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Professor Frederick von Martens, who holds the chair of international law in the St. Petersburg university, is a noted linguist and author, and at the Venezuela arbitration conference in Paris, where he read the decision of the commission, he had a pleasant fashion of addressing each delegate in his own language. One of the English jurists wondered how the professor was able to keep up his knowledge of so many modern tongues. The professor replied: "It is self defense. You see in case I lose my chair I wish to be prepared for any offer you foreigners may make."

A Boston Man Pleased.

In conversation with some friends, a prominent Boston man told of his sufferings from rheumatism and nervousness, and one of his friends gave him some advice, which will be mentioned later, and which has proven to be of incalculable value.

To successfullly act on this advice, it was necessary to make a trip of over 2,000 miles, but he undertook it, and now thanks his friend for the advice, as he finds himself fully relieved of his old trouble and has returned to his home feeling able to cope with his business demands, a new man.

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Dr. Frankland always wore spectacles. One day on Ludgate Hill a porter passing him was nearly pushed off the pavement by an unintentional motion of the doctor. The fellow, with characteristic insolence, exclaimed: "Damn your spectacles!" Frankland, smiling, observed: "It is not the first time they have saved my eyes."

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Maurice Barrymore's wit is farfamed, but a neat little witticism at his expense was Augustus Thomas' laconic criticism of one of Barrymore's plays. The playwright had been mercilessly picking flaws in the actor's drama until the good natured "Barry" winced. "Oh, come, gus," he interrupted, "don't be quite so hard, if it's not an 'Alabama.' Just remember that I wrote it in a week. "Did you, Barry?" retorted Thomas; "Then you must have loafed."

Important Inventions.

Patents have been allowed upon applications prepared and prosecuted by us for interesting subjects as follows:

To C. W. Cross, of Grinnell, for an auxiliary air heater adapted to be connected with a stove in such a manner that it will receive and direct the products of combustion and aid in warming and circulating air in a room, as required to maintain a uniform temperature, by admitting cool air at its botom, heating it and discharging it at its top. An undivided half is assigned to W. S. More of same place.

To J. Morgan, of Atlantic for a plant planting machine adapted to be advanced across a field by horses to set out cabbage and tobacco plants in rows at regular distances apart. A boy on the machine hands plants in succession to automatic plant holders on a wheel and as the wheel revolves it places the plants in a furrow in advance of the wheel by a furrow opener and furrow closers immediately cover the roots and rollers pack the ground around the roots. An undivided half has been assigned to E. Whitney, of Chicago.

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Winter Excursions.

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Booksellers in New York report an increased demand for Kipling's poetry since the announcement that General Lord Roberts is to take charge of the South African campaign for the British. Kipling had more to do with obtaining recognition for General Roberts than anyone, with that poem of his on "Boba." This is the particular set of verses that purchasers of the Kipling books want to read again.

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New Inventions.

Last week 459 patents were issued to United States inventors, and of this number 37 per cent were either partly or entirely sold before they were issued. Amongst the prominent manufacturing concerns who purchased patents were the following:

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Gates Iron Works, Chicago, Ill.,
Oakman Motor Vehicle Co., Chicago, Ill.,
United Coke and Gas Co., Philadelphia, Pa.,
Page Woven Wire Fence Co., Adrian, Mich.,
Nordlinger Fire Works Co., New York City,
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CAMPFIRE SKETCHES.

GOOD SHORT STORIES FOR THE VETERANS.

The Regimental Dog—Telegraph Men at the Front—Often at Work Within Two Hundred Yards of the Enemy—Riding a Buffalo.

The Message from Samoa.

Can you hear the guns a-boomin' far
away across the seas,
Can you see the flags a-wavin' in the
creepin' summer breeze
Can you read joyous message that the
signal sergeant wags,
Can you recognize the colors of the intermingled flags?
Oh, one is mostly Stars and Stripes, the
other's mostly red—
They floated once o'er foemen, now they
float o'er friends instead—
And the Yankee man-o'-war's men in a
heathen land are seen
To be standin' by the sailors of her Majesty, the Queen.

"Johnny Bull" and "Brother Jonathan"
a-scrappin' side by side!
I calculate the nations' eyes will open
rather wide
When they see the roarin' Lion and the
screamin', scrheechin' Bird
A'linnin' up together and a-waitin' for the
word.

Oh, the Czar may send an olive branch
to all the different lands
And the Pope may bless the universe
with peaceful, outstretched hands,
But there's greater benediction in the
firin' of the gun
That reunites the mother and her long
lost Yankee son.

—"M. B. K."

The Regimental Dog.

More than one regimental pet has entered into the history of its country. In America the list is naturally headed by Old Abe, the Wisconsin eagle, which survived the fiercest battles of the civil war and lived to enjoy an honored old age in the capitol of its native state. The armies of Europe have had many pets, among which should be remembered a poor dog which followed the eagles of Napoleon a thousand leagues and more to Moscow, but did not survive the ruin of the Grand Army. A sergeant of the Imperial Guard tells of the dog's last battle. A few days after the awful passage of the Beresina, I noticed a man marching in front of me much bent, apparently overwhelmed by the weight of a burden which he bore on his shoulders. The burden was a dog, and the man was an old sergeant named Daubenton. I asked him if the dog were to eat. "No," he answered, "I would rather eat Cossack. Don't you recognize Mouton, the regimental dog? His paws are frozen, and he can't walk any longer." Then he told me how he would have joined the vanguard of the army which had recently been destroyed, if he had not been saved through his devotion to the dog. The evening of the day we had arrived at Wilna the poor dog had had his paws frozen, and this very morning the sergeant had decided to leave him to his fate. But poor Mouton got an idea that he was being deserted, and howled so piteously that the sergeant determined to take him. Hardly had he started, however, when the unfortunate dog fell forward on his nose, and Daubenton then fastened him across his shoulders over his knapsack. It was in this fashion that he rejoined the handful of men who formed the rear-guard under Marshal Ney. Suddenly, as we walked along, some one shouted, "Beware of the Cossacks!" A melee ensued, and some of the enemy bore directly toward us. Daubenton was fortunate enough to see the foremost of them in time to defend himself but Mouton, barking like a good dog, embarrassed his movements. The man wheeled round, but at a distance, seeming to fear a musket-shot. As neither of us attempted to fire he inferred that we were without powder, and advancing upon Daubenton, he struck him a blow with his sword. Daubenton parried the blow with his musket, but the man instantly gave him a second one on the left shoulder. This blow hit poor Mouton on the head. The dog howled enough to break one's heart. Although wounded, with frozen paws, he leaped off his master's back to run after the man; but being fastened to the straps of the knapsack, he pulled Daubenton down and I thought everything was over with him. I dragged myself on my knees about two steps ahead and took aim, but the priming of my gun did not burn. Then the man, shouting savagely, threw himself upon me, but I had time to get under a wagon and present my bayonet at him.

Meantime the dog, howling and barking, was dragging off Daubenton sideways. Fortunately the sergeant was able to disentangle himself, and seizing his gun, he cried to me: "Don't be frightened, don't stir!" He fired. The ball struck the Cossack under the right arm and he fell from his horse. A French soldier seized the animal by the bridle. "Stop, you rascal!" cried Daubenton. "That's my horse. I killed the fellow." But the other man escaped amid a rabble. Then Daubenton called out to me: "Look after Mouton! I am going after the horse." The last words were scarcely out of his mouth when more than four thousand stragglers of all nations came on me like a torrent, separating me from him and from Mouton, and I never say them again.

Telegraph Men at the Front.

S. Rudow, aged 55 years, telegraph operator, first company, United States signal corps, received his discharge papers last July at San Francisco. He was in town yesterday, says the Kansas City Star. "It's a saying among the boys over there that let a soldier cross a swamp or swim a river, the second man over is the signal service operator, sending back a report of how it was done," remarked Rudrow, who proved as sharp as his appearance was odd. "If there's an advance of half a mile by the firing line the wire has been brought up and cut, the instrument attached and an operator is seated at his little table sending dispatches to brigade headquarters describing the charge before the troops have stopped panting." "Do the signal service men at the front work in the trenches or just behind the firing line?" The gray old operator smiled. "Trenches? Nonsense. Right on the line, within 200 yards of the enemy, sitting at your little table sending dispatches for the colonel, the majors, the adjutant, or receiving orders. Oh, they shoot at you all right enough. Often they get in behind and cut the wires. Some have been shot while climbing the poles. The colonels and regimental officers are always right at the front and brigade headquarters from one-half mile to one and a half miles in the rear. The operators take turns at the front. Nearly everything in the signal service is telegraphy. Once in a while the flags were used, but only where we couldn't use the wire. That wasn't often, for we waded through swamps up to the chest, dragging the wire after us. There's no dashing about of couriers and orderlies carrying orders as there was in the civil war. The telegraph does everything." A question about the signal service of the Filipinos caused Rudrow to be merry. "Well, you should see it," he said. "They sent up rockets and built bonfires after night attacks. I suppose these announced great victories. I never saw or heard of any other signals by them."

Riding a Buffalo.

Gen. John F. Weston, the new commissary general of the war department, has a record for courage of which any army officer might be proud. A year or two after the close of the civil war, he was appointed a lieutenant in the regular army, and accompanied Gen. Sheridan on an expedition against the Cheyenne Indians. It was during this campaign that an incident occurred which was recently told by an army officer to a reporter for the Philadelphia Times. One evening, after we had gone into camp, a small herd of buffalo was sighted. The lieutenant had thrown off his saddle and put aside his arms. He caught up his belt, in which were revolver and knife, and leaped upon his bareback horse. After a race he caught up with a huge bull, and emptied his revolver into its side. The bull faced him. Weston was several miles from camp, and had no more cartridges. Determined not to be laughed at, he dismounted and drew his knife. He walked to one side of the bull, and the animal turned. He began to run, but the bull kept its lowered head always toward him. He kept stopping and turning until the sweat poured from him. At last he managed to get behind the bull, and with a leap landed upon its back. The buffalo, with a snort of terror, dashed forward in a mad, lumbering gallop. The soldier worked his way forward to the brute's shoulders, fastening his fingers in the mane, and began to hack away at the throat of the terror-stricken buffalo. It took time, but finally the knife went through the hair and hide. The brute gave a wheezing, roaring cough and fell forward, plunging its nose into the earth and throwing the rider fifteen feet in front. Weston was bruised and stunned, but the brute was beyond doing him any harm.

Why Chinese Armies Fail.

In the Journal of the United Service Institution, Major A. E. J. Cavendish emphatically points out the vices of the Chinese military system. Much of the utter inefficiency of China's army, he thinks, is explained by the native saying, "Do not use good steel to make a nail, nor take a good man to make a soldier," which is most thoroughly acted up to. The absence of nerves and the animal ferocity of the Chinaman admirably adapted him for the deliberate extermination which characterizes the suppression of a revolt, but in real courage, the abnegation of self under danger, he is woefully deficient; he will do much for pay; he will fight when his rage is roused, but his passion, violent as a typhoon, as quickly passes away. Major Cavendish thinks it small wonder that the Chinese troops refused to stand up to the Japanese when of the hundreds of thousands who since 1862 had been "drilled" with foreign weapons, not one in 60,000 had been taught their proper use. Musketry and artillery practice is limited generally to handling the weapon, and instruction in the use of rifles and field guns is not thought necessary; indeed, it is opposed. It may be fairly doubted whether the English major has made out a good case against the Chinese as lacking in fighting qualities. If the efforts of the government have all been against the development of the warlike spirit, it is not unnatural that the Chinese should be poor warriors. Soldiers who are taught to go into battle carrying fans, as the Chinese did in the Japanese war, cannot reasonably be counted on as lacking courage. Major Cavendish has too often seen the beneficial result of discipline on apparently worthless material in the British army not to admit there is no telling to what a degree of military proficiency a generation or two of modern progressive government might not bring the Chinese.—From the Army and Navy Journal.

A Perfect Dinner.

Fletcher Robinson in Cassell's Magazine: "What would you call a perfect dinner, Mr. Joseph?" "I will tell you. One like that which I cooked for four American gentlemen, years back in Paris. They said, 'We leave the menu to you, M. Joseph,' and so I gave them this: First a simple pot a feu; to follow that a dish I had just invented and which I called pommes de Georgette. It was a good dish. I had given it that title after a play, 'Georgette,' written by M. Victorien Sardou. He received the Legion of Honor, but his play does not run today. I did not receive the ribbon, but people still eat my dish. Bah! What does it matter? Well, as I was saying, they had pommes de Georgette, and after that a whole woodcock each. To follow the woodcock peaches." "Peaches a la Cardinal?" I suggested. "No, monsieur," said the great chef sternly. "Ripe peaches, such as the bon Dieu made them. What he has fashioned so sweet and pure the good cook will not dare to touch." "Did they enjoy the dinner?" I asked after a moment's silence. "The next night those four gentlemen appeared and cried with one voice, 'M. Joseph, the same dinner again!' For six nights they came, without wishing a change, and they might be doing so still, monsieur, if they had not been forced to return to America."

The Census of Germany.

The Times publishes a careful analysis of the German census taken on June 14, 1895, from which it appears that the population amounted on that day to 51,770,000, of whom 25,400,000 were males, and 26,360,000 females, the excess of females being, therefore, nearly 1,000,000. This population increases at the rate of a little more than 1,000,000 a year, for which new means of maintenance, education and housing must be provided. The rush is, of course, to the towns, the general urban population having increased since 1882 by 36 per cent, while the population of towns with more than 100,000 persons had more than doubled. Of the total, 8,292,000 are occupied in agriculture, 8,281,000 in industry, 2,238,000 in trade, 794,000 in professions, 631,000 as soldiers and sailors, and 1,339,000 as servants. The proportion of servants is the lowest in the census-taking world, not half the proportion in Great Britain. The Catholics are about a third of the population, while of the whole commercial class 5.71 per cent are Jews.—London Spectator.

Notes from the Jungle.

The Crocodile—"If there's anything I hate it's a musical monkey. That's the third time that ape has waked me up galloping up and down my back." The Ibis—"What does he do it for?" The Crocidile—"Said he was only practicing the scales."—New York Press.

Mixing Chemical Fertilizers.

A bulletin of the Tennessee Experiment Station says:

Farmers should make their own manure at home, by growing feed, feeding it to milch cows or other stock and saving the manure. They should by all means produce their own nitrogenous fertilizers by growing leguminous plants, which catch and fix the nitrogen of the air, as explained in Press Bulletin 1. The good farmer will do this and will thus never need to buy any fertilizer unless it is phosphate and potash. If they will buy fertilizers there is no mystery or difficulty about mixing them at home. Nitrogen costs 12 to 15 cents a pound in fertilizers. Manufacturers prepare them by mixing with acid phosphate some source of nitrogen, like tankage, dried blood, or cotton seed meal, and a potash compound like muriate of potash or kanite. Why may not the farmer mix them for himself? is a question frequently asked of the Tennessee Agricultural Experiment Station. The station always mixes fertilizers for its own use, and any farmer can do the same as follows: Use as the basis for your mixture acid phosphate made from the Tennessee rock. It is the highest grade and the cheapest phosphate we have. It should be had anywhere in Tennessee for $12 a ton or less, and should contain 16 to 18 per cent available phosphoric acid. For potash use muriate of potash, containing 50 per cent potash. It costs, in Tennessee, $42 to $45.

Two classes of mixtures are sold:

1. Mixtures of acid phosphate and potash can be prepared thus: Take 1,850 pounds of Tennessee acid phosphate, 150 pounds muriate of potash, and mix thoroughly. At the above prices a ton of the mixture will cost about $14.25, and will contain at least 13.5 per cent available phosphoric acid and 3.5 per cent potash. It is the best fertilizer for cow-peas, grasses and forage plants generally, corn and wheat, and makes a fine compost with manure.

2. So-called complete fertilizers may be prepared by mixing proper amounts of acid phosphates, potash and "ammoniates," as the substances supplying nitrogen are called. Here is a good mixture made with "tankage," or dried animal matter from the slaughter houses, which contain 7 per cent nitrogen and 12 per cent available phosphoric acid, and costing $20 a ton.

Any of these can be easily mixed on the barn floor or a smooth, dry place, by breaking all the lumps, and sprinkling out, first a thin layer of one and then of another ingredient until the whole is laid out. Shovel together until very thoroughly mixed and put through a sand screen. Can you not afford to mix your own fertilizers for from $5 to $10 a ton? Agents are running over the country selling formulas for fertilizers not half as good as the above, for $5 a recipe.

The Color Fad.

If the brood sow does not come in heat you may know that she is not in good condition, says the Farmer. If a litter has just been weaned, feed her liberally, and in a few days she will breed. As a rule it is not best to breed her the first time she comes in heat after weaning the pigs. The probabilities are that she has not sufficiently recovered from the strain on her system to do well. The litter from coupling at this time would likely be few in number. The sow to give the best return should be in fine condition when bred, making improvement each day. It is not reasonable to expect much from a sow running down in flesh and in low condition; yet sows are often bred that are but little more than walking skeletons, and are expected to produce thrifty pigs.

Farm Vegetables.—The fresh, crisp, juicy and finely flavored products of the farm garden may be set down as one of the most attractive things in farm life. The farmer may not appreciate these products as greatly as do the people of the towns, who see only stale, wilted, discolored and generally out-of-condition vegetables in the markets. The farmer who will not give a thought to his lettuce or his onions or his green, or other vegetable, because he is accustomed to them in their most attractive state, would find a new interest in such things, could he return to them after a visit to a city and a diet on vegetables in the usual city condition. The farmer at home is master of his own supplies of vegetables, and he misses one of the best things within his reach when he fails to secure for himself and his family a large garden growing a variety of excellent and wholesome vegetables. Ex-

Our "Butter" in Cuba.—American butter sells for less in the Cuban market than butter from France, Holland and Denmark. And yet American butter is generally better than that coming from the other countries. The trouble is that oleomargarine and other imitations are sold in Cuba as American butter. It is precisely the same dishonest methods which have so greatly injured the American butter trade in Europe. When our government stops this fraudulent trade, American butter and cheese will sell again in the markets of the world at prices as high as similar articles from other countries. This dishonest practice on the part of exporters not only disgraces the United States, but it takes millions of dollars annually out of the farmers' pockets, by depreciating the value of their products.—Philadelphia Press.

Storing Onions.—Onions, unless they have been properly prepared, are difficult to keep, but properly ripened off, dug at the right season and dried as they should be, they will keep well. The temperature must be low and the air dry, as in a warm, moist atmosphere they soon grow and are spoiled. If I had onions to store, not knowing how they had been dried, I should subject them to 100 degrees heat for several days, which has almost the effect of kiln drying. Then place in shallow, slatted boxes, piled one above another, in a cellar well ventilated and kept just above freezing. If this way is not practicable they can be kept in a building away from fire, stored in a bin which has a thick lining and covering of chaff and fine hay.—Vick's Magazine.

The Prickly Pear.—The Oputia, grown in Sicily, produce delicious fruits in great abundance, often ten tons per acre. In Almeria, Spain, as high as fifteen tons of fruits are sometimes produced. In Sicily the well-ripened prickly pears are really delicious, and these improved varieties should be tried in all the southern and southwestern states. Some of these best sorts have been obtained and will be distributed to the experiment stations for trial.

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On one occasion the Prince of Wales visited a Hindoo school in Madras. The youngsters had been drilled into the proprietry of saying, "Your royal highness" should the prince speak to them, and when the heir-apparent accosted a bright-eyed lad, and, pointing to a prismatic compass, asked, "What is this?" the youngster, all in a flutter, replied: "It's a royal compass, your prismatic highness."

Egypt and the Soudan have now 2,014 miles of railways; the line from Boeber to Kassala and Suakim is under way of construction.

The December Atlantic might in same senses almost be called a Chicago number, for three of the most striking and salient articles are by Chicago authors. Harriet Monroe's "The Grand Canon of the Colorado" is a brilliant and effective sketch of nature and natural scenery; Mrs. Ella W. Peattie's lively "The Artistic Side of Chicago" pictures the aesthetic, artistic, educational, and literary features of the great city, while the short story "The Detectives," by Will Payne, is a capital example of the power of Chicago writers in romantic fiction. Chicago has reason to be proud of her contributions to this number of the representative magazines of America.

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The constantly increasing business of the B. & O. R. R. has necessitated very material additions to the telegraph service. During the past year nearly 2,000 miles of copper wire, 166 pounds to the mile, have been strung. New lines have been placed in service between Baltimore and Pittsburg, Baltimore and Parkersburg, Newark, O. to Chicago, Philadelphia to Newark, Philadelphia to Cumberland and Cumberland to Grafton. During the summer several of these wires were quadruplexed between Baltimore and Cumberland and duplexed west.

The January Century will contain a poem by Rudyard Kipling, "In the Matter of One Compass." Dr. Mitchell's story, "The Autobiography of a Quack," ends in that issue, but another serial by Dr. Mitchell will begin in the March number. It is called "Dr. North and His Friends," and one who has read the manuscript calls it "an epitome of the science, culture and common sense of the nineteenth century."

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There is no character more contemptible than a man who is a fortune hunter.

A Bright Outlook.

La Porte, Texas, is now attracting the attention of the business men of the United States and during 1900 great interest will be manifested in it. Owing to an advantageous natural location it is destined to enjoy a growth in commercial manufacturing and shipping interests which millions of dollars in advertising and years of energetic promotion could not give it were it not so favored by nature. Men of affairs with large experience in the upbuilding of cities are predicting a future for La Porte which if but half realized will make it the greatest seaport on the Gulf of Mexico and indeed one of the principal seaports of the United States as well as a city of great importance in the manufacturing, railroad and commercial world. It is at the head of Galveston Bay in the celebrated coast country of Texas and has a summer and winter climate which makes it a resort for travelers the year round. The farming land surrounding it is as fine as any in the United States.

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