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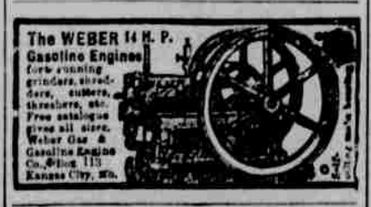

Washington Star: "I have played cards enough to become fairly familiar with poker slang," said one American financier; "but I don't quite see why you refer to an ace as a Pierpont Morgan." "Because," answered the other, "it's bigger than a king."

Yonkers Statesman: "I guess I'll get out at this next station and stretch my legs," said the man in the Pullman car. "All right, sir," replied the porter. "Our next stop is Chicago. You'll be able to get 'em extended all right."

Philadelphia Press: "This," said the peddler, "is a little device especially designed for use in our summer weather." "What is it?" inquired the curious man. "It may be used one minute as a fan and the next minute to shovel off the snow."

Gabriel Harrison of Sterling Place, Brooklyn, retired actor and teacher of elocution, aged 85, used to run errands for Aaron Burr and is believed to be the last surviving close acquaintance of that former vice president.

UNCLE BILL AND The Editor

"WHEN the social order uv Elks git up a carnival, yer can put it down that there's somethin' doin'," said Uncle Bill as hes tepped into the editor's office with his Sunday suit and high hat on. And as he handed the editor a cigar, remaked "I got a hull pocketful uv these cigars with a maul. I rather liked the scheme, as it put me in mind uv drivin' fence posts back East. All I had ter do was ter put up a nickle an whack away, an' the feler what was runnin' the machine would hand me cigars. I've ben smokin' uv 'em fur several days, an' am still alive, so yer better light up."

The editor light the cigar, took a few whiffs, leaned back in his chair with his hands locked being his head, and as he did so a look of suspicion overspread his contenance as he remarked: "Uncle Bill, I have always had a great deal of confidence in you, but this cigar smells like a piece of musty rope. Are you sure that you were at the Elks' carnival? This cigar is more suggestive of a hanging match."

"Oh, I was at the carnival, all right, but every one was sort uv strung up a bit, I guess, the way they acted. My stars, it was a fright. But I must tell yer 'bout the fixins they had. First uv all, the city was decorated in a style an' manner what beat eny thing I've ever seen. Merchants had vied with each other in electrical decoration, an' the Elks had decorated the streets fur blocks, with fine archways, which shone with splendor by day an' sparkled at night with brilliant illuminations. Then the big shows that was there beat all street carnival shows ever brought ter the West; an' as I was standing on a street corner a feller from Chicago stepped up an' said: 'Davenport is a regular young Chicago, ain't it?' I put my hand down ter my pocket and shied away from him, 'cause he had all the symtoms uv bein' a 'con' man, an' a 'con' man is a good thing ter get away from, 'cause a feller is apt ter git burnt with some of his hot air bulbs; an' when enyone gets ter handin' yer eny bulbs, yer either wants ter git away or else git on the exchange list right off for it'll cost yer like thunder if yer don't."

"What do you mean by exchange list?" asked the editor.

"It's like this, a hot air artist came up to me an' asked if my name wasn't 'Cy' Gusher from up state, an' I said: 'Yes, I guess it be, but yer've got the best uv me, 'cause I never see yer 'round Shake Rag.' Then he said: 'Cy, gosh durn it, I'm glad ter see yer; how's all the friends in Shake Rag? Don't remember me, eh? Why, my name is Nate Grip; used ter live there.' I know that he never had, but I said: 'Gee whizz, Nate, yer jest the feller I wanted ter meet. 'Can't yer lend me $10 I've had my pockets picked.' Wall, sir, yer ought ter uv seen that feller's jaw drop. He haw'd and haw'ed, an' finally said he'd left his'n down at the hotel an' he'd go down an' git me $10; but he didn't come back, 'cause I exchanged hot air with him at the propper time. But I must draw a leetle closer ter the carnival. They had everything from a snake-eater ter a genuine case uv 'jim-jams.' The Elks didn't leave enything out, not even the 'crooks,' for the police took care uv them, and' seen that they didn't want fur enything only a chance. They had the smallest woman an' sevral of the biggest liars on earth."

"It takes a great variety to make up a sucessful street carnival," remarked the editor.

"Wall, they had it up there, all right," replied Uncle Bill, "everything a feller could thing uv, an' then some."

"What was the most interesting sight there?" asked the editor.

"The street illuminations at night was 'bout the slickest thing in the way uv scrumptuousness that was there. They they had Speedy, the high diver. He'd dive off uv a 90-foot ladder an' land head foremost in a tub four foot deep an' splash 'round like a 10-year-old boy in swimming. The only trouble was a feller would have ter stand an' wait fur him an' keep lookin' up while a hull lot uv smart allecks would holler rubber; while some great big girl 'bout 33 years old would hit yer 'longside uv the face with a ball that was tied ter a rubber string; an' when that was done a feller was ready ter go an' patronize the wild girl side show, 'cause he was ready ter believe that some on 'em was really wild. An' when a girl is wild, she is either idiotic or acts that way, at least."

"I presume that many side shows were on hand, as is usual at such carnivals," said the editor.

"Yes, they had side shows an' inside shows, where yer could see the hoot yer coot yer dance, with the al-la-le-le song, fur a bracer. It sounded like all in the alley, but about the most interestin' show was the German village. They had a feller there that was a-singin' a song, 'Sally In Our Alley,' with a lighted cigar in his mouth, an' it sounded an" looked as though he was a tryin' ter smoke poor Sally out uv the alley. Then they had the Trylonian warblers, that made a noise like pourin' water out uv the bunghole uv a barrel—a sort uv a google-google sound that suggested ter the audience more beer. The country store was a popular place, as the Elks were storekeeper; an' the way they sold goods was a surprise ter Ned Lee, the man what runs the mission in Davenport. And one-half uv the proceeds went for that good institution."

"People as a general rule will patronize where the aim is to help the unfortunate," remarked the editor.

"Everyone that went to the carnival, went to see the trained animals, others went to see the 'girl from up there,' some went ter the crystal maize, where they got lost a-lookin' at themselves; but comin' down Second street I heard a feller a-hollerin', 'Have you seen her? Have you seen her?' There was a big crowd around him, an' I thought someone was lost, so I asked who was lost, an' what she looked like; and he said: 'Pass up here, ole man, an' I'll tell yer all about it.' An' when I got up on the platform, he said, '10 cents, please, an' take a look.' Wall I shelled out—that's all yer have ter do at a carnival—is ter keep a-shellin' out; an', well, I see a Shetland pony colt an' a cur dog. That's what a feller gits fur bein' curious," said Uncle Bill.

"You must have taken it all in, judging from the way you are posted," said the editor.

"When I go anywhere, I go ter take in what's ter be seen seen, an' then I don't have eny kick ter make. It's the people that go an' never take nothin' in what kicks," remarked Uncle Bill as he made a break for the door and said: "There goes an Elk. I wonder if he knows that it's five minutes ter eleven?"

Edgar Baker

WAR OFFICE LEAKS.

Information Can Get Out Without General Miles' Intervention.

Philadelphia Times: There is perhaps, no country in the world where war office secrets are less secret than in the United States. The recent revelations made in the senate by Senator Culberson is proof of this, and, when the system in vogue in the war department is taken into consideration, there seems little doubt but what Gen. Miles knows nothing of the scheme whereby secrets regarding certain affairs in the Philipines were made public. One thing which is more in evidence than anything else is the fact that President Roosevelt, Secretary of War Root and Adjutant General Corbin did not want to let the public know anything of the scandals and cruelties practiced in the Philippines.

The case in point is that of Lieutenant Arnold of the Fourth cavalry, who is charged by Private Weir and other enlisted men, with extreme cruelty. The victims were Filipinos. The papers in the case were forwarded from the Philippines, if the army regulations were carried out as prescribed. General Chaffee, as commanding general of the division of the Philippines, should forward the papers to the adjutant general. Perhaps they were sent to the president or the secretary of war. At any rate, they did reach the war depart.

Again, the regulations were obeyed, the papers were in the hands of those in charge of the office of the secretary of war or the adjutant general's office. It is fair to presume, according to one who has a knolewdge of affairs in the war department, that the papers became a matter of record in the office of the adjutant general.

All official papers which reach the adjutant general's office, through military channels, or otherwise, are briefed, indexed by a card system and a record card made out setting out briefly the purport of the case, together with true copies of all action, letters, indorsements, etc. So carefully is his record card compiled that the loss of all the papers in the case would cause no inconvenience so long as the card—all are consecutively numbered—remained on file. As a matter of fact, in many cases the original papers are lost or returned, and the only record the department has is this card.

The work of recording these cards and making the cross indexes, as well as recording action, letters, telegrams, etc., is done in what is known as the mail and record division of the adjutant general's office. Here, too, comes all mail addressed to the adjutant general.

For this reason it is fair to presume that the papers in the Arnold case—or at least the card—were on record in the adjutant general's office. Therefore, every clerk in the mail and record division, of which Charles M. Brandt, a civil war veteran, is chief, has access to the history of the case. Clerks of other divisions, to a limited number, also could get the paers, make copies and never be discovered. Most of the male clerks in the war department are ex-soldiers, and many of them are very improvident. It is a matter of record that Washington, as well as newspapers of other cities, often get news not intended for the public, and it is presumed that Senator Culberson got his information in somewhat the same way.

It is a very simple matter for a clerk to give out information not intended for the public and yet be perfectly safe from detection.

One way is for the clerks known as "brifers," whose duty it is to place on the record card, above refrred to, to make a copy of the charge—taking, for illustration, the Arnold case. This can be done easily and without dection. The paper and card are then sent to be stamped, giving another clerk, besides the chief of the room, an opportunity to make a copy of the case. The papers, before being filed, or otherwise disposed of, then go to the division to which they pertain or to one of the adjutant generals or to the secrtary. Clerks in these offices, or even the messengers, have a chance to make copies. At no time, however, does the paper get to the lieutenant general commanding the army, unless referred to him through proper military channels.

It can be seen that the system of records is very simple, and that it is also quite easy for secrets to leak out. A former employe of the war department said that clerks, in "talking shop," often reveal secrets, although discussing department matters outside of the office is expressly forbidden.

"It is a simple matter," he said, "to learn department secrets. When I was a clerk, I was only one of a hundred or more who knew things that the department wanted kept quiet, and while I never told any, I knew plenty who did. So far as General Miles is concerned, it would be impossible for him to get any papers without a dozen peple knowing it."

The subject of good roads is now attracting considerable attention in New Hampshire, and the state board of trade will devote to its consideration a meeting to be held at North Rye beach soon. Ex-Governor West Rillins and Profs. Nathaniel S. Shaler and C. H. Pettee will be among those who will address the meeting in advocacy of good roads.

TACT OF QUEEN VICTORIA.

Orders Her Son, Edward, to Kneel at Tomb at Napoleon.

A biography of Marshal Canrobert has been published recently in Paris. Not the least interesting part of the work is that which refers to the extraordinary popular demonstration that marked the state visit of the late Queen Victoria to the French capital. When the English sovereign with her consort and heir went to the Invalides to look upon the tomb of Napoleon the scene was one which seems to have greatly impressed the marshal, who thus describes it:

"Everybody was profoundly moved. Not a word was spoken. Each person stood gazing at the coffin and was lost in thought. Prince Albert was in front of me in the red uniform of a field marshal, at his side stood the queen, and standing beside her was the Prince of Wales, dressed in his Highland costume with his velvet coat, his purse of fur, and the kilt; at the right was Princess Mathilde, whose features, so pure, standing out in the light of torches, recalled so vividly hte features of her uncle. After a moment's pause of reflection, of absolute silence, the queen, with an expression on her face of severity, calmness, and meditation, turned to the Prince of Wales, and placing her hands on his shoulder said: 'Go down on your knees before the tomb of the great Napoleon.' It was a fine exhibition of keen political tact, as well as of fine human feeling on the part of the queen."

MRS. JOSEPH H. CHOATE

American women who are seeking entrance to society in London are more assiduous in courting Mrs. Choate, wife of the American ambassador, since she was honored by the king's presence at her table.

A CHINAMAN ON THE RACES.

Ambition of the White to Excel, as Compared With the Red, Brown and Yellow.

Seattle Wash., Post-Intelligencer: The Mercury, an evening newspaper published at Shanghai, China, for $20 per year, payable quarterly in advance, and dated 3d Moon, 9th Day, 28th Year of H. I. M. Kuang Hsu, or Wednesday, April 16, 1902, contains an interesting article on the effects of the Anglo-Japanese treaty on eastern Asia, translated from a native Chinese paper. The article says:

"Civilization has advanced so much that we now know that all nations are derived from one common ancestor. The varieties of race have been produced by climate and location and religion. But the white race is ambitious for a paramount position over the red, brown and yellow races. The latter races have no such desire to rule over the white, in fact, as the white rises, the other colors sink under them."

The writer sorrowfully admits that "the red, brown and yellow races are slow in advancing and cannot keep up to the white," and he asserts that there are some foreigners who are not willing to make allowances for this and have devised a theory out of the seven days of creation to the effect that the other races, exclusive of the white, were merely transmogrified monkeys.

He insists that in the United States they have another sort of doctrines to the effect that man and birds are different. The colored people are the birds and man should use them as slaves and inferiors." And he declares the Americans are today devising fresh exclusion bills against Chinese workmen and even against Japanese. In view of all this, whaot becomes of the much-talked of international law? Oh, it does not apply to these matters, forsooth. But do not be surprised. That precious international law follows the power which is mightiest, and is modified accordingly to suit circumstances.

After much more of this discussion, amusing to us and earnest to him, he declares, "If China does not quickly reform, and is swallowed up by other nations, it will come true that the white race will actually rule the yellow race. If this disgrace is to be averted it entirely depends on China herself."

The author then directs the attention of his fellow-Chinese to Japan. "She," he says, "has rapidly advanced in civilization, so that she is able to stand up for her own rights against the white races. She boldly says that she also belongs to the white race. She says that there are red and yellow white races, to which class she belongs, and therefore, the western nations need not boast of their white race. The Japanese will not consent to be under their feet. Hence the white race praise her with a certain undertone of jealousy."

Such outpourings prove that the lives lost during the Boxer outbreak were not sacrificed in vain; that China is waking up.

BLASTING BY FROST.

Remarkable in quarrying was the feat recently accomplished at Rubislaw Quarries, Aberdeen. A large stone had been drilled ready for splitting, when the thought struck the foreman that the severe frost which prevailed might be utilized.

Water was poured into each of the drill holes, and it was found after a couple of days that the block of granite had completely burst open. An idea of the immense power of the frost will be gathered when it is stated that the stone thus detached measures 12 feet by five, and has a weight of about six tons.

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France is the first in Europe in the point of fast trains, the fastest averaging fifty-eight miles an hour. England comes next, the fastest time being fifty-five miles. Third is Germany, with fifty-one miles, and next Belgium, with forty-nine.

The United States produce about one-fifth of the world's crop of wheat. Argentina, of which only one-sixtieth of the land is now under the plow, is capable of yielding four times our amount, or twenty-four times as much as she is now producing.

Artificial woodwork will probably soon be made on a large scale, as a process has been discovered for forming sawdust into a solid substance more durable than mahogany or ebony and capable of quite as brilliant a polish.

There is a town of six hundred inhabitants on the top of the Mount of Olives.

In China grand banquets last twelve hours or even longer, and the menu includes such delicacies as pickled birds' nests.

A giant crab which spreads 11½ feet has been presented to the Brooklyn Institute Museum by Eugene G. Blackford.

The library of congress has reached the sixth in size among the nations, France leading, England, Russia and Germany following in order.

During the eruption of Mt. Soufriere, the people of Kingston, Island of St. Vincent, carried umbrellas to keep off the dust showers.

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EXCURSIONS ABANDONED.

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Judge: Mike—How much further does the soign say it is to Noo Yor-rk, Patsey? Pat—Twinty molles. Mike—Well, that's only tin molles apiece.

Baltimore Herald: Beryl—A good deal is thought of her singing. Sibyl—It's merciful they don't put their thoughts into words.