

lished. But with the fall of Barrios the army which he was leading fled. Zelaya returned to Guatemala, where he received a promotion for bravery on the field, and there he continued in the army of Guatemala until the opportune moment arrived, when he threw up his commission and disappeared.

It was in the early 90s that he reappeared in his own country leading a band of insurgents against the government. He met with success from the very commencement of his campaign, and it was not long before he landed in that ultimate goal of all successful revolutionary leaders, the presidential chair.

There is an old saying in Central America to the effect that in dealing with your inferiors you must hold out a piece of bread to them in one hand while you grasp a club in the other. This is very much the principle upon which Zelaya has maintained his rule in Nicaragua. He offers his people bread with one hand, and when they are not satisfied they get the club.

When one sees the taterdemahon soldiers of these Central American armies for the first time not only is he inclined to laugh, but he entertains grave doubts of their efficiency as soldiers, yet it is only with such soldiers as these that the satrap maintains his despotism. Strange to say that the men who make up the rank and file of these armies are not warlike.

They are usually harmless, peaceable fellows, if let alone, and their greatest desire is to be let alone. But they are not left alone. They are simply picked up, corralled or captured as the case may be, and given to understand that they have got to obey, and it is this understanding that makes them good soldiers.

They are not supposed to know, and do not know, anything about politics, or if called upon to fight, what they are to fight for. They know who their chiefs or officers are—who the president is, and as long as this president is alive, and the officers who command them stay with them, they will fight to the end, and it is this military strength that keeps the despot in power in face of all the hatred and opposition which may be brought against him.

Zelaya learned the power of this stupid military force as an officer in the army of Guatemala under Barrios, and he has made good use of it, although he has not succeeded in perfecting its use so thoroughly as old man Barrios did, for he has had many revolutions to contend with and put down during his sixteen years of power.

Some say that this is because Zelaya is neither as strong a man nor as clever a man as Barrios. Barrios began his rule by having a dozen disturbers of the public peace and security taken out in the public plaza and shot. That ended the matter. There were no more disturbers of the public peace and security, and there were no more public executions. But Zelaya, it seems, has had to keep up the execution of his fellow citizens all along, throughout his sixteen years of occupation of the presidential chair.

As to his having converted the Mohammed's paradise into a country of comparative activity there can be no doubt. In this respect he has done precisely what Barrios did in Guatemala.

He has shaken the Indian out of his lethargic state, and made him work or go into his army, or both. With his labor he has strung telegraph lines all over the country, herded cattle and planted coffee, and whenever his army needed strengthening or there was a revolution on hand, he has had him brought in as

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Whether Common or Not

By WILL M. MAUPIN.

Educational

Who is yon stalwart and muscled man,
The center of that admiring throng
Hast founded a state on exalted plan,
Or written a nation's undying song?
Nay, not for these has he gained rewards
And modestly wears his hero crown.
He skirted the ends for ninety yards
And carried the ball to a square touchdown.

Who is yon stooped and highbrowed man
Who walks alone as a stranger might?
Is he but another "also ran;"
A failure made in the world's grim fight?
O, he is but one of the little band
Who toiled away till the hour was late,
And stored his mind till he took the stand
And won the prize in the school debate.

Who is yon man with the victor's flush,
And the shoulders square of the man who wins?
The man o'er whom all the co-eds gush
And mill around just to grasp his fins?
Hast found the key that the lid unlocks
And brings forth knowledge the world to serve?
Not so! 'Twas he who went in the box
And won the game with his spit-ball curve.

Who is yon man with the air sedate
Who wends his way in silence lone?
Has he succumbed to an unkind fate
That spoke to him in a harsh-pitched tone?
Not on your life! That's the school's chief head
Who seems held fast in misfortune's clutch.
He'll get his due when he's good and dead,
But these football days he is not so much.

Wise Man

"Good gracious, Hammerly! Why do you make such a fearful racket on your front porch before entering the house?"
"Huh! I want to give 'em plenty of time to hide the Christmas things they are making for me."

Millions in It

"I've got an invention that will make my fortune if I can only get it on the market."
"What is it?"
"A life buoy for use on aeroplanes."

Yuletide Note

"I am preparing to ring the Christmas bells," asserted the young man.
While thus speaking he handed the jeweler a five dollar note as the first payment on the solitaire.

Uncle Joe

Uncle Joe Cannon has called himself to order and will now proceed to

enact what he deems to be proper legislation for 90,000,000 freemen. Uncle Joe should be repealed.

Wrong

"Hinkerly must be a miserable man. He just told me he had nothing to be thankful for."
"Well, he didn't tell you the truth. He has."
"What has he to be thankful for?"
"He was thankful that he had found some one willing to listen to his chronic complaints."

Brain Leaks

We can not make sacrifices by proxy.
The real reformer begins with himself.
The sermon that pleases seldom convicts.
Ready & Willing make a mighty good team.
As the father is bent, so the son is inclined.
It never lowers a man's dignity to side-step trouble.
Love trusts, all right, but that doesn't mean that it does a credit business.
A lot of people build so much machinery that they can not furnish the motive power to run it.
If a woman's hair grew in the way she fixes it nowadays, human hair would be a drug on the market.
A lot of fellows who did not go to the ant for example are now going to the "uncle" for temporary relief.
Wish somebody would give a sum of money for the eradication of the hook-and-eye disease. A lot of women are grievously afflicted.
Of course none of us believe in ghosts, but, after all, isn't it a fact that you would rather have some one along when you have to walk by the cemetery at night?

REALISTIC

During one of his presidential trips Mr. Cleveland, accompanied by Secretary Olney, arrived at a town in a heavy storm, and they were driven from the station with hailstones rattling on the roof of their carriage. A brass band, undismayed by the weather, bravely stuck to its post and played the welcoming airs.
"That is the most realistic music I have ever heard," remarked Mr. Cleveland.
"What are they playing?" asked the secretary of state.
"Hail to the Chief," with real hail."—Success.

FROM "EXAM" PAPERS

The following answers are taken from a number collected by a teacher in the Topeka schools:
"A blizzard is the inside of a hen."
"Oxygen is a thing that has eight sides."
"The cuckoo never lays its own eggs."
"A mosquito is a child of black and white parents."—Indianapolis News.

REVERSED

"Times has cert'n'y changed," observed an octogenarian dorky in Alabama. "Befo' de wah it was only de slaves dat was sold, but only de udder day I hears a genulmen state dat an 'old mastah' was sold at auction in New York for a whole lot o' money. Times has cert'n'y changed."—Harper's Weekly.

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