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AGUINALDO'S YOUTH.

He Was Precocious and Ambitious, and Learned a Lot of Things.

Aguinaldo was an apt scholar. He was precocious, like the Malay; ambitious, like the Caucasian, and he had a memory like that of the Chinaman—the greatest memory possessed by man. At the age of seven he was the equal of most half-breed boys of twelve, and at ten he was mentally the superior of most of the Tagals and half-breeds of the district.

When he was fourteen or fifteen he was enrolled in the medical department of the Pontifical University of Manila, under Profs. Nalda and Buitrago. He was a bright student, but nothing is known of his college career. Shortly after this time he committed what is an unpardonable sin, both secular and religious, in the Philippines by joining the Masonic order. Masonry was a prohibited thing in the Philippines under Spanish rule, and any man joining the order might under an ancient law be tortured and executed. About this time (in 1888) he had some trouble with the authorities and went to Hong Kong, where there was a fair-sized colony of Philippine exiles and also of Filipinos who had crossed the China sea in business enterprises. Here he obtained his first knowledge of the great world outside of the narrow Spanish civilization in which he had been brought up. He attended the drills and parades of the British garrisons, frequented the gun shops on Queen's road, purchased firearms for his own use, and in every way tried to increase his fund of practical knowledge. According to report, he crossed over into Kowloon and served a short time in the Chinese army, and there, finding that nothing more could be learned from the corrupt mandarins who officered the troops, but never drilled them, he obtained his discharge and joined the crew of a Chinese warship which had some European instructors. He met the late Captain McGiffin, and is said to have served under him several months. Whether these rumors be true or not, one thing is clear—during his stay in Hong Kong and that neighborhood he gained a wide knowledge of warfare, both military and naval, and read many works upon strategy and the campaigns of Bonaparte, Wellington, Von Moltke and Grant, and there are numerous photographs in existence in that city of him in both soldier and sailor uniforms. During the past year he has surprised many new acquaintances with his knowledge and accurate opinions upon the famous battles and generals of Europe and America during the present century.—Review of Reviews.

Sinking the Mercedes.

According to Lieutenant Tejeiro, second in command of the naval force of the province of Santiago de Cuba, in an account written by him of the battle of Santiago, recently published, the Reina Mercedes was sunk by its own crew. This was done in order to close the mouth of the harbor, which had been left open by the removal of six torpedoes. All the wounded and the valuable papers and instruments were removed from the doomed ship to the steamer Mejico.

The Mercedes left the harbor at 11:30 o'clock on the night of July 4. She was instantly discovered by the American fleet, which began a terrific fire. "Nevertheless," says the author, "the ship went down at the designated place. Unfortunately a shot from the enemy severed one of her anchor chains and she swung around to one side, leaving the port open and making her sacrifice a useless one. However, the sinking of the Mercedes prevented her from falling into the hands of the enemy."

History's Cinderella.

Cinderella is not entirely the product of fiction. The Princess Rhodopis, of Egypt, was the first Cinderella. She was bathing in the Nile, and a bird, which Strabo calls an eagle, flying past picked up one of her slippers, or sandals, flew away with it, and dropped it on the lap of Prince Psammeticus, who was holding a Court of Justice in Memphis. He was so struck by the dainty manufacture and small size of the sandal that, being then in search of a bride, he at once vowed that he would only wed the maiden whose foot fitted the sandal. There were two elder daughters of the first marriage who greatly envied her good fortune—and here we have all the essentials of the story.

Lord Beaconsfield married for money, but though his wife was fifteen years older than himself, the union, which lasted thirty years, was a very happy one. She was his confidante, adviser and helpmeet, and the hours he spent with her in retirement were the happiest of his life. Probably the greatest joy he ever had was when he was able to decorate her with a peerage. In the dedication to her of "Sybil" he affectionately and gratefully describes her as "the most severe of critics, but a perfect wife."

MRS. COOPER.

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Mrs. M. C. Cooper, of the Royal Academy of Arts, London, England, is undoubtedly one of the greatest living sculptors. She has modeled busts of half the nobility of England, and is now in Washington making busts of distinguished Americans. Mrs. Cooper has just completed a bust of Mrs. Belva Lockwood, which is now in the Corcoran Art Gallery. Ruskin, the great artist, placed Mrs. Cooper as one of the greatest sculptors and painters of this century. Mrs. Cooper is an ardent friend of Pe-ru-na, and in a letter dated January 26, written from Washington, says the following: "I take pleasure in recommending Pe-ru-na for catarrh and la grippe. I have suffered for months, and after the use of one bottle of Pe-ru-na I am entirely well."—Mrs. M. C. Cooper.

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The Age of an Oyster.

He who wishes may find out the exact age of an oyster, though he has not the telltale evidence in teeth. The lines in the groove of the hinge of the shell tell the whole story, each line representing a year. An oyster is of age at four years; that is, he is old enough to vote, take care of a family, and go to market. Going to market is a disastrous undertaking, for a 4-year-old oyster is particularly palatable. By this it must not be supposed that after an oyster has passed the four-layer period and has five, six, or even ten wrinkles on his shell he is a back number. Indeed, there are records of oysters being eaten just after celebrating their thirtieth birthday, and in most cases they formed a delicious meal. Thirty is an unusual age for an oyster to attain, because few are given an opportunity to live so long. If left to enjoy life in his own way, it is quite probable that the oyster would become an octogenarian or even centenarian.

Captain Cochrane on his last trip to Fulton market brought in an oyster found on his beds that is believed to be at least 35 years old.—Fishing Gazette.

Peace Costs Big Money.

It is estimated that since the days of the Trojan war no fewer than 1,200,000,000 men have been sacrificed on the altar of the god of war. If it were possible to gather together these millions of war's victims into one ghastly army they would form a column, twenty-seven abreast, long enough to clasp the earth at the equator, with a residue of ten similar columns stretching from London across Europe to Naples. If this file were to pass a saluting point at the rate of one every second, night as well as day, the last "shade" would only become visible in the autumn of 1936.

Two and a half million men fell in European battlefields during the first half of this century alone; and this slaughter cost Europe the colossal sum of $6,850,000,000. Each victim cost $2,640 to kill. A calculation as careful as is possible places the total cost of war during the last 3,000 years at the appalling sum of $600,000,000,000.

All the countries of Europe are spending on their armies and navies at the rate of nearly $50 a second, or the almost incredible sum of $4,000,000 a day.

The Confederate badge which President McKinley wore at Macon, Ga., has made it so popular that the organization which issued it has been overwhelmed with requests for duplicates. It has been promptly copyrighted, and several hundred are now being turned out daily.

Daring Deeds of Modern Surgery.

In a recent address before a London medical association Dr. L. A. Weatherly, a prominent physician, said that if a surgeon of sixty years ago could wake from his everlasting sleep in this world and find himself in one of the modern operating theaters of a medical institution he would rub his eyes and stare with utter amazement at the daring deeds of the modern surgeon: that "he would see the patient brought in already unconscious of what was about to be done; he would note the scrupulous cleanliness which antiseptic surgery has taught us in all the surroundings of the room, the appliances of the operating surgeon and his assistant; he would, perhaps, see the abdomen opened and its contents handled with the most perfect confidence, and this or that operation, never dreamed of in his day as being even possible without instant death, brought to a successful termination. And wonderment would be justifiable." Dr. Weatherly thought the fault with the modern young operator in surgery was that he was a little too prone to use his knife as a means of diagnosis, without giving his powers of observation a chance to arrive at a right conclusion. The address of the distinguished physician has attracted wide attention.—Leslie's Weekly.

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