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MEN and MANNERS

The proper study of mankind is man.
—Pope.

Chief Justice Fuller of the United States supreme court was mistaken for an itinerant German musician at the Savoy hotel, London, recently, and given a poor room on this account. The mistake was rectified.

Dr. Carl Peters, the well known explorer, has just returned to London after an extended tour in South Africa, principally in Rhodesia, where he has made some interesting historic discoveries tending to confirm his theory that Mashonaland is the ancient land of Ophir.

Gen. Alexander S. Webb, Gen. Charles B. Comstock, Gen. M. McGreeg, Gen. Samuel Breck, and Chief Justice Nichols of the supreme court of Louisiana are the sole survivors of the West Point class of 1855, which holds its half century reunion this year.

Amos Rusie, once a famous pitcher of the New York club of the National base ball league, is a lumber hand and has been engaged in this business in the southern part of Indiana for some time at \$1.50 a day. It is now announced that he has obtained a better place in Cario, Ill., where he will receive \$4 a day. Rusie received \$5,000 a year while with the New York club, but for the last two years he has drawn only \$1.50 a day. It is not likely he will ever re-enter the base ball field.

President Roosevelt's appointment of Col. Oswald Herbert Ernst, corps of engineers, U. S. A., on the Isthmian canal commission, has been well received. As one looks over the record of this valiant and efficient officer one sees that a service such as his was duly honored. He was not only promoted but entrusted with the responsibility of more important enterprises, all of them having to do with the country's good. After his graduation from West Point, in 1864, as first lieutenant in the corps of engineers, he served as assistant chief engineer, army of Tennessee, until the close of the Atlanta campaign. Here are some of the places of high

rank in which he has been found: Assistant engineer on fortifications on Pacific coast; astronomer with United States commission to observe solar eclipse in Spain; instructor in practical military engineering, military signaling and telegraphy at West Point; engineer in charge of West river improvements; in charge of harbor improvements on Texas coast, where he inaugurated the great work which resulted in the deepening of the channel at Galveston harbor; on duty as member of various engineering boards and commissions; commander of troops in the affair of Coamo in Spanish war; inspector-general of Cuba and president of the Mississippi river commission. His salary on the Panama board will be \$7,500.

Soon after Andrew Carnegie bought Skibo there was a circus exhibiting in the neighborhood of the castle, and one of the main attractions was an orang outang. One night the orang outang got out, fell over the cliff and was killed. In the morning, two of the keepers looking over the grounds, ran across the body of the dead orang outang. One of them scratched his head and said: "He ain't no 'ghlander; that's sure." The other said: "He ain't no lowlander; they ain't got that much hair on 'em." After a while one of them proposed to the other fellow as follows: "I'll go up to the kirk and see the parson, and you go to Mr. Carnegie and see if any of his American gentry are missing."

According to the Boston Herald former Secretary of State Olney tells this story on Justice Gray, who prefers walking to riding, and a carriage to a street car: In Boston he was provided with a carriage by the United States marshal. From Boston he went to Providence to hold court. He asked the United States marshal there to provide him with a carriage to carry him back and forth. The marshal said he could not do so without paying for it out of his own pocket. "Very well," said Judge Gray, and paid for it himself. The Providence marshal wrote to the Boston marshal and asked him how he managed a carriage for Judge Gray. "Easily enough," was the response. "I provided Judge Gray with a carriage, and my account went through without any trouble. You see, I put the item under the head of 'care and transportation of prisoners.'"

Robert J. Smith of Terre Haute, Ind., was a classmate of Sato, the spokesman for the Japanese peace plenipotentiaries, at De Pauw university of the class of 1881. Three Japanese arrived at the Greencastle institution at the same time, Chinda, Kawamura and Sato. Senator Beveridge was in college at the same time. A few years ago when the senator was in St. Petersburg he was waiting at a street crossing for the carriage of the Japanese ambassador to pass when from the carriage there came the salutation, "Hello, Bev." It was Chinda, then secretary of legation, and he was calling the senator by the college name. The two held a reunion. Sato's career after leaving the Methodist institution is summarized as follows: clerk in the foreign office, chief of telegraph bureau, second secretary of legation at Washington, charge d'affaires of the same, second secretary of legation at London, chief of the bureau of protocol of Japan, first secretary of legation at Paris, first secretary of legation at Berlin, minister resident and consul-general at city of Mexico in 1900. Since then he has been in the home diplomatic service.

The nearest that John Hay ever came to affirming that he was the author of "The Breadwinners" was his correction of the very full biographical sketch that appears in volume 9, page 12, of the National Cyclopaedia of

American Biography, says the Hartford Times. In that biography it is stated that he is credited with the authorship of "The Breadwinners." A typewritten copy and later a galley proof were submitted to Mr. Hay for the purpose of correcting any errors of fact, and, while he made some changes in his family history and eliminated some statements regarding his relation to certain world politics, he allowed the above statement to remain.

According to English population life tables, only twenty-two persons out of every 100,000 born live to be 100 years old. Of those who reach this great age but a small part retain their health and faculties unimpaired. Capt. Jerome B. Osier, who recently died in Chicago at the great age of 105 did so. Until a short time before his demise he was an active and enterprising life insurance agent. David Wark, who has just died at Fredericton, N. B., aged 101 years and 6 months, also did so. Mr. Wark had long been the oldest legislator in the world. Of Irish birth, he settled in New Brunswick eighty years ago. In 1832 he was elected to the New Brunswick legislature and he was almost constantly in public office from then until his death. He had been a member of the Canadian senate, a life office, since the dominion was federated in 1867, and he never ceased to take an active interest and part in its proceedings. Mr. Wark could distinctly remember the conference of the powers at Vienna in 1814 and Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo the next year. He was a successful merchant as well as politician for many years, and the commercial, industrial, and political history of the last century, which he had helped to make, stretched out before his memory like a great panorama. He never became a burden to himself or others or got out of touch with the progress and spirit of his time. His age was "as a lusty winter, frosty but kindly." It is worth while to live a century if one can live it thus.

SUCCESS

Two ships sail over the harbor bar,
With the flush of the morning breeze,
And both are bound for a haven far
O'er the shimmering summer seas,
With sails all set, fair wind and tide,
They steer for the open main;
But little they reck of the billows wide,
Ere they anchor safe again.

There is one, perchance, ere the summer is done,
That reaches the port afar;
She hears the sound of the welcoming gun
As she crosses the harbor bar.
The haven she reaches, Success, 'tis said,
Is the end of a perilous trip;
Perchance e'en the bravest and best are dead,
Who sailed in the fortunate ship.

The other, bereft of shroud and sail,
At the mercy of wind and tide,
Is swept by the might of the pitiless gale
'Neath the billows dark and wide.
But 'tis only the one in the harbor there
That receiveth the meed of praise;
The other sailed when the morn was fair,
And was lost in the stormy ways.

And so, to men who have won renown
In the weary battle of life,
There cometh at last the victor's crown,
Not to him who fell in the strife,
For the world recks not of those who fall,
Nor cares what their trials are;
Only praises the ship that with swelling sail
Comes in o'er the harbor bar.
—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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