

utilizing our vast national domain for the settler, the actual home-maker.

Ever since this continent was discovered the need of an Isthmian canal to connect the Pacific and the Atlantic has been recognized; and ever since the birth of our nation such a canal has been planned. At last the dream has become a reality. The Isthmian canal is now being built by the government of the United States. We conducted the negotiation for its construction with the nicest and most scrupulous honor, and in a spirit of the largest generosity toward those through whose territory it was to run. Every sinister effort which could be devised by the spirit of faction or the spirit of self-interest was made in order to defeat the treaty with Panama and thereby prevent the consummation of this work. The construction of the canal is now as assured fact; but most certainly it is unwise to entrust the carrying out of so momentous a policy to those who have endeavored to defeat the whole undertaking.

"Our foreign policy has been so conducted that, while not one of our just claims has been sacrificed, our relations with all foreign nations are now of the most peaceful kind; there is no cloud on the horizon. The last cause of irritation between us and any other nation was removed by the settlement of the Alaskan boundary.

"In the Caribbean sea we have made good our promises of independence to Cuba, and have proved our assertion that our mission in the island was one of justice and not of self-aggrandizement; and thereby no less than by our action in Venezuela and Panama we have shown that the Monroe doctrine is a living reality, designed for the hurt of no nation, but for the protection of civilization on the western continent, and for the peace of the world. Our steady growth in power has gone hand in hand with a strengthening disposition to use this power with strict regard for the rights of others, and for the cause of international justice and good will.

We earnestly desire friendship with all the nations of the new and old worlds; and we endeavor to place our relations with them upon a basis of reciprocal advantage instead of hostility. We hold that the prosperity of each nation is an aid and not a hindrance to the prosperity of other nations. We seek international amity for the same reasons that make us believe in peace within our own borders; and we seek this peace not because we are afraid or unready, but because we think that peace is right as well as advantageous.

"American interests in the Pacific have rapidly grown. American enterprise has laid a cable across this, the greatest of oceans. We have proved in effective fashion that we wish the Chinese empire well and desire its integrity and independence.

"Our foothold in the Philippines greatly strengthens our position in the competition for the trade of the east; but we are governing the Philippines in the interest of the Philippine people themselves. We have already given them a large share in their government, and our purpose is to increase this share as rapidly as they give evidence of increasing fitness for the task. The great majority of the officials of the islands, whether elective or appointive, are already native Filipinos. We are now providing for a legislative assembly. This is the first step to be taken in the future, and it would be eminently unwise to declare what our next step will be until this first step has been taken and the results are manifest. To have gone faster than we have already gone in giving the islanders a constantly increasing measure of self-government would have been disastrous. At the present moment to give political independence to the islands would result in the im-

mediate loss of civil rights, personal liberty and public order, as regards the mass of the Filipinos, for the majority of the islanders have been given these great boons by us, and only keep them because we vigilantly safeguard and guarantee them. To withdraw our government from the islands at this time would mean to the average native the loss of his barely-won civil freedom. We have established in the islands a government by Americans assisted by Filipinos. We are steadily striving to transform this into self-government by the Filipinos assisted by Americans.

"The principles which we uphold should appeal to all our countrymen, in all portions of our country. Above all they should give us strength with the men and women who are the spiritual heirs of those who upheld the hands of Abraham Lincoln; for we are striving to do our work in the spirit with which Lincoln approached his. During the seven years that have just passed there is no duty, domestic or foreign, which we have shirked; no necessary task which we have feared to undertake, or which we have not performed with reasonable efficiency. We have never pleaded impotence. We have never sought refuge in criticism and complaint instead of action. We face the future with our past and our present as guarantors of our promises; and we are content to stand or to fall by the record which we have made and are making."

Curious Condensations.

Ants like ice.

Nearly all reptiles are deaf.

Cavalry of the west coast of Madagascar ride oxen.

The most expensive lace manufactured today is valued at \$5,000 a yard.

Experiments prove that the presence of intestinal bacteria is necessary to digestion.

Self-illuminating photographs, which may be examined in the dark, are made in Germany.

The swiftest sailing ship in the world is the American full-rigged steel ship Erskine M. Phelps.

Whenever a plant is wounded a positive electric current is established between the wounded part and the intact parts.

Reptiles seek the light, but independently of heat. In winter they often leave comfortable and warm retreats to seek the sunlight.

If Mt. Everest, 29,062 feet, were set down in the Nero Deep, 31,614 feet, there would still be nearly one-half mile of water above its summit.

According to the census of 1901 the males in Canada numbered 2,751,708, whereas the females could muster only 2,619,607. Hence the male majority was 132,101.

Flowers have been advocated as a cure for consumption by Dr. Frances Bartlett in a paper which she read before the Botanical Society of Pennsylvania.

German medical journals are recommending as a remedy for appendicitis walking on all fours 25 minutes four times a day. The exercise strengthens the abdominal muscles.

There is a legend that the first lace was made by a girl who preserved a beautiful bit of seaweed by catching all the dainty parts of leaves and stems to a piece of linen with fine thread.

The effect of blue light in reducing inflammation, diminishing pain, promoting absorption of morbid secretions and curing diseases of the skin, has been shown by several recent researches.

Reptiles and amphibians are strongly attracted by water. They go straight toward it, even when they are at distances so great that they could

no divine its presence by any of the senses known to us.

Snakes seem to have a very poor sense of sight. The boa, for example, does not see at more than a quarter or a third of its own length; different species are limited to one-fifth or one-eighth of their length.

The use of saccharin, a product of coaltar, instead of sugar is growing. It is not only used to sweeten beer, but it is now also employed in the manufacture of syrups, jams, lemonades, wines (especially champagne), cider, brandy, pastry and chocolate.

A short time ago a coroner's inquest over a mummy was held in England. The object had been imported from Egypt, and the authorities deemed it legally necessary to ascertain the fact of death in the usual way. The mummy was spoiled during the inquest and a law suit followed.

It is reported that the trunk of a large tree has been encountered at a depth of 1,000 feet by the oil drillers at Crockett, Tex. Large pieces of perfectly preserved bark and wood of clear grain have been brought to the surface. The wood is of very hard texture, and the tree is estimated to have been between two and three feet in diameter.

Nervous troubles may be provoked in animals, as with us. The fear that horses show toward locomotives or automobiles is the cause of trembling and temporary paralysis, whose real origin is often unnoticed. Fear of punishment in small animals or joy at seeing a beloved master has given rise to nervous crises that have been mistaken for epilepsy.

One summer a country house was so overrun by ants that the owner, after destroying a large anthill near the house and collecting the numerous pupae for poultry feed, laid sticky fly-paper before the door of the house in such a manner that the ants could not enter without crossing it. In the morning he found his poultry feed gone and the flypaper covered with it over which the ants had passed "dryshod." The ant-hill had also been rebuilt during the night.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Let "Dixie" Be.

Let us call a halt to the further discussion of "Dixie" and whether or not the wording shall be changed. It is very evident by now that there never will be any satisfactory agreement between those who favor the change and those who oppose it. The original words are fatuous and foolish to the point of disgusting the reader, while the version proposed at Nashville was rhythmic and ringing in the extreme. And yet the one will never be substituted for the other.

Who thinks of the words, anyway? Who ever quotes them, except, perhaps, the excerpt:

"In Dixie Land I'll take my stand;
I'll live and die for Dixie Land?"

No, the words are nothing, and the music everything!

Very recently the writer of these lines was walking rapidly along the street, his brain occupied with some problem of the moment, when, subconsciously, almost, he became aware of the strains of "Farewell, farewell, to thee, Araby's daughter," played very softly, but with exquisite expression, in the house he was passing.

Twenty-five years vanished as though they had never been; the intoxicant blood of youth was bounding in his veins and the glorious, golden future—that so few, alas, attain—lay fair before him; he was leaning upon a piano at which a fair young girl played the accompaniment, while the air was carried by a flute, as only Sidney Lanier could play a flute!

Then the present returned. The dreamy-eyed poet he remembered

rested in the grave and the golden future lay a gray and cheerless past behind; but for one brief moment music had wrought its magic spell.

So it is with Dixie. The martial measure awakens memories of youth and ambition; of long-dead, well-loved comrades; of bivouacs in the rain and the crowded hour of glorious life when the blood ran high and the rebel yell of victory soared higher still.

The stern, cold realities of the present return when the music dies, but for a few blissful minutes, the merry, maddening strains have led them, hand in hand with memory, through the battle-lit scenes of other days.

Do you wonder that they reverence the air? Do you wonder that their sons and daughters have learned to love it, too?

No, "Dixie" the music is immutable. The words are immaterial.

Hence, let us cease to discuss their change.—Augusta Chronicle.

Half a Loaf's Best

She—It is true that Miss Richeigh has money, but she is also very exacting. If you marry her you will have to give up smoking and drinking.

Hard Up—Well, if I don't marry her I'll have to give up eating also.—New Yorker.

Preacher in Shirt Sleeves.

(Lebanon, Pa., Telegram to the Chicago Tribune.)

The Rev. I. H. Albright, pastor of the Salem United Brethren in Christ church, this city, who recently extended an invitation to shirt waist men to attend Sunday church service, today preached in his shirt sleeves. The Rev. Mr. Albright believes it is no sin to propound the gospel while coatless, and members of his congregation indorse him in his plan of enjoying solid comfort while attending service. Men now come to church coatless and women without hats. Members of the mixed choir also have adopted dress reform.

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