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Always Selfish.

"Let me tell you a strange story of human nature," said a member of the cabinet to a correspondent of a Chicago paper recently. "For nearly four years now I have sat at this desk. In that time I have seen nearly all the members of the senate and the house of representatives. They have been here, one after another, some of them many times. But you will be surprised when I tell you that not a single call have I ever had from a senator or representative on any other errand than one of selfishness. Every last one of them comes here to ask something for himself or for one of his constituents, which amounts to the same thing. Not one of them has ever come to see me to talk about legislation, politics, or public business. It is always and forever appointments, patronage, jobs, favors."

Lunacy in Ireland.

The latest official report on lunacy in Ireland shows that mental disorders are still increasing there. The aggregate number of patients in the hospitals for mental diseases is the highest on record, whereas the estimated population is the lowest in recent years. The average number of the insane per 100,000 of the population has increased from 250 in 1880 to 460 in 1899. Of the deaths in hospitals for the insane, consumption is returned as the cause in 28.4 per cent.

Where there's a will there's always one or more lawyers.

The art of society is dissimulation.

Panama Hats Are Costly

Yet Cuba Ever Revels in Them.

Poverty-stricken, war-ravaged Cuba revels in the expensive Panama hat. Americans either can't afford to wear them or else do not care to do so. In 1899 Cuba took directly Panama hats to the value of $41,019, and nearly all of the hats sent to the United States, valued at $39,477, were transhipped to Cuba. The total value of last year's exportations of Panama hats from Ecuador was $100,876. Costa Rica, Colombia and Mexico together took $8,657 in value, and all other countries, except those mentioned, the balance of $11,723.

Our consul general in Guayaquil, Ecuador, Perry M. de Leon, says that the Manavi (Panama) hat was made first in the province of Manavi, Ecuador, about 275 years ago, by a native, Francisco Delgado. The present centers of the industry are Monte Cristi and Jipijapa, in the province of Manavi, and Santa Elena and Cuenca, in the provinces of Guayas and Azuay, respectively. They came to be known as Panama hats years ago, when that city was a distributing center. In Ecuador, Colombia and Central America the hat is known by the natives as "Jipijapa" (pronounced Hipy-hapa), but they are made anywhere in Ecuador, principally in the province of Manavi (Mahn-ah-vee).

The plant is a native grass or species of cane. It is cultivated in the provinces of Manavi and Guayas, and is known as "paja toquilla." In appearance, it resembles the American saw palmetto; it is fan-like in shape. Low-lying, wet land is selected and the seed planted in rows during the rainy season. When the grass attains a height of 4½ or 5 feet it is cut just before ripening, boiled in hot water, and, after being thoroughly sun-dried, is assorted and ready for use.

The straw first is selected, dampened to make it pliable, and then finely divided into requisite widths, the little finger or thumb nail being used for the purpose. The plaiting begins at the apex of the crown and is continued in circular form until the hat is finished. The work is carried on while the atmosphere is humid, from about midnight to 7 a. m. If the strand breaks, it can be replaced and so plaited as not to affect the work or be visible to the naked eye. It requires from three to five months' daily labor of three hours a day to make one of the finest hats, which would be a month or a month and a half of eight-hour days. The business in its highest development is really an art, requiring patience, fine sight and special skill—qualifications few of the natives possess. The plaiting completed, the hat is washed in clean, cold water, coated with a thin solution of gum, and polished with dry powdered sulphur. They are so pliable that they can be rolled up without injury and put in one's pocket; they will last for years and can be cleaned repeatedly.

Natives of both sexes and all ages are engaged in this work at odd times, the business being a side issue. Children make from raw, undressed straw about two of the common hats a day.

The Cuenca hat wholesales at from $7.92 to $26.40 a dozen; finest, $5.28 to $6.60 each; the Manavi hat brings $1.32 to $22 a dozen; finer hats, $4.40 to $17.60 each; fancy hats, $22 to $44 and more each.

The finest hats ever made were by a native named Palma and were exhibited at the Paris exposition when Napoleon III. was emperor. The two best were bought by a Frenchman for $193 and presented to the emperor and Marshal MacMahon. Palma is dead, but there are two or three others who possess equal skill.

Monotony in shape has been perhaps one of the chief causes why the hats have not been more popular, but if dealers would take up the matter the natives could easily make any style desired. Ladies' hats may be worn successive seasons; cleaned and retrimmed they appear perfectly new.

Yoo may possibully have a titel clear too manshuns in the ski, but fur fear yoo haven't, yood better doo a little more fur yoomanity and urn a noo titel.

In The Bonds of "Red Tape"

Two years ago, in auditing the accounts of a certain union, the district auditor made the discovery that the sum of one farthing was missing from a balance of one parish. Accordingly he instructed the local official to find out how the error arose and report all about it. A couple of days afterwards information duly arrived that the missing farthing had been recovered. Four hours had been spent in the quest of it, and this, and the attendance a second time at the audit, cost the ratepayers exactly 20 shillings.

An even more amusing case comes from a district council. Upon the annual reappointment of the district medical officer it was proposed to reapportion his salary. The authorities, learning of this, intimated to the council that, regardless of the fact that the proposed reappointment had already been advertised as the law prescribed, it would be requisite in the circumstances to advertise it again. The brilliant suggestion was, however, conveyed that it might be clearly set out in the advertisement that the council did not wish any applications sent in in answer to it.

In a big government building it was decided to celebrate the year of the Jubilees by introducing an electric light installation. For some months numbers of workmen overran the place and clerks and officials were only induced to put up with the inconvenience of the present by dreaming of the dazzling times to come. Then suddenly it was discovered that a mistake had been made, a lot of the work was altered, and progress went on again at full speed, till at last several of the new lights were actually burning. On a foggy day, however, all work came to a stop, and it was found that the funds were exhausted. In the meantime orders had been given for removing the gas fittings, and, as there was still money in the special fund available for this purpose, all the gas brackets, etc., had been carted away, with the consequence that the government officials had only candles as illuminants to fall back upon. But even here "Circumlocution Office" methods did not cease. It was now found that no fund existed out of which candlesticks could be bought, and so the candles in this big public establishment had to be stuck in bottles borrowed from the refreshment department.

The postoffice supplies us with another example of entanglement in red tape. A certain telegraph clerk knowing that "steamship" is one word, accepted "s.s" as one, whereas the authorities decree that it is two words. He was told that he must either recover the halfpenny that was short or tender it himself. He elected to attempt the former task in preference to depleting his own pockets. Written requests were forwarded to the sender of the telegram, but as these were ignored, and as he lived four miles away, a drive was taken to his house, at an outlay of seven shillings and sixpence. At the time this information was gleaned about ninety letters had passed upon the subject, and the halfpenny had not yet been forthcoming.

In this connection may be told a little story of the final signing of the peace treaty between America and Spain. The commissioners of these two countries, being assembled at the foreign office of the French republic, and the important document requiring a seal and ribbon, the representatives of the belligerents courteously suggested that, out of compliment to France, this necessary ribbon should be a tricolor one. Forthwith a tremendous search was instituted, resulting in the confession that not an inch of the three-colored ribbon could be found. Then an inspiration came to one of the great ones present. He sent a messenger post haste to a certain confectioner's shop for a pound of chocolate cakes, "to be tied with a tricolor ribbon," and it is that ribbon which today is attached to the weighty diplomatic instrument in question.—Cassell's Saturday Journal

Silk of the World.

According to statistics furnished by the silk jury of the Paris exposition, France produced last year, in the silk industry, 610,000,000 francs, or about $122,000,000, or about 33⅓ per cent of the total silk industry of the world. The United States produced 425,000,000 francs, or about $85,000,000, or 23½ per cent. Germany comes next. The United States produces more silk ribbon than any other nation, its production in this line last year being about 120,000,000 francs.

Painter of Evangeline.

Thomas Faed, R. A., the Scottish artist, who died the other day at the age of 74, was well known throughout the United States as the painter of the famous "Evangeline," which was beautifully engraved by his brother James. The reproduction was immensely popular on both sides of the Atlantic, and about 1869 the demand for it was still so great that another plate had to be made.

How Victoria Is Addressed

Queen Victoria is never addressed as "Your Majasety," except on ceremonial occasions, and by servants. All others who have occasion to address her in her everyday life say simply "Madam," or, to be strictly accurate, "Ma'am."

"Prohibs in Third Place."

The Minneapolis city council has refused to give the Populists representation on the election boards of that city. The Prohibitionists are accorded the third place, as that party casts a larger vote than the Populists at the last election.

When you hear a man say that life is but a dream tread on his corns and you will wake him up to the fact that it is real.—Chicago News.

It is hard for one of base parentage to personate a king without overacting his part.

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