

FUNSTON IN CUBA.

The Bluff He Put Up in Order to Enter the Artillery Service.

In spite of all his plans, Funston was ill but frozen from the presence of the Cuban Junta. The story that I am now going to tell was that related to me by Funston himself during the ten days that I was his guest at San Fernando. Immediately after he had received the single star that raised him from a colonel to a brigadiership in the volunteers. As he told the story on himself, and as it illustrates the extremely quiet audacity of the "bantam" general from Kansas, there can be no harm in retelling the narrative to-day.

"We don't need recruits," said the head of the New York Junta, "and we can't avail ourselves of your services, but we are looking for a competent—a highly competent artillery officer. If you know of such a man we will feel deeply grateful if you will send him to us."

Funston's eyes became alight as if by magic.

"An artillery officer?" he repeated. "Then I think, gentlemen, that perhaps I may suit you."

"Do you know anything about the management of cannon?" questioned the head of the Junta.

In a twinkling Funston had his watch in hand.

"Gentlemen," he answered regretfully, "I have an appointment that demands the rest of to-day and much of to-morrow. May I ask another meeting with you for the day after to-morrow? If this suits your convenience, I shall then be glad to prove my qualifications as an artillery officer."

Receiving the assent of the Cuban Junta, Funston withdrew. On the following morning he visited Fort Hamilton, I believe it was, where he made the casual acquaintance of some of the artillery officers there stationed. With the skill of one somewhat accustomed to journalistic interviewing, he succeeded in gaining from the officers some vague ideas of the theory of ballistics. Of each item of information he made mental note. At the same time he secured a list of the best works on the subject of artillery manipulation.

Thus scantily equipped, yet with all the assurance of the man who knows his opportunity, and who knows he can seize it, Funston presented himself before the Junta at the appointed hour. He came in with the breathless air of one fresh from a previous and almost conflicting appointment. Obeying the request of the Junta to explain what he knew about artillery practice, the young Kansan rattled off all the prattle about big guns that he had picked up the day before. So glibly did he talk of matters of which he did not possess even an academic smattering that he was commissioned on the spot as an artillery officer in the Cuban service. He was given passage on the next filibustering steamer that left this country.

"On my way to Cuba," Gen. Funston told me at San Fernando, in the early summer of 1896, "I locked myself in my stateroom, spending all my waking hours in devouring the works I had been recommended to read by United States artillery officers. Before reaching the Cuban coast I tossed all but one or two of the smaller books overboard and went ashore. In our first serious engagement against Spanish troops I found myself in charge of two small pieces of field artillery. The fellow who handled the other gun was a former non-commissioned officer in the Spanish army. I directed him as best I could, and sighted the other piece.

"That battle resulted in a Cuban victory, but I felt sure that I had made a dismal failure. Gen. Gomez came stalking up to me with the same stern air that always struck terror into the hearts of his subordinates. Guilty conscience made me feel certain that, for wasting ammunition, I was to be shot dead within an hour. Gen. Gomez extended his hand, complimenting me upon my splendid service of the guns! You see, most of the Cubans had less knowledge of artillery practice than I had contrived to glean on my few days' voyage to Cuba. That sergeant of mine was a genuinely good fellow. He held his tongue."—H. I. Hancock, in Leslie's Weekly.

Mixing Brains with the Soil.

Booker T. Washington says that the colored graduates of Tuskegee have raised over 250 bushels of sweet potatoes from an acre of ground in the same locality where the uneducated colored man raises less than fifty bushels to the acre. Mr. Washington attributes the great difference in the crops to the knowledge of the chemistry of the soil which the educated negro has acquired. He says that the white farmers in the neighborhood respect the colored graduates, because of their superior knowledge and skill, and that they come to them for progressive ideas.

Iron Smelting Many Centuries Ago.

The smelting of iron in Sheffield, England, is supposed to date from Roman times, and there is distinct proof carrying it back as far as the Norman conquest, in 1066. The town had become famous for its cutlery by the fourteenth century. The town was the capital of Hallamsire from the Norman conquest. Owing to the antiquity of the town it is not known exactly when it was founded.

Corns, Perhaps.

"Doctor," said the stinky man, who was trying to save a fee, meeting Dr. Sharpe on the street, "what do you think of this? Very frequently I get severe pains in my feet. What's that a sign of?"

"I should say that was a sign of rain," replied the doctor.—Philadelphia Press.

DOINGS OF WOMEN

AS NEAT AS A MAN.

NOT all girls can be beautiful, but every girl can be radiantly and exquisitely clean. This means, first, absolute bodily cleanliness, only possible with a daily bath, frequent washings of the hair, constant care of the nails and teeth, and after that, clean, carefully brushed and often renewed clothing. A pitfall of the moment to careless girls is found in the little neckbands now enjoying wide vogue. They developed to protect delicate ribbons and chiffons from too soon soiling. It seems likely that something will have to be devised to protect these, in turn, from too long wearing. Rumpled ties, vest fronts, bodices and finery of any sort are an abomination, and should not be permitted in these days of easy renovation or replacement.

Girls may well take a lesson in this regard from the other sex. "As neat as a man" is a frequently heard expression, and woman should blush to admit that a man's reading of neatness should be finer than hers. Yet a few hours is the accepted masculine wear of a shirt and collar, and his clothing is so constantly brushed and sponged and pressed that at every street corner almost there are caterers to this trade, says Harper's Bazar. The habits of neatness should extend to the care of belongings as well as to their wear. Articles that are carefully put away in protecting receptacles after any removable dust is brushed or shaken off not only last much longer, but at all times make a much fresher appearance.



WITH THE DRESSMAKER.

A smart bolero accompanies most of the new skirts, and they are especially popular in the lovely materials of fine wool or silk and wool which have been introduced this season. The short, square bolero, corded all over, or tucked in groups, is perhaps the most popular style.

Taffeta silk still retains its hold on the feminine public. Gowns of it are just as fashionable now as they were two years ago. It is said, by the way, that the quality has vastly improved under the compliment, probably, of an almost universal popularity. There is no prettier wrap than the little taffeta bolero or Eton, all corded or tucked. Very tiny girls' box coats, too, of taffeta with large linen collars and possibly the croutone trimming are dainty and fashionable.

One of the newest combinations is white, gray and black. A model of soft gray silk has a skirt with a shaped ruffle, on which are mounted little ruffles of white mousseline de soie, each ruffle headed and edged with a line of black velvet. On the bodice the silk is tucked up and down with several rows of white ruffles, and the black velvet is arranged bolero-fashion under the arms. The sleeves are long and close, with several rows of ruffles at the elbow. A girle, collar and small cuffs are made of embroidery. The belt is of black satin, finished with an old silver buckle set with emeralds.

Modern Wall Papers.

A flowered paper should never cover the walls of a room where many pictures are to be hung, nor should it be used in a long, narrow room unless it is relieved by a dark dado. These papers belong for the most part to bedrooms, where few pictures will go on the walls, and where the wall coverings are desired to contribute a finished effect without taking up room space. In choosing these papers it is necessary to exercise great care, as patterns that seem exquisite in themselves are often unsatisfactory when transferred to the walls of the rooms for which they may be intended. At many decorators nowadays, model rooms hung with papers of varied styles are to be seen. An inspection of them will soon show the effect produced by the different patterns.

Wedding Anniversaries.

First year—paper wedding.
Second year—cotton wedding.
Third year—leather wedding.
Fifth year—wooden wedding.
Seventh year—woolen wedding.
Tenth year—tin wedding.
Twelfth year—silk and fine linen.
Fifteenth year—crystal wedding.
Twentieth year—china wedding.
Twenty-fifth year—silver wedding.
Thirtieth year—pearl wedding.
Fortieth year—ruby wedding.
Fiftieth year—golden wedding.
Seventy-fifth year—diamond wedding.

Care of Palms.

In the house palms can stand where they will receive a fair amount of light, but they do not need the direct sunshine, says Vick. When watering, give enough to wet the ball of soil all through, and then wait until there is an indication of dryness before supplying water again. Wash or sponge the foliage frequently and keep it free from scale insects. If any scales are present, they can be destroyed with a brush dipped in alcohol, and then they may be wiped or brushed off. Palms are not troublesome to care for.

One Way to Carry a Watch.

The entirely up-to-date girl now wears her watch dropped inside her collar, with a chain five or six inches long hanging outside. This is to keep the time piece within easy access, as without such precaution it would be likely to slip out of reach. The chain is finished by an ornament or seal, the order the better. A curious pendant is a miniature sarcophagus that holds a tiny vigilette or puff.



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The Attractive Woman.

One type of woman there is who involuntarily creates high aspirations in others by the hearts of the helpless, and revivifies by the touch of her presence, says Landon Knight in the Woman's Home Companion. He is coming down sunbeams in the way of life's fabric; with her departure the night comes on. Her mission is inspiration. Had Sisyphus met her she would have inspired him with high hopes of becoming a respectable stone mason. The

DOG SAVES BABY KITTENS.

Gyp Heard the Family Decease Drowned and Secured His Friends.

Gyp the Brooklyn terrier which achieved notoriety two years ago by saving his master's family from death by asphyxiation through an escape of gas by a timely warning, has recently given such proof of a kind heart as to deserve further mention, his friends think.

Henry Thomas, a well-known resident of Flatbush, is Gyp's owner and is willing to vouch for the truth of the following story: Not long ago the house cat presented the family with a litter of six kittens. As it was inconvenient to have all of that number grow up in the back kitchen, it was decided to pick out the prettiest one and to drown all the rest. To reach this decision and to select the fortunate kitten a family council was held, at which Gyp was present. Though he took no part in the discussion, he understood enough of what was going on to feel that some danger threatened his friend the cat and the kittens were to be the victims of some horrible plot.

That same afternoon, taking advantage of the cat's temporary absence from home, Mr. Thomas, armed with a pail of water, approached the box to carry out the judgment of the council. To his surprise he found the kittens gone.

No one about the house knew where they were. Mr. Thomas took the trouble to make sure of that. The cat just then returned and stepped half way into the box before she noticed something wrong. The poor cat showed soon enough that she at any rate had had no hand in their disappearance. Where could the kittens be? Who could have taken the trouble to remove them? No stranger had been in the house all afternoon, and everyone in the family denied having anything to do with them.

It was not until two days later that this mystery was cleared up. Gyp and the cat, although quite friendly, were not very chummy, and so when she was seen going into Gyp's kennel in the outhouse an investigation followed, and the six kittens were discovered comfortably installed in Gyp's own quarters. Mr. Thomas is sure they were carried there by Gyp himself to save them from some danger his subtle senses told him threatened his friend's young ones.

Queer Stories.

In British India only nine and one-half per cent of the population live in cities.

Cleopatra's needle is but sixty-eight feet high, an Egyptian monument in Rome 105 feet.

A new law in Montana provides that the Judge's charge shall precede the arguments of counsel.

What an English paper says in the greatest incubator in the world is at Batary, near Sidney, Australia. It accommodates 11,449 duck eggs or 14,080 hens' eggs.

The first paper money used in this country was issued by Pennsylvania in 1723. In the early part of that year \$75,000 was issued on the credit of the colony, and a few months later \$150,000 more followed.

There is a statue in a village in Egypt which is said to be the oldest in the world, having been in existence for over six thousand years. It is the representation of one of the chiefs of the domain wherein it was erected.

A Kansas farmer who had a peck of lima beans on exhibition at the Paris Exposition has just received the following letter from a Frenchman, who evidently doesn't know much about the vegetable in question: "My Dear Sir—I bought the peck of beans which you had on exhibition here and they are excellent. Can you send me a small package of the seed? I wish to see if they will grow in France."

Barn-owls, despite the noise around the grain elevators, have been known to rear their young in the buildings.

Mr. Kirkwood last year found very intimate relations existing between the families of a red-tail hawk and a gray squirrel. The hawk's nest was built upon the squirrel's and both of them were inhabited. In the sails of boats which have been laid by for the summer, tree-swallows have been known to build their nests.

English sparrows frequently build in freight trains, and their nests and inhabitants are sometimes taken across the continent. Mr. Frank C. Kirkwood, Secretary of the Game and Fish Association, tells of a find he made in a large tree on Kent Island. In the top was the nest of a fisherow; farther down was a fishhawk's, in the sticks of which were five purple grackles, with young ones, and four English sparrows' nests. Farther down a flicker's nest and three more grackles and the nest of one wren.

Waiting to Start.

Impatient Husband—Will you ever come away from that looking glass, Clara?

Wife (pleasantly)—You forget, Algy, that art is long.

Husband (sternly)—I remember, madam, that time is fleeting.—Leslie's Weekly.

Couldn't Afford It.

Simpkins—Going to the Pan-American?

Snifkins—Nope, can't afford it.

Simpkins—That will be a great disappointment for your wife.

Snifkins—I don't see how; she and the children are there for the summer.—Ohio State Journal.

The Power of the Press.

The Kansas City man who advertised in a newspaper for a wife and got one in the shape of a widow with five children has no longer any doubt as to the power of the press.

Piso's Cure is the best medicine ever used for all affections of the throat and lungs.—Wm. O. Endsley, Van-buren, Ind., Feb. 10, 1900.

Historical Divisions of Time.

For convenience time is, by historians, usually divided into three great eras—ancient, mediæval (or middle) and modern. The ancient period is considered to extend from the earliest times down to the fall of the Roman empire in the west A. D. 476; the mediæval from that date to the discovery of America by Columbus in 1492 and the modern from that time to the present. Some historians prefer to put the end of the mediæval period at the capture of Constantinople by the Turks, about 40 years earlier than the Columbus event. The dark ages are often held to be coeval with the mediæval era, but some authorities think that the term should be applied only to the part of the era extending from the downfall of the empire of Charlemagne in the ninth century, onward.

Six Doctors This Time.

South Bend, Ind., July 29th.—Six different doctors treated Mr. J. O. Landeman of this place for Kidney Trouble. He had been very ill for three years, and he despaired of ever being well.

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Timely Word of Caution.

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Here's a Queer How-to-do

Georgia has just passed a law to this effect: "If a woman fails to manage the house according to her husband's ideas, he is justified in insisting that his ideas be carried out." It is solemnly made his prerogative "to determine what servants shall do and not do, the hours at which meals must be served and the menu at each meal."

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