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FALLS CITY - - NEBRASKA

Brazil and Peru are threatening to go to war. They should be spanked.

Funny misprint in the Boston Transcript—"Kind Edward" for the king of England.

The assertion that Joseph Chamberlain is enjoying poor health is certainly untrue.

After all, are we really ready to bear patiently with the "is it hot enough for you?" bore?

Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., has sold all his racing automobiles. Did the life insurance folks protest?

Taxes are to be increased in England, so that the royal family may not have to discharge any of its help.

The sword is mightier than the pen in the far East. At least, the correspondents are not able to get to the front.

New York teachers find they are at liberty to marry. Nothing further is needed beyond the desire and the chance.

As the Russian ambassador will go to Bar Harbor this summer, the Japanese minister will probably go somewhere else.

Any one who had taken the trouble to lay up a good navy for a rainy day doubtless could sell it to Russia at an advanced price.

Give a man a seed catalogue and a woman a fashion chart, and they will solve the problem of what to do with their surplus cash.

General Ma has been very quiet during the past week or two. Perhaps he has succeeded in finding a man under the bed.

Jersey applejack is said to prevent hydrophobia and cause "snakes." The economic and moral status of the fluid is thus open to debate.

There are said to be forty ways of telling a woman you love her, and there are thirty-nine ways in which she may pretend to misunderstand you.

Georgia expects to produce 6,000 carloads of peaches this season. Georgia she puts forth to make herself really deserves credit for the effort.

It is said to cost but 13 cents to make a gallon of whisky. But don't attempt to test this until you have consulted the internal revenue authorities.

After advertising for a husband a Baltimore woman killed herself. Perhaps she had begun to realize the sort of husband that could be procured in this way.

A Philadelphia judge has decided that a wife does not own her husband's pay envelope. That may be the law, but she will regard it as an obsolete technicality.

A San Francisco man has invented an airship that sails. It is propelled by a fifty horse power engine and may be depended upon to smash something the first time it falls.

The latest marvel in the surgical line is the heart massage. This new treatment will probably save the lives of many baseball enthusiasts when the season is fully under way.

WITH THE WORLD'S BEST WRITERS

TOURISTS AT THE BULL FIGHT.

Men who at home are members of the S. P. C. A., yea, even of the Y. M. C. A., come to Mexico and demand to know where tickets to the bull fights are to be had. If it is on Sunday, so much the better; there is a thrill of devilry in smashing several commandments at once. Women go, and, fascinated, sit through the successive acts of a drama of blood and pain. Does anyone mean to say that he would not attend a gladiatorial combat, would not revel in seeing men pitted against wild animals, or that, if Christian Science martyrs were thrown into a Mexican arena to be devoured by wild beasts there would not be a crowd of most worthy tourists on the front seats? Human nature remains quite unaltered. The passion for the bull fight on the part of the worthy people who come here every winter and spring is proof enough that the old Romans were no fuller of original sin than the rest of us.—Mexican Herald.

THE FIRST SWIM OF THE YEAR.

The first swim of the year is without a peer as a serious menace to health, combined with acute personal suffering, says James L. Ford in Leslie's. There always comes a time early in May when three or four successive days of warm weather give a sudden impetus to the buds, leaves and grass, and fill the schoolboy's heart with a longing for the cool depth of the river that flows through the meadows half a mile from school.

And immediately after the hearty 2 o'clock dinner—which, as every physician knows, is a most auspicious moment for bathing—a dozen boys with towels stuck under their jackets may be seen leaving the school grounds in a furtive manner so as not to attract the notice of the "old man," who is known to harbor certain old-fashioned prejudices against swimming in the early spring when the water is as cold as ice and malaria lurks about the river banks. The little band of fun-seekers are also at pains to elude the school bullies who might play disagreeable tricks with their clothing, and to bid to their saturnalia of discomfort two or three unsuspecting small boys who are surprised, pleased and flattered by the invitation.

Which one of us will ever forget the ghastly misery of that early spring swim? The icy coldness of the water; the oozing turf on which we undressed and left our clothes; the gusts of chill wind that swept down the river; the sharp stones over which we walked and the awful coldness of the water that was spattered on our backs by our merry comrades!

SHAKESPEARE.

If you could collect all the volumes of Shakespeare's works that have been published and sell them at \$1 each it is possible that you might be able to buy out the steel trust at its watered valuation, and have something left for a nest egg. There have been all kinds of editions, some for the millionaire at \$8,500 a copy, some for the street mendicants at a penny. His works have been forged, garbled, edited down to the bare bones, rewritten, repudiated, printed and reprinted, published and republished. Only the Bible stands in front of Shakespeare in general circulation and the good book has the merit and advantage of being forced down our throats, whereas Shakespeare is sought after.—New York Press.

FREEMEN THE BEST FIGHTERS.

An English writer on military matters takes the ground that a republican or representative form of government is not conducive to the best results when it comes to preparation for war, and that the business of fighting, to be thoroughly successful, should be managed by an autocracy. But it is to be feared that this gallant soldier has studied history, and especially recent history, to little effect. There is no more autocratic power on earth than Russia, and that country has not furnished a particularly striking example of readiness for war or effective military organization of late. Japan, on the other hand, which if anything was a little too ready for war, has a representative government. Napoleon III. sought to be as autocratic as his more famous and much abler predecessor, the first emperor of that name. Yet under Napoleon III. the French army administration was so weak and rotten that it fell to pieces, involving the nation in defeat, disaster and humiliation as soon as Germany had a fair chance to strike at it.

Autocracy never yet, from the times of Xerxes, Alexander and the Caesars to the present, has been capable, in and of itself, of creating that spirit of devotion and patriotism which makes the truest national defense. On the contrary, those nations which have the most liberal governments and the largest measure of freedom of individual action have shown themselves the bravest and readiest in war. It sometimes takes longer to arouse them, and it undoubtedly is true that they are not always as thoroughly prepared for hostilities as they might be. That in itself shows their preference for peace as against war. But when the spur of necessity or patriotism is applied where can better fighters be found than those who come forward from the ranks of a free people and offer themselves to their country?—Troy Times.

WHY JAPS HAVE PROGRESSED.

The ease with which scientists, engineers, naval and military experts have been produced in Japan proves that often the most abstract training is the best preparation for practical efficiency. The cherry-stone carvers have been preparing to hold the lever and the trigger; the pundits have found the plotting of a campaign upon Port Arthur already accomplished in their ancestors' charting of the cosmos and the soul of man. The Japanese have not been taught to despise anything as too small or too great. No allusion of racial superiority has fostered a faith that they can blunder luckily through all emergencies. No superstitious respect for machinery has betrayed them into scorn of the finest of all instruments—the mind itself.—New York Evening Post.

PERILS OF "SELF-DOCTORING."

Large numbers of people in prosperous circumstances die as sexagenarians from maladies which are evidences of degeneration and of premature senility, while many who pass this period go on to enter upon an eighth or ninth decade of life. The former class comprise those who have lived without restraint of their appetites and who have sought to allay some of the consequences by self-medication, while the latter class comprise those who have lived reasonably and who, if annoyed by imperfect digestion, have sought relief by abandoning the errors from which it sprang.—Lancet.

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Bobbins—"I don't see why it should cost you so much to live?" Dobbins—"You don't, eh? Well, my wife has to pay for her lessons at a cooking school, and I have to pay a doctor to keep my appetite in working order."

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If it was not for the frame many a picture would not be worth hanging on the wall.

I do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—JOHN F. BOYER, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1903.

A friend in need is the friend that is usually out when you ring the front door bell.