

### Why He Wanted a Desk.

For Quannah, an intelligent and popular Comanche chief, the cattlemen around Fort Worth, Tex., built a house and furnished it. They were rather puzzled when he told them that the first article of furniture he wanted was a roller desk. "What can you do with a roller desk, Quannah?" they said. "You can't write."

"Oh, I want 'em," said Quannah. "You see, I open desk, an' I sit down in my chair, an' I put my feet up on desk, an' I light my cigar, an' I hol' newspaper up front of me, like this—sabe? Then white man come in, an' he knock at door, an' he say, 'Quannah, I wan' talk 'y'ou a minute.' An' I turn 'round in my chair, an' put 'ot of smoke 'n his face, an' I say: 'Go 'way! I ve'y busy 'dew'!"

### Sure Cure at Last.

Monticello, Miss., Oct. 3.—(Special.)—Lawrence County is almost daily in receipt of fresh evidence that a sure cure for all Kidney Troubles has at last been found, and that cure is Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Among those who have reason to bless the Great American Kidney Remedy is Mrs. L. E. Baggett of this place. Mrs. Baggett had Dropsy. Dodd's Kidney Pills cured her. "I was troubled with my kidneys," Mrs. Baggett says in recommending Dodd's Kidney Pills to her friends. "My urine would hardly pass. The doctors said I had Dropsy. I have taken Dodd's Kidney Pills as directed and am now a well woman."

Dodd's Kidney Pills cure the kidneys. Cured kidneys strain all the impurities out of the blood. That means pure blood and a sound, energetic body. Dodd's Kidney Pills are the greatest tonic the world has ever known.

Sugar beets thrive in different kinds of soil, in diverse climates, and over a large area.

### A Beautiful Niagara Picture.

There is nothing better to hang on one's study wall than a fine picture of some grand scene of nature. Niagara Falls is probably the grandest sight on earth, and one of the finest pictures of the cataraict is the water color of Chas. Graham. This has been reproduced by lithography in twelve colors, 15x24 in., on heavy plate paper, and will be sent to any postoffice in the world on receipt of 50 cents in stamps or silver. Address, O. W. Ruzales, G. P. & T. A., Michigan Central R. R., Chicago.

### His Own Grandfather.

Beppo Bruzoni, a Neapolitan sailor, is a living proof of the fact that a man can be his own grandfather. "I married," he said, "a widow, and she had by her first husband a handsome girl named Silvietta, with whom my father fell in love, and who became his second wife. Thus my father became my son-in-law and my stepdaughter became my mother, since she had married my father. Soon afterward my wife gave birth to a son, who became my father's step-son and at the same time my uncle, since he was my stepmother's brother. But that was not all, for in due time my father's wife also gave birth to a boy, who was my brother and also my step-son, since he was the son of my daughter. My wife was also my grandmother, for she was the mother of my mother, and thus I was my wife's husband and at the same time her grandson. Finally, as the husband of a person's grandfather, I am my own grandfather."

### Natural Deduction.

"Humph!" exclaimed Chief Millikin. "There is evidently something on foot around here."  
"What reason have you for thinking so?" asked Inspector Casey.  
"But the chief answered not. He merely pointed to a woman who was limping up the steps leading to a chiroprapist's repair shop."

### A Little Mistake.

Young Lady—What is the price of that bicycle costume?  
Dealer—That is not a bicycle costume, miss; it's a suit of sanitary underwear.

### CAN DRINK TROUBLE

That's One Way to Get It. Although they won't admit it many people who suffer from sick headaches and other ailments get them straight from the coffee they drink and it is easily proved if they're not afraid to leave it to a test as in the case of a lady in Connellsville.

"I had been a sufferer from sick headaches for twenty-five years and any one who has ever had a bad sick headache knows what I suffered. Sometimes three days in the week I would have to remain in bed, at other times I couldn't lie down the pain would be so great. My life was a torture, and if I went away from home for a day I always came back more dead than alive."

"One day I was telling a woman my troubles and she told me she knew that it was probably coffee caused it. She said she had been cured by stopping coffee and using Postum Food Coffee and urged me to try this food drink."

"That's how I came to send out and get some Postum and from that time I've never been without it, for it suits my taste and has entirely cured all of my old troubles. All I did was to leave off the coffee and tea and drink well made Postum in its place. This change has done me more good than everything else put together."

"Our house was like a drug store, for my husband bought everything he heard of to help me without doing any good, but when I began on the Postum my headaches ceased and the other troubles quickly disappeared. I have a friend who had an experience just like mine and Postum cured her just as it did me."

"Postum not only cured the headaches but my general health has been improved and I am much stronger than before. I now enjoy delicious Postum more than I ever did coffee." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

"There's a reason" and it's worth finding out.

# EDITORIALS

## OPINIONS OF GREAT PAPERS ON IMPORTANT SUBJECTS

### War and Peace.

ONE of the curious features of the present international situation in regard to armaments is the indisposition to increase war implements and military forces on any other ground than that of self-defense. No government in Europe would to-day dare ask for increase of taxation for purposes of military conquest. No nation wants an army; and yet many nations are armed in a degree unknown before in the history of the modern world, because other nations are armed. It is a great mistake to imagine that, because the financial budgets of the great powers show almost annual increase in expenditures for the army and navy, therefore warlike feeling is growing, or that the love of peace has not gained ground or that the horror of war does not deepen, year by year. England feels obliged to keep a navy about equal in power to the navy of any two other countries purely as a matter of self-defense. She increases her armament because Russia and Germany increase theirs, and she increases it under protest. Germany adds continually to her military resources, although there is not the slightest doubt that the Emperor desires peace. In this country the only ground on which people would tolerate the increased expenditure for the navy which has been made in recent years has been the ground of self-defense. The commerce of the country is so great, the possibilities of complication so many and the armaments of the other nations of the first rank so large, that so long as these conditions continue, the great majority of Americans, who hate war and who profoundly believe that the genius of America is peace, feel also that the country must have adequate protection, and have it ready at hand in case of an unexpected need. The world is in arms to-day under protest, each country keeping up its force because every other country keeps up its force.—New York Outlook.

### World's Fairs Not Profitable.

EXPOSITIONS where great sums are expended for architectural and other displays are not immediately profitable. If they are ultimately profitable the gain is too remote and obscure to be susceptible of trustworthy estimation. There is reason to believe that they are an injury rather than a benefit to the cities where they are held. They attract great numbers of workmen and others while the money is going for construction, etc., and there is an appearance of prosperity. This appearance is prolonged while visitors are pouring in and spending money, but the cost which is borne in the first instance, mostly by local purchasers of stock, is never covered by receipts, or anywhere near covered. A great share of it is lost beyond recovery. Some are benefited in various ways, but on the whole the loss exceeds the gain. The exposition city sustains injury in consequence of a sudden boom in real estate, followed by a long season of depression and dullness. It sustains still more injury from the influx of an undesirable population, which to a great extent remains stranded and a public burden, taking the form of an increase in pauperism and crime.

This has come to be so well understood that it will probably be more difficult hereafter to induce people to contribute the money for the preliminary work. It is not improbable that in future world's exhibitions the exhibits will be much less extensive and more choice. This would greatly reduce the cost, and the results would be more satisfactory to those who get a comprehensive view of what is going on in the world. Less bigness, less of the gorgeous and spectacular, will make world's fairs more profitable and of greater educational value.—Chicago Chronicle.

### Art of Keeping a Secret.

PERSONS that can keep a secret are few. A secret seems to give most people a colic until they relieve the pressure by breathing the treasured information into other ears. Even when the secret reflects shame on the possessor he is sorely tempted to share it with somebody. In that case the instinct for confession takes the place of the vainglorious motives which, in other cases, loosen the tongues of the custodians of a secret. The ordinary person, having a secret, feels proud of it. He goes

about with the thought in his mind that he knows something that would amaze people should they be informed of it. Like the barber of King Midas, of Phrygia, who discovered that his master had asses' ears, he must tell the news or burst; but he seldom displays the shrewdness of the barber, who whispered the awful information into a hole in the ground and then covered up the hole.

Stevenson said that a Scot would keep a secret just for the exercise of keeping it, but even Scotia has its babblers. Human nature is instinctively communicative. There is scarcely a human being, man or woman, that has not one confidant. The rarely gifted persons that absorb secrets as black felt absorb light, giving out nothing and into whose unyielding breasts secrets may be deposited in the firm faith that they will go no further, are not to be found on every corner. They are almost as scarce as centaurs.

There is only one secure method of keeping a secret, and that is to keep it. A secret may be defined as information known only to one person. Telling a secret to one friend, though he be pledged with awful oaths to let it go no further, is like taking the first drink of whisky; it is the initial step toward danger. So long as the tapper refrains from the first drink he will not get drunk, and so long as the treasurer of a secret keeps it locked up closely in his own mind, communicating it to no one at all, the secret is safe.—San Francisco Bulletin.

### Is Crime Increasing?

WHENEVER a crime of unusual turpitude is committed, and particularly whenever a number of such forbidding events occur in quick succession, we hear much about the "epidemic of crime," accompanied by lugubrious comment to the effect that wickedness is increasing, that it is outrunning the growth of population, that the country is rapidly degenerating. It has become the settled conviction of minds chronically indisposed to look upon the sunny side of things that the criminal population is increasing at a more alarming rate than at any time in the country's history, yet no proof is at hand to support this pessimistic view.

Penologists are awaiting trustworthy and sufficiently comprehensive statistics on this interesting subject. Samuel J. Barrows, Commissioner for the United States on the International Prison Commission, declared in a paper published in 1903 that for want of any comparative statistics in the United States it is extremely difficult to say whether criminals are increasing with reference to the population, inasmuch as so much depends upon the activity of the police. Mr. Barrows observes that as social relations multiply the standard of propriety and good conduct and of social protection is constantly raised, and when new laws are rigidly enforced "we may expect an increase for the time being in the number of offenders until society has adjusted itself to the new requirements."

It may be noted that the system of news gathering has been brought to a high pitch of efficiency in our day. Every crime of importance occurring almost anywhere in the country is immediately reported. We hear very much more about crime than our forebears did. The diligence of the reporters and the news agencies creates the impression that the world is growing worse. The law-abiding millions attract little attention.—Philadelphia Ledger.

### Travesties on Religion.

THE religion which does not appeal to the mind and the soul, and which does not attract because of innate worth, is of little account. The sooner it goes the better it will be for all—save the sensational clergyman, who is compelled to gather congregations by methods bordering on the methods of the circus ring. The American is fond of the spectacular at times, and in moderate quantities. But he neither believes in megaphonic spectacularism nor in mixing religion and tight rope trapeze performances. He may not be a deeply religious man, but he has a wholesome sense of the proprieties. It is never a matter of trouble for him to detect the difference between the mountebank in the pulpit and the clergyman who preaches because he believes and relies on his belief for the holding of his flock together.—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

### USE FEW FILIPINO WORDS.

Americans Gain Little in Language from the Eastern Isles.

A letter making inquiry of Colonel Edwards, chief of the bureau of insular affairs, war department, as to words grafted into the English language on account of the American occupation of the Philippines was turned over to Captain Taylor, who is an excellent Spanish scholar and is getting up the history of the Philippines from the public documents captured from the Filipinos. He made a reply which indicated that not so many words come over from the Philippines, although thousands of United States soldiers have spent years in the islands. Probably the Tagalog language and the language of the different tribes do not impress the Americans who go to the Philippines.

Spanish is the chief language of the Philippines, and by the acquisition of Florida, New Mexico, Texas and California the United States acquired about all of the Spanish terms needed in the English language to convey the meaning of various places and objects. The English language does not apparently acquire many words from savagery. It would be pretty hard to name any words in the English language that were acquired from the Indians of North America save the names of places.

No one knows how many dialects and different languages are spoken in the Philippine islands. General Andrew Burt, who spent several years in the Philippines and served in important positions, said that oftentimes he occupied one point with troops where one language was spoken, while three miles away a totally different language was spoken, differing apparently more than languages of different Indian tribes in this country. The acquisition of any of these tribal languages outside of the Tagalog was almost impossible and useless. It is apparent that whatever else the Philippines contribute they will not enrich or enlarge the American language.

When you write a letter have you a very good reason for writing?

## THE WEEKLY HISTORIAN



### One Hundred Years Ago.

According to the new divorce laws of France, a twelve months' residence was compulsory. An unfounded report of hostilities on the part of Morocco brought two American men-of-war to that country. A Dutch ship on entering a Japanese port and rebelling at the customs regulations of the country fired on the shore, but afterward surrendered. Five thousand troops were ordered from Cuba to Florida to defend that territory against expeditions from the United States.

### Seventy-five Years Ago.

The thirteenth amendment was ratified by a two-thirds vote. An expedition fitted out by private individuals left New Bedford, Conn., on an exploring trip to the South Sea Islands.

A "f" for cleaning rice was invented by Ravenel of South Carolina, thus remedying the difficulty which had hitherto prevented its large cultivation and sale.

A table was published giving the whole number of votes at the recent Presidential election as 1,188,645, of which Jackson received 671,170 and Adams 517,475.

### Fifty Years Ago.

The reciprocity treaty between the United States and Canada was signed by the governor general.

A British steamer collided with a French bark near Cape Race, entailing a loss of over three hundred lives. Owing to the conduct of the crew, not a woman or child was saved.

Gen. Santa Anna left the City of Mexico and retired to Tacubaya in consequence of popular demonstrations.

The United States ship of war Albany left Aspinwall and never again was heard of.

### Forty Years Ago.

Gold was quoted at 199 a decline of 25 cents, during a week of Union military successes.

John C. Fremont withdrew as a candidate for President, to which he had been nominated by the Cleveland convention.

Gen. Sheridan defeated the Confederate forces under Early for a second time at Fisher Hill.

Governor Brown of Georgia was reported to have withdrawn the State militia from Hood's army.

The vicinity of Pulaski, Tenn., was the battleground of fighting between Confederate raiding forces under Forrest and Union forces under Rousseau.

### Thirty Years Ago.

Francis D. Moulton was arrested under two indictments for libel growing out of the Beecher-Tilton scandal.

The overflowing of the Segre River, in the province of Lerida, Spain, was attended by great loss of life and the destruction of much property.

The Prince of Wales accepted the Grand Mastership of the order of Free Masons.

Ell de Beaumont, the French geologist, and Charles Swain, the English poet, died.

A transatlantic steamship war cut the passenger rate from New York to European ports to \$15.

Many buildings were leveled and over 1,000 persons were killed in a typhoon that swept over Hongkong.

### Twenty Years Ago.

A statue of Bach, the composer, was unveiled at Eisenach, Germany, in the presence of Liszt, Joachim, Villiers and Stanford.

Judge Gresham was sworn in Secretary of the Treasury to succeed the late Secretary Folger.

The British gunboat Wasp was wrecked off the coast of Donegal, Ireland, and fifty-two members of the crew were drowned.

The members of a Mormon colony which had settled in Wilson County, Tennessee, were ordered by regulators to leave the State.

Fourteen fishing smacks were discovered engaged in smuggling Chinese from British Columbia into Washington and Oregon.

### Ten Years Ago.

In an effort to stamp out cholera in the city of Blasseki, Poland, sixty houses were burned and their sick tenants perished.

Three lives were lost and \$1,500,000 worth of property was destroyed by a fire which swept the docks at Portland, Ore.

The practicability of using fuel oil on tugs was demonstrated by tests in the Chicago river.

### Ages of Animals.

Elephants live 100 years and upward; rhinoceros, 29; camel, 100; lion, 25 to 70; tigers, leopards, jaguars and hyenas (in confinement), about 25; beaver, 50; deer, 20; wolf, 20; fox, 14 to 15; lambs, 15; chimps, 25; monkeys and baboons, 15 to 18; hare, 8; squirrel, 7; rabbit, 7; swine, 25; stag, under 50; horse, 30; ass, 30; sheep, under 10; cow, 20; ox, 30; swan, parrots, ravens, 200; eagle, 100; geese, 80; hens and pigeons, 10 to 15; hawks, 30 to 40; crane, 24; blackbirds, 10 to 12; peacock, 20; pelican, 40 to 50; thrush, 8 to 10; wren, 2 to 3; nightingale, 15; blackcap, 15; linnet, 14 to 22; goldfinch, 20 to 25; redbreast, 10 to 12; skylark, 10 to 31; titlark, 5 to 6; chaffinch, 20 to 21; starling, 10 to 12; carp, 70 to 150; pike, 90 to 40; salmon 15; codfish, 14 to 17.

### THOUGHT SHE WOULD DIE.

Mrs. S. W. Marine, of Colorado Springs, began to fear the Worst—Doan's Kidney Pills Saved Her.

Mrs. Sarah Marine, of 428 St. Union street, Colorado Springs, Colo., writes:

"I suffered for three years with severe backache. The doctors told me my kidneys were affected, and prescribed medicines for me, but I found that it was only a waste of time and money to take them, and began to fear that I would never get well. A friend advised me to try Doan's Kidney Pills. Within a week after I began using them I was so much better that I decided to keep up the treatment, and when I had used a little over two boxes I was entirely well. I have now enjoyed the best of health for more than four months, and words can but poorly express my gratitude."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

This Mouse Built a Stairway. During the digging of holes for New York telegraph poles not long ago the workmen noticed a mouse which had fallen into one of the cavities. For hours the tiny prisoner raced frantically around the inclosure. Then he seemed to get over his hysterics and set his wits to work. Soon he began systematically to dig a spiral groove, round and round the inner surface of the hole, which was several feet deep. Night and day the busy little captive worked away digging little pockets here and there as his improvised staircase got farther from the ground, so that he might rest from his hard labors. The workmen kept him supplied with food, and after the third day the indefatigable little creature reached the top, and enthusiastic cheering welcomed his freedom.—New York Tribune.

Piso's Cure for Consumption always gives immediate relief in all throat troubles.—F. E. Bierman, Leipsic, Ohio, Aug. 31, 1901.

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### THE FINEST ROAD IN KOREA.



Although Korea is noted for its poor roads, most of them being little more than bridle paths, there is one marked exception. This is the highway shown in the accompanying picture, which is said to be the finest causeway in the Far East. It leads from the imperial palace in Seoul to the tomb of the murdered Empress of Korea, some fifteen miles distant. The road is fifty feet wide. It is traversed twice a year by the Emperor, attended by 4,000 or 5,000 Korean soldiers. The Empress to whose grave these semi-annual pilgrimages are made was very bitterly opposed to the Japanese. It is alleged that she was killed by Jap soldiers at the instigation of the minister from Tokyo.

### Vagaries of a Language.

The vagaries of English spelling are well illustrated in the following extract. The words sound properly but the spelling does not correspond to the meaning required. It would make a good exercise in spelling to rewrite the extract in its proper form:

Know won kneeds weight two bee tolled thee weigh too dew sew.

A rite suite little buoy, the sun of a grate kernel, with a rough around his neck, flue up the rode as quick as a deer. After a thyme he stopped at a blew house and wrung the belle.

His two hurt hymn and he kneaded wrest. He was two tired to raze his fare, pall face. A feint mown rows from his lips.

The made who herd the belle was about two pair a pare, butt she through it down and ran with awl

her mite, for fear her guessed wood knot weight. Butt when she saw the little won, ters studd in her eyes at the site.

"Ewe, poor deer! Why dew ye iye hear? Are yew dyeing?"

"Know," he said, "I am feint." She boar hymn in her arms and hurried to a rheum where he mite bee quiet, gave him bred and meet, held a cent bottle under his knows, untide his neck scarf, rapped him up warm and gave him a suite drachm.—St. Nicholas.

### Greeks Increase Fast.

The population of Greece is increasing faster than that of any other country in Europe at present.

"It's an outrage," a man said today. Still, it's not the only one.