

What's the use in annexing the Hawaiian volcano so long as Uncle Sam has the Vesuvius?

On the Vesuvius the order is not "Twenty minutes for breakfast." It's "Let's dine a mite."

Barbed wire about entrenchments has no particular bearing on foil fencing as applied to war.

Putting the hard luck stories with the boom tales from the Klondike, that region appears to be a poor rich one.

Canada is begging for 2-cent postage. Let it come into the American Union and it will have 2-cent postage without delay.

The gentlemen who are returning from the Klondike with hard luck stories are going to have some trouble in securing audiences.

The forests of Cuba cover about 13,000,000 acres, so forest preservation will probably not be the first problem the new government will take up.

The Russian Government has appointed M. Bogoljewow minister of public instruction. We do not recall Mr. Bogoljewow, but he seems to have made quite a name for himself abroad.

The Wellman expedition to find and secure Andree and to discover the north pole has started. There is considerably less doubt as to the locality of the north pole than as to where Andree is.

The valor of the Americans at La Guasima was attested by a captured Spaniard who said: "We are not accustomed to such fighting. Every time we fired, instead of retreating, your soldiers advanced."

Brooklyn saloon-keepers propose to call beer henceforth by the pound, holding that a pint of beer and a pound are about equal. It depends, however, on how many pints have preceded the one under consideration; sometimes a pint of beer weighs so much that a strong man can't carry it.

The American is not a trained soldier, but he is a born patriot. He knows by instinct and education how to fight for his country. Roosevelt's rough riders, whether Fifth avenue millionaires or Western cowboys, fought together and died together in Cuba for the great American principles of liberty, equality and humanity. Nothing in our history is more characteristic of the American people.

The contrast between our own people and those of Europe, even those of England, is a striking illustration of the elevating power of the assurance that each American feels, not only of his equality before the law, but of his equality of power in the control of the government and in the making and administration of its laws. Our critics say that we are ill-mannered, and that services to which we are entitled, and which we have the right to command, are often insolently rendered, and are hurried at us as if they were favors graciously given. It is to be regretted that there is much truth in this criticism. But, whatever may be said about the manners prevailing in a democracy, the most insolent car conductor and hackman in America is a much more pleasing tradesman than an obsequious retail tradesman of a European capital. We know, at least, that the son of the insolent American is likely to be better than the father, and that the son of the European tradesman is likely to inherit the business, the social position, the ignorance and the genealogies of his ancestors.

The intensity of feeling in Latin-America against the United States and in favor of Spain is shown by the fact that it is with a good deal of effort that the Mexicans can be kept from ridding this country across the Rio Grande. Recently Mr. Livingston and wife of Saratoga, N. Y., left Queretaro, in Mexico, for home. They did this because they had been warned that they would be assassinated if they remained. They were escorted to the train by the agent of the Wells-Fargo Express Company, who was the only other American in the place, and they went heavily armed. Mr. Livingston says that in Queretaro the churches are decorated with Spanish flags and that prayers are offered for the success of the Spanish arms. One of the men on the battleship Oregon said in an interview in San Francisco that in every Spanish-American port where the vessel touched between San Francisco and Key West the American sailors and marines were hissed and booed at, while the populace gave unmistakable proof of their hostility to the flag and government of the United States. The Latin-American states are bound to Spain not only by ties of race, but by those of a common religion, and there can be little sympathy between the people of those states and the United States.

What there exists in Spain among many of the people a strong dislike of the young King Alfonso is an open secret which has been mentioned by persons outside of the kingdom. The king is 23 years old, very slightly built, with a constitution that does not give much promise of a long life. Despite the apparent care that has been bestowed upon him he is physically weak, and probably succumb to the palmar-

ary troubles that caused the death of his father. He has a sister who is 19 years of age and is said to have an excellent constitution. The pretender to the throne, Don Carlos, has a son, Don Jaime, who is a manly fellow, and has done excellent military service in the armies of other countries. He is popular in Spain, and in case of the death of Alfonso it is expected that a marriage could be arranged between the Infanta, Maria, and Don Jaime, and thus a union be effected that would dispose of a troublesome claimant to the throne and give the Spaniards a king of whom all would be proud. The claim of Don Carlos, Jaime's father, to the throne is not without its strong points. The most serious drawback to his success is the pretender himself, and his notorious bad character, and the further check that comes from the opposition of nearly every power in Europe to the advancement of his claims. In the civil war of 1876 he tortured and then shot Capt. Schmidt, a German subject, who was acting as correspondent for the Cologne Gazette, which Germany has not forgotten. In fact, the feeling against him is so strong in Germany that he dare not set foot upon its soil. Italy dislikes him because he is a strong champion for the restoration of the temporal power of the Pope and, as King of Spain, he might make Italy a good deal of trouble. Austria hates him because he is opposed to the present king, who is a Hapsburg. England and France have always shown themselves opposed to him in all the efforts he has made to reach the throne. Yet there are in Spain over 2,000 Carlist clubs which are active in stirring up the discontent of the people against the government. It has been said that Don Carlos would resign his claims to the throne in favor of his son, if such a course would remove any hindrances that stand in the way of the family's success.

When the Cuban crisis arose public feeling in Germany was hostile to the United States. The Emperor was generally believed to be unfriendly; ministers were eager to bring about European intervention on behalf of Spain; newspapers were bitter in their criticism of American diplomacy; and public opinion seemed to be entirely on the side of the feeble monarchy which had misgoverned Cuba. A few weeks passed and there was apparently a sudden change in German feeling. America was no longer attacked by the press. Official sympathy with Spain was disclaimed. The voices of merchants were heard everywhere in defense of American policy. Americans in Germany were no longer forced to hear angry talk about their country. This change of tone may easily be explained. The power of the American market had been felt. Orders for German goods had been cancelled. There was an immediate shrinkage of American trade. The Germans are the best merchants in the world. They cannot afford to quarrel with good customers. Their trade with Spain is nothing in comparison with their trade with America. Germany has become during recent years the busiest hive of industry on the continent. There was a time when her sons and daughters had to go to foreign countries because there was no work for them at home. There is now employment for all in factory towns, mines and prosperous ports. A great foreign trade enables the German people to stay at home and earn a living. When American trade with Germany slackened after the outbreak of war with Spain and the price of food rapidly rose, the merchants heeded the warning and made their influence felt. The words were heard everywhere: "Sympathy with Spain is ruinous to our American trade and must be checked. We cannot remain on bad terms with the great country which supplies us with cheap food and takes a large stock of what we have to sell." A great market is a tremendous power on the side of peace and good-will. No European country which is dependent upon its foreign commerce, as England, Germany and France are, can afford to be on the wrong side of the West Indian war. Unfriendly action in diplomacy will involve heavy losses in trade at a time when the real battle of the world is over a market and is a contest of rival industries. America, with the best market which merchants can find anywhere, is not likely greatly to need allies in Europe. Business interests will always induce the great trading nations to be on the best possible terms with the United States. The sober second thought of Germany has been a convincing proof that America has the resources required for inducing friendship in peace or war.

A Pseudonym. A lady who wanted a servant so badly that she took one without a recommendation, or even an introduction, happened one day to look into a book which belonged to the girl, and immediately thereafter went to her with some uneasiness expressed in her face. "Is this your book, Susie?" she asked. "Yes'm."

"How is this, then? When you came you told me your name was Susie Stokes, but here in this book is the name 'Bridget Lafferty.'"

"It's all right, ma'am," said the girl. "That's me noody plume!"

A City Restaurant. For fifty years the city of Grenobles, in France, has maintained a municipal restaurant and kitchen, where meals are cooked and supplied at cost. The food is of the best quality; the cooks are skillful, and the service is excellent. One may dine there on bread and soup for three cents, and have his hunger thoroughly appeased, or may pay 12 cents and enjoy a course dinner.

When a man has had a clerk as long as ten years he begins to hear that he would be a poor man if it were not for the clerk's management of his affairs.

TOPICS FOR FARMERS

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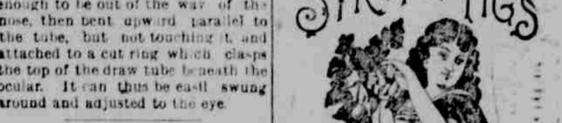
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