

Brooklyn has a "hospital for bread-winners," to be occupied by women, and although an unfortunate woman who had lost all her money would probably be cared for in the same way as her sisters it is understood that the class which it is intended to benefit most directly is that large body of the intelligent, thrifty and industrious that earn its livelihood by the use of a clerks, typewriters, stenographers, nurses, dressmakers, etc.

Trouble is like a mudhole; it's easy enough to get in, but takes all one's power to get out.

Many good people prefer to take all the risks themselves, rather than let the church catch any disease from the rot of all evil.

U. S. Patent Office Business. Four hundred and sixty-three patents were issued this week. The inventors are represented in the list by 10, Minnesota 9, Missouri 19, Nebraska 1, Pennsylvania 56, Texas 8, New York 80.

5,722 applications are awaiting action by the Examiners. Photographs are not proper subjects for patents, but an exclusive property right in a photograph of a person, animal, landscape, building, or any other object, may be secured by copyright. Mr. J. C. Plummer, of Altoona, Pa., has applied for a copyright for his photograph of the cyclone that whirled about fourteen miles north of Altoona on May 28th. The sun was shining and illuminated the whirling twister which appeared white in the picture and very bright.

Names of medicines and labels for merchandise that used to be protected by copyrights are under present laws no longer proper subjects for copyrights, but may be protected by registration in the U. S. Patent Office my patents issued for trade-marks for 30 years and for labels for 28.

THOMAS C. URWIG & CO., Solicitors of Patents, Des Moines, Iowa, June 3, 1899.

There is nothing in the world more sensational than the plain unvarnished truth.

Nothing ruins a woman's complexion quicker than marrying a man to reform him.

W. F. U. Richmond, Va., July 13-16. Via Big Four and Chesapeake & Ohio Ry's. One fare round trip. Tickets on sale July 11, 12, 13; good to return until July 15. Can be extended to August 15th. For full information and description pamphlets address, J. C. Tucker, G. N. A., 234 Clark St., Chicago.

A Boston paper is authority for the story that not long since at a hotel in the modern Athens one of the arrivals registered his name in large capitals running across the page: "Richard Harding Davis and valet." The next guest to arrive registered thus: "John D. Rockefeller and valet."

The Four-Foot Ache and Bone Pain. Shake into your shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It makes tight or New Shoes feel Easy. Cures Corns, Bunions, Swollen, Hot and Sweating Feet. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores. Sample sent FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

It does not signify because a man grows whiter when the beginning of the end of his "bit" has arrived that we have seen his face for the last time.

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Just so evil in the blood comes out in shape of scrofula, pimples, etc., in children and young people. Taken in time it can be eradicated by using Hood's Sarsaparilla, America's Greatest Medicine. It vitalizes and enriches the blood.

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GOOD SHORT STORIES FOR THE VETERANS. Admiral Dewey's Sword—Description of Token Voted to Him by Congress Last Year—Recollections on the Right Kind of Army Officers—War's Awful Sights.

The Bells of Shandon. I often think of those Shandon Bells, Whose sound so wild would ring in days of childhood. Flung round my cradle their magic On this I ponder where I wander, And thus grow fonder, sweet Cork, of thee: With thy Bells of Shandon, that sound From the pleasant waters of the River Lee.

I've heard bells chiming full many a time in Tullaghan in cathedral shrine, While as the rib rattle brass tongues would vibrate, But their music spoke naught like thine: For memory dwelling on each proud wreath, Of thy bell, knelling its bold notes free.

Made the Bells of Shandon sound far more grand On the pleasant waters of the River Lee. I've heard bells tolling "Old Adrian's Mole" in The thunder rolling from the Vatican, And cymbals glorious swinging uproarous: In the gorgeous turrets of Notre Dame; But thy sounds were sweeter than the dome of Peter.

Flung off the Tiber, pealing solemnly: Oh! the Bells of Shandon sound far more grand On the pleasant waters of the River Lee. There's a bell in Moscow, while on tower and knoll, And loud in air calls men to prayer, From the tapering spire of tall minarets.

Such empty phantom I freely grant thee; 'Tis the anthem more dear to me, 'Tis the bell of Shandon, that round so grand On the pleasant waters of the River Lee.

Admiral Dewey's Sword. "The Sword of Bunker Hill" will perhaps be eclipsed in history by the sword that has been found for Admiral Dewey, the victor of Manila Bay, says Miss Carolyn Wells in the May St. Nicholas. This weapon, authorized by congress in June, 1898, is now completed, and in wealth of decoration is worthy to take a place among the jeweled swords described in the "Arabian Nights." Both blade and scabbard are of steel, but overlaid entirely with pure gold, and all other parts are of solid gold, exquisitely wrought.

The steel blade was made at the United States arsenal at Springfield, and is finely tempered to the exact degree of flexibility required to make a perfect sword blade. This blade, graceful in shape and well balanced, is damascened with gold, on which is engraved this inscription: "The gift of the people to Rear Admiral George Dewey, U. S. N. In memory of the victory at Manila Bay, May 1, 1898." Further ornamentation on the blade consists of a procession of Phoenician galleys, emblematic of sea power, a light of eagles, the symbols of our nation, and festoons of laurel, signifying glory.

"Olympia" is engraved on the pomel of the sword, also a device representing Capricornus, which is the zodiacal sign for December, the month in which Dewey was born. On the collar of the sword are the arms and shield of our country, and below them the arms of Vermont, the admiral's native state, and its motto, "Freedom and Unity." These are enameled in color, and the collar is further decorated with stars and oak leaves. The grip or handle of the sword is covered with shagreen, or snark skin, held in place by gold wire, and studded with gold stars, while the guard represents a flying eagle bearing in its beak a laurel wreath.

On the golden scabbard is the monogram "G. D.," and below this "U. S. N." These letters and sprays of rosemarijn, which is a delicate sea plant signifying fidelity and remembrance, are set with one hundred and fifty diamonds of the finest water, and the scabbard is further ornamented with designs of oak leaves and acorns and the ferrule, or lower end, is formed by two gold dolphins gracefully twined together.

The belt is of specially woven material, with buckles, slide rings and swivels all of gold and ornamented with oak leaves and acorns, while the bullion tassels and trappings are much handsomer than the usual, the metal being of chosen material and finished with special care.

The whole fits in an oaken case lined with blue velvet, on the cover of which is a gold eagle and a shield inscribed "Rear Admiral George Dewey, U. S. N." On March 3, 1899, Dewey was made admiral, an office first created for Farragut, and hitherto held only by him and by Porter.

The Right Kind of Officers. With all volunteer troops, and I am inclined to think with regulars, too, in time of trial, the best work can be got out of the men only if the officers endure the same hardships and face the same risks, says Theodore Roosevelt in Scribner's. In my regiment, as in the whole cavalry division, the proportion of loss in killed and wounded was considerably greater among the officers than it should be. Moreover, when we got down to hard pan, we all, officers and men, fared exactly alike as regards both shelter and food.

This prevented any grumbling. When the troops say that the officers had nothing but hardback there would not a man in the regiment who would not have been ashamed to grumble at faring no worse, and when all slept out in the open, in the rear of the trenches, and when the men always saw the field officers up at night during the digging of the trenches, and going the rounds of the outposts, they would not tolerate, in any of their number, either complaint or shirking work.

When things got easier I put up my tent and lived a little apart, for it is a mistake for an officer ever to grow too familiar with his men, no matter how good they are, and it is, of course, the greatest possible mistake to seek popularity either by showing weakness or by mollicodding the men. They will never respect a commander who does not enforce discipline, who does not know his duty, and who is not willing both himself to encounter and to make them encounter every species of danger and hardship when necessary. The soldiers who do not feel this way are not worthy of the name and should be handled with iron severity until they become fighting men and not shams.

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From Farmers' Review.—A poor stand of any crop may in most instances be traced to poor seed. It may be immature or too old. Most seed deteriorates rapidly after from one to three years. Immature seed is most often met with in the so-called hay crops as alfalfa, milles and timothy, for in these it is impossible to harvest the crop so as to get all the seeds matured and at the same time avoid shattering. The benefits of testing may be understood by a simple illustration: Testing the seed some time before planting time enables one to make arrangements for other seed should the first lot prove worthless. If the per cent of good seed be not so low as to make it advisable to get a new lot, one can readily calculate how much more seed than ordinary to plant to secure the required stand. For instance if in a test of 100 alfalfa seeds but 75 germinate then one-third more seed must be planted to give the stand that perfect seed would give. The same applies to timothy. A quality seed contains a certain per cent of seeds which will not germinate (the per cent varies with the variety) this fact must be considered in determining the amount to sow. As simple an apparatus as can be suggested is two pieces of paper, one placed top and bottom, the other in the middle, or else with blotting paper, according as the seeds be large or small. It must be kept quite moist but do not allow water to stand in the pan. Care must be taken to keep the temperature fall below 40 degrees in the case of the hardy field crops. With garden varieties the minimum temperature must not fall so low as that, 100 seeds by actual count will be found sufficient to sow an acre of alfalfa. The alfalfa must be a fair one if the results are to indicate anything. Delays are dangerous, for if the testing be put off till near planting time one will be unable to get a new lot of seed, should the first one fail.

The humus exclamation indicated that in the opinion of the army the chief of staff was what Europe calls a "full man," one who could talk on all kinds of matters.

Gene That Cost More Than Colored. The enormous wealth devoted to higher education in America has become the wonder and the envy of learned Europe. Now that we are becoming a great nation, it is not surprising that comparisons between costs of armaments and education may be interesting.

There are four hundred and thirteen universities and colleges in the United States. The richest of these is Girard college, whose endowment of \$15,000,000 would pay for building and equipping three first-class battle-ships. Four other institutions of learning—Columbia, Harvard, Cornell and the University of Chicago—are endowed with more than the value of one first-class battleship.

Three other institutions are so rich that each of them could turn its endowment into a second-class battleship or a first-class cruiser. Nineteen more have funds equivalent to a second-class cruiser or a monitor apiece. The endowment of each of forty-two others would buy a third-class cruiser or a gunboat. In one hundred and two cases there are investments sufficient for the purchase of a torpedo boat or destroyer.

The Great Seal. Half a dozen state department clerks were talking about the war with Spain and the signing of the treaty of peace, says the Washington Star. Incidentally the great seal of the United States was mentioned. The old clerk spoke up to the younger members of the group listened with interest, for when the old fellow talked, which was very seldom, his remarks were well worth hearing. "Speaking of the great seal," said he, "do any of you happen to know that the seal of our country is an unfinished state? No? Well, I thought not, and the old clerk smiled patronizingly.

In 1782, June 20 was the exact date the Continental Congress adopted a seal. This same seal was later adopted by the First Congress of the United States. Now, a design was adopted for both the obverse and reverse of the seal. With the former, the eagle, or ought to be, but the latter remains uncut to this day. I don't know why it is so, and have never heard any one attempt an explanation. The design adopted for the reverse of the seal is an unfinished pyramid in a triangle surrounded with a glory or sunburst. On the base of the pyramid appear the numerical letters MDCCCLXXVII. Over the eye are the words "Novus ordo seclorum."

The pyramid signifies strength and duration. The eye over it and the motto allude to the interpositions Providence in favor of the American cause. The date underneath is that of the Declaration of Independence, and the words under it signify the beginning of the new American era which commenced from that date.

"Now, some of you young men who have plenty of time to go to work and find out why the reverse of the seal of our country has not been cut, as provided for by Congress."

Washington—What's the matter with your clock? It's stopped. Tilt it—I never mind it up. Use it as a motto. Washington—What do you mean? Tilt—No tick here.—Tilt Bits.

A Useful Expression was received by Mrs. C. R. Dwyer of Portland, Me., written by her brother, Charles R. Wyland, who is a member of company C, First Washington volunteers, and who wrote