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There is hope. An English pugilist has died of lockjaw.

Henderson approves of American beer. This is perhaps another bid for annexation.

Though in a questionable way there's no doubt that Count Esterhazy's pen is also mightier than his sword.

That phrase "prestige of invincibility" is good enough to be allowed to attach itself permanently to the American navy.

Going down to the sea in ships would be a far more satisfying calling did it not so often prove to be going down into the sea in ships.

Those are flippant pessimists who will say that the "marrying squib" who left a record of 9,000 weddings deserves to perform a penance of 9,000 years.

Ernest Van Dyck, the grand opera tenor, began life as a newspaper man. It is safe to say he didn't find many high notes while working at his former profession.

An Eastern woman gets \$2,500 damages from a long-winded stayer who courted her twenty-two years without marrying her. Time is money, in love as well as in other affairs.

Those people who were so anxious to secure the pens with which the treaty was signed are victims of an amiable weakness, but it was the ink on the parchment that did the business.

With the renewal of swatting in the Swat Valley we have learned more of the Mad Mullah and the Nawab of Dir. How fortunate it is that we have ocean cables enabling us to learn so much of these illustrious swatters.

No doubt the North American Review is right in demanding "scientific prevention" of yellow fever, but most people who are exposed will accept any kind of prevention so long as it prevents.

Emperor William in opening the German reichstag said he hailed with warm approval the czar's magnanimous proposal for the furtherance of peace, after which he called for 89,621,181 marks for the strengthening of his army and navy.

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The condition of governmental affairs in Germany is a good deal of an enigma to the philosophical student of history. The Germans are a liberty-loving race and possess a degree of intelligence and education surpassing any other people in Europe. It would be natural to presume that they would insist on the individual freedom and civic rights such as Englishmen possess and maintain as free and liberal a government, but they do not. With the exception of Russia, they permit the existence of the most searching and expensive despotism on the continent.

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The late war demonstrated the folly of having the military and naval forces armed with different kinds of guns. It would have been a matter of great convenience if the military and the marine carried by the same and mounted had been the same as those

carried by the soldiers. The difference led to a great deal of confusion, and there were occasions when there might have been disaster if we had been fighting a nation of military strength. At various times in past years efforts have been made to secure uniformity in the small arms of the army and navy, but it has been prevented by the jealousy of ordnance experts in both branches of the service. The navy has adopted and is using a rifle that was invented by a naval officer, and in which his comrades feel great pride, particularly because it has been adopted in several foreign countries. The army uses a weapon of different mechanism and caliber, the patent for which was purchased from a foreigner. An ordnance board of the army, appointed by act of Congress especially to examine and select a weapon to take the place of the old Springfield rifle, rejected the guns used by the navy and selected a foreign invention after a long consideration of the subject and the most elaborate tests. Their selection has been severely criticised by the men who use the guns, and has been the subject of continual complaint because of its complicated character. It is often said that no one but a graduate of a technological school can clean an army rifle. In fact, the difference of opinion on this subject has caused the formation of factions in the army. The gun has defenders who are quite as ardent and positive as its accusers. A board of army and navy officers met in New York to consider this question. It was instructed to report measures to secure a uniform caliber of small arms and machine guns and a uniform standard of arms and cartridge for both branches of the service.

Since the issue of the Peace Receipt from Moscow, the czar has been the most interesting figure on the European stage. Unlike the German Emperor, he does not have the theatrical side of a great part. His stage presence is not impressive. He is a little under ordinary stature, slight in build, nervous in movement and gesture, and modest in bearing. The czar bears close inspection well. He has an honest pair of blue eyes, a thoughtful face, and a quiet intensity of manner betokening will power and persistence. He is simple and unaffected, and has the stamp of sincerity. When the young sovereign ascended the Russian throne, he took a most serious view of his business as a ruler. He began like the new superintendent of a large factory. He looked over the ground, found out what was going on in every department, asked many questions, and became an expert in the business of state. His ministers soon learned that they had a master with a will of his own, which could not be thwarted.

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GUM CHEWING.

A Russian Traveler Who Will Go Home and Tell About It. S. Hanfblum, 50 years of age, blonde gray, whiskered, volatile, and all the way from St. Petersburg, Russia, is at the Brown Palace Hotel. To the surprise of a caller, who had never seen the gentleman before, Mr. Hanfblum turned, and with an expression of delight upon his face, exclaimed: "Ach, my friend! I am full wis de-light. You are ze zhenleman from Melbourne vich I meet on ze high mountain, ze peak of—vat you call hom? Ah! Pike, ze peak of Pike. Eet ees wis ze greatest pleazur I see you."

When gently told that he was mistaken he could hardly believe it. "Ees eet poosseb? Vell, eet ees remarkable ze raysambance." His accent and vernacular were peculiar. Sometimes he talked like a German, sometimes like a Frenchman. His manner was wholly French.

"Yes, sair," said he in answer to a question. "I am a resident of St. Petersburg. I was born in Warsaw, Poland, but I leev in R-russia tairty yalrce. My name ees Jairman, but I am not. Eet ees only ze name rich ees Jairman. Deed you notice zat name? Hanf, you see, meence hemp, and blum ees flower; zat ees altagaythair, hemp-flower. Zat ees preety, eet eet not?"

It was and his visitor admitted it. "It has been in America some years, eet eet noticeed many flage to pleace me and some vich do not. Now, eet seeagular custom of eating gum. Zat ees ze most remarkable. Eet eet oot fairer me to understand. All ze time yee bite, bite, chewing zis gum. So many, too!" And Mr. Hanfblum held up both hands and arms like a pair of exclamation points.

"On ze car from Buffalo to Neenack, ees air was a young luddy setting in front of me eating zis gum—without stop, sink of it! All ze time! I ask: 'Vat ees zis zat ze people all eating?' I vas told, I pairnace some of ze leedie stuff an' put been in my mouce—Pa-ah! I sapat been out. Eet ees lee medecene and vorse. And eet ees so orly! I wonder so much as zis mees-er-able habbet, and eet seemce to be ze habbet deest-teenkteef, nayceanol—eet eet zo?"

The impeachment was admitted with grief. "And ees zair no frayedee, no cure for zees ter-raille sing? No? Zat ees sad."—Denver Post.

LITERARY LITTLEBITS

Mrs. Amelia E. Barr's latest novel is called "I, Thou, and the Other."

It is said that George Moore has almost finished a sequel to "Evelyn Innes."

Dean Farrar is busily engaged upon a new book, to be entitled "The Life of Lives; or Further Studies in the Life of Christ."

Anthony Hope has just finished a novel which is devoted to a delicate and penetrating study of Disraeli. It is a new development in the novelist's career and will be anticipated with great interest.

Professor R. G. Moulton's method of presenting in modern literary form the several parts of the Bible appears to good advantage in his "St. John," especially in indicating the dramatic movement in the book of Revelation.

Eden Phillpotts' new novel, "Children of the Mist," is a story of life on Dartmoor, and extends over a period of ten years. As in "Lying Prophets," Mr. Phillpotts tries to draw a faithful picture of a girl, so in this book, we are told, he has attempted to depict a boy.

Contrary to the experience of most translators, whose fate it is to reap little of honor and less of pay for their painstaking work, Jeremiah Curtis, the translator of "Quo Vadis," is said to have realized \$25,000 as his share of the unprecedented sales of Sienkiewicz's masterpiece.

Edmond Rostand, author of "Cyrano de Bergerac," has written to an American friend disclaiming the contemptuous references to the American nation attributed to him by some newspapers. In point of fact he has every reason to feel amiably disposed toward Americans, as he is receiving large sums of money all the time from the success of the play and the book. The prose translation by Miss Gertrude Hall pays him a royalty on every copy sold, and the publishers announce the thirteenth thousand already. The success of Mansfield's production, moreover, is netting M. Rostand something like \$100 a day.

Drive Away Hall Clouds. The Austrian Minister of Agriculture has sanctioned an appropriation for establishing, at a cost of 2,000 forins each, thirty-three stations at which the army is to supply guns and ammunition for driving away hall clouds.

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