembrance they had seen at the gravesides in the grass-grown cemetery at home.

"On their way home the little ones planned to go next day, gather armfuls of flowers and put them on all the graves. When they were about to set out on the morrow, Josephine told Mrs. May of their project, and the sweet thoughtfulness of this child fancy appealed to the older woman as it only could have appealed to a mother who knew a hospital camp at first hand and had folded the hands of more than one young fellow in his last sleep. With her companion, Mrs. Evans, a young Red Cross nurse, Mrs. May joined the children in gathering flowers, and together they placed the blossoms on thirteen graves—all that they found, Union and Confederate alike.

SAILOR DEAD REMEMBERED.



The Sunken Maine Being Decorated by the American Ladies' Memorial Committee.

was Franklin May, a Methodist minister, who resigned his charge at the first call to arms and marched to the front. There were three Mays in the regiment, brothers—two chaplains and the chaplain, for war blood seemed to run in their veins. Three Mays did I say? Four, for there was the captain's wife, and no pluckier patriot served the Union cause than the woman who followed him to camp, first at Arlington and Alexandria and then at a point near Mount Vernon, which was known as Camp Michigan. She brought with her their two daughters, Josephine, aged thirteen, and Ella, perhaps five years younger.

"One spring day at Camp Michigan—it happened to be April 13, the first anniversary of the fall of Sumter—the little girls were wild-flower gathering. Their hands were filled when they came across a grave—a rough, unmarked mound that had closed in over some northern boy for whom taps had sounded that first twelve-month.

"Oh, let's put our flowers on this grave," cried Josephine. "He is a soldier boy."

"In a trice the two were down on their knees heaping nosegays over that bare hillock and clasping their hands in delight at their happy contrivance.

among the thousands that later were to rest at Arlington and along the shores of the Potomac.

"The next year they did the same thing, and the next, each time in May, and now for the soldiers who fell at Fredericksburg and other battles in the Old Dominion. What they did was noticed and soon others began to do the same. There was opportunity for all, for as the months went by graves were multiplying faster than ever before in history, and before the close of the war the custom had spread quite widely.

"In 1868 Gen. John A. Logan issued that famous order of his as commander-in-chief of the G. A. R. which set apart May 30 as Memorial Day—a date chosen late in the spring in order to give the flowers a chance to outflank every snowbank in the north, however late the spring. Since then many of the states have made the day a legal holiday.

"There has been some controversy here and there as to what source to attribute the honor of suggesting a decoration day. Gen. Chipman attributed it to a Cincinnati soldier whose letter concerning such a custom in Germany he laid before Gen. Logan. Gen. John B. Murray, on the other

hand, has advanced the claim of a celebration held at Watertown, N. Y., May 27, 1866. Certain it is that Gen. Logan often referred to his first decoration day order as the 'proudest act of his life,' and the year it was issued the first great observance was held at Arlington cemetery with Gen. Arthur as the orator of the day. It is equally certain that further to the south, a few years before, those two little Michigan girls had begun the decoration of graves in a small way that as certainly developed into the national memorial. Yet so far as I know no recognition has been paid to its girlish originators.

"Chaplain May, his wife Marcia, and their two daughters lie buried in Mountain Home, Kalamazoo, Mich. With the exception of one year, the chaplain's family remained with him throughout the war. Mrs. May was called 'an angel of mercy from God' for her work at Alexandria. I recall circumstances when she literally stole dying men and smuggled them into the city hospitals that she might minister to their wants. She had of course the connivance of the surgeons—it was either that or leave them to die of neglect and lack of nursing, for in those first months of the war everything was 'red tape.'

"Later on she had a chance to serve

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The treasures that lie at the bottom of the sea are now more easily obtainable by the invention of an instrument known as the hydroscope. This contrivance is shortly to be put in operation in order to find the lost fleet of Xerxes, which has reclined on the sea's bed undisturbed for about 2,300 years. Search is also to be made for the ship chartered by Pompey to carry Roman art treasures to Athens and wrecked in the archipelago 1,950 years ago.

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Rothschilids Multiply Slowly.

If the Rothschilids had increased and multiplied, after the manner of many families there would have been a prodigious number of the English branch, let alone the rest, but after more than 100 years the descendants of Nathan Meyer Rothschilid, founder of the English Rothschilids, only amount to between thirty and forty persons.

Murphy's portrait of McKinley.

Murphy's portrait of President McKinley has been received at the White House and now hangs to the right of the north vestibule door, the space on the left of the door being occupied by Sargent's portrait of President Roosevelt. The hanging is a favorable one for an oil painting and the portrait, which was painted from a photograph, the artist never having seen Mr. McKinley, is much admired. The late president's friends declare it the best likeness of Mr. McKinley in existence.

A Suggestion to Morgan.

At the Lotus club Charles W. Price told this story about J. Pierrepont Morgan: A young reporter was sent to Mr. Morgan's residence to ask an important question. "Mr. Morgan is out," said the butler. The reporter, noticing a carriage in waiting, lingered near the entrance to the Madison avenue residence, and in a few moments was not exactly astonished to see Mr. Morgan come out and start for the carriage. He dared approach and ask the question, as he had been instructed. "Young man," said Mr. Morgan, "didn't my butler tell you I was out?" "Yes, but you should change your butler for one who can speak the truth." Mr. Morgan turned his penetrating eyes on the questioner for a moment, and then said, as he entered his carriage: "Call at my office in the morning and suggest any other changes in my establishment you deem advisable." The reporter did call, and has possessed fairly pleasant relations with the eminent financier ever since.

English Disdain Peanuts.

Over in England they call the peanut "ground-nut" and "ground-bean," says Tip in the New York Press. In British eyes it is only for pigs. It is met with occasionally in fruiterers' shops, but never in push carts, as in New York. A British encyclopedia says: "In the southern states of North America we seeds, or nuts, as they are called, are roasted and used as chocolate. They are a favorite article of food with the negroes." Georgians are called "goober grabbers" throughout the south. Many a farmer has grown rich on the humble peanut, the annual product being worth \$10,000,000. Some persons try to belittle the goober. A lawyer, examining a witness in an important case, one whose testimony was conclusive, undertook to ridicule him. "You are a business man, I believe?" "Yes." "What is your business?" "I deal in peanuts." The lawyer smiled knowingly at the jury. "A peanut vender, eh? How many pints did you sell last month?" "I hardly know. A million, possibly." "What! A million?" "I handle about half a million bushels a year. I am a wholesale dealer." The lawyer sat down, with the laugh turned on him.

Any girl who marries to please her folks usually gets the worst of it.

A Sensational Case.

Alston, Mich., May 25th.—Houghton County has never witnessed a more striking medical case than that of Mr. James Culet of this place. Mr. Culet had spent a small fortune with the best physicians in the county and in addition to this he has tried every medicine he could hear of.

He had a very bad case of Rheumatism and Kidney Trouble, from which he had suffered for twenty years. Nothing he could get seemed to do him any good, and he was gradually growing worse.

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