

SUNDAY SCENES IN HAVANA

Typical Revels and Pastimes in the Chief City of the Antilles.

GAY LIFE FRINGED WITH MISERY

Bull Fights, Masquerades, Dancing and Gambling in the Shadows of Death - Coffin Makers Working Overtime.

HAVANA, April 12.—On week days Havana is war-mad. On Sundays the city is pleasure-mad. The commandment, as translated by the hot-headed people of this tropical city, is: "Six days shalt thou fight and do all thy killing; but the seventh day is the day of pleasure; in it thou shalt have no war."

Havana's Sunday is a day of cock fights, bull fights, concerts, promenades and masquerade balls. In these pleasures Spaniards and Cubans, enemies all, consort together as comrades without arms. At 7 o'clock on Sunday morning the Spaniard shares the coffee with the Cuban, and talks to give the passing American the customary week-day glare. At the same hour the American takes his coffee alone, and wonders what will happen next in this Vesuvius-like city.

From coffee hour at 7 until breakfast at 11 everybody attends—church? No! The

they manage to raise \$5 in Spanish silver to see the four bulls butchered.

AT THE BULL FIGHT.

The Spaniard, Al, shudders instantly at the American's cry: "But this is not a fight; it is only a slaughter." No matter, the Spaniard thinks dispassionately, he cries: "Brawl! Brawl! Brawl!" Finally, after the twelve or fourteen horses have been gored to death by the four bulls, and after the four bulls have been tortured till they are so weak they can hardly stand, the great hero, the matador, steps in and kills the bulls, one after another, by plunging his sword through their bodies.

At the last bull fight here the matador was Spain's greatest. His name was Maszintini. If the butchers in the slaughter houses at Chicago, where they kill an average of one bull per minute, could see the famous Maszintini kill his bull they would know him. This same lot of the people, Maszintini, returned to Spain after that so-called bull fight. He took with him, in his leather belt, \$25,000. And yet nowhere on the face of God's earth can so much money, misery, ruin, poverty and starvation be seen as in Havana at the very time his citizens are paying from \$5 to \$12 each for seats at a Sunday bull fight.

THE BUSY COFFIN MAKER.

What cares the pleasure-mad populace? There are plenty of coffins. The coffin

maker is the only man who is hard at work all day on Sunday. His work in his own doorway. A number of coffins, all made that day, are piled up on one side of the doorway. Still this carpenter works on, nailing the pine boards into shape to fit the human form. For by Monday he knows that all the coffins he has made on Sunday will be lowered into the ground, each with its dead occupant.

The passing crowd grin at him. Ha! ha! poor carpenter! He must drive nails on Sunday instead of seeing Maszintini kill the bulls, poor man! They sincerely pity him. Now the crowd, after swarming into the plaza, the Prado and the park, gather round the tables on the sidewalk in front of the cafes. Spanish privas soldiers drink cognac and water. The officers drink aniseite. Americans call for lemonade and ice cream. The Cubans lock on, or are treated by their friends, the enemy, the Spaniard. All smoke big cigars of various qualities, though the majority of them are good.

SOME NEW INVENTIONS.

The back of a newly-designed brush is provided with a receptacle for the comb with a

flush lid sliding into grooves to cover it and a mirror is set in the bottom of the compartment.

Milk can be kept cool in summer in a new can which has a central compartment extending to the lid, in which there is an opening for the passage of ice into the central tube. Electricity is used to operate a new brush which can be used for many purposes, the motor being located inside the revolving cylinder on the back shaft, while the brush jacket is rotatably mounted on the shaft and geared to the motor.

Gas cannot escape from a new burner after the flame is cut off. The inlet to the burner is automatically closed by the contraction of a rod as soon as the heat of the flame is stopped, causing a spring valve to act and shut off the gas.

In a recently designed turbine for collecting ticks a curved arm closes the outlet and is locked at each turn of the stator to prevent the next person passing through until he has deposited his ticket in the box, when an attendant releases the arm.

For use in the sick room a new table has been designed, consisting of a clamping bracket for attachment to the side of the bed, with an extension rod above it, carrying a side arm which projects over the bed and holds a tray in position for use.

Housekeepers will appreciate a new bowl-holder, which is formed of a clamp or bracket on the table, with an adjustable three-screw clamp to grasp the top of the bowl and hold it flat. The bowl is held in place by a weight without holding the receptacle with one hand.

Water bottles for table use are being fitted with automatic stoppers which have a hollow tube to extend inside the neck of the bottle and a weighted lever inside the casing at the top, which slides a metal gate across the opening when the bottle is tilted for pouring.

Eggs can be tested easily by a new device, consisting of a casing having holes bored in the top in which the eggs are placed with a light over them, and a mirror in the bottom of the casing to reflect the egg so that a person looking in the eye-piece can see if they are clear.

In a new baby carriage the sides and ends of the body are formed of metal strips pivoted together at the ends to fold up, with the bottom and truck made in sections, which are hinged together, the whole carriage being contained in a space about as large across as the wheels when it is folded.

A handy ice cream mold and disher is formed of a cup with a half cog-wheel on the bottom of the shaft, which extends inside the cup to carry the cutters, which are revolved by a pivoted rack meshing with the cog, the rack and dipper being attached to the handle. A handy cap after recently placed on the market has a horizontal rod set in a casing on which a sifter is mounted, to be shaken by a handle extending to the outside of the casing, the device being made up of several

Tell your friends that all this week we are going to have a clearance sale of mandolins—

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MODERN WARSHIPS IN ACTION

World-Wide Interest in the Outcome of a Trial of Strength.

SAMPLES OF WHAT MAY BE EXPECTED

Unequal Sea Fight Between Chile and Peru and the Famous Battle of the Yalu—Avalanche on Battleships.

The outcome of a battle between modern men-of-war is a matter of world-wide interest and speculation. Since the American Civil War revolutionized the naval forces of the world, there has been but two contests from which conclusions as to the value of modern fighting ships may be drawn, but in both instances there were inequalities as to ships, armaments and crews which rendered the outcome unsatisfactory and inconclusive. Modern line-of-battle ships are practically an antiquity. So are torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers, the various types of torpedoes, dynamite gun, rocket shells and other destructive material known to modern navies. So great is the interest in a trial of naval skill with the latest equipment that there will be little regret among neutral nations at the approaching contest between the United States and Japan.

TERRIBLE DESTRUCTION.

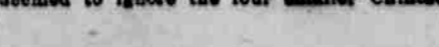
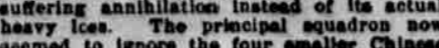
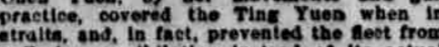
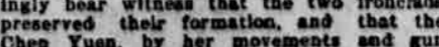
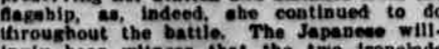
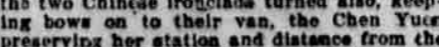
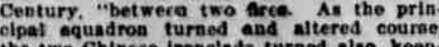
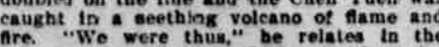
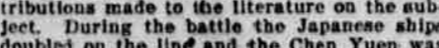
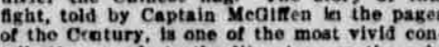
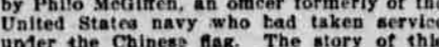
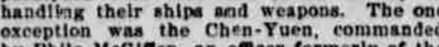
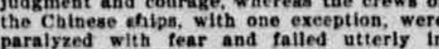
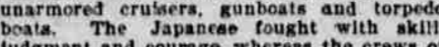
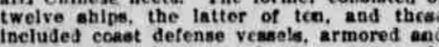
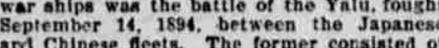
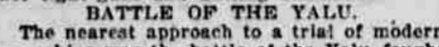
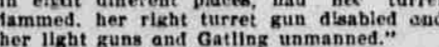
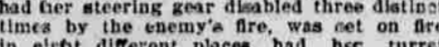
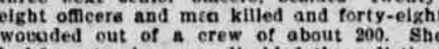
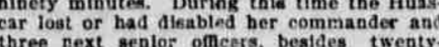
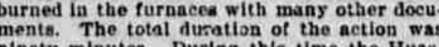
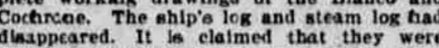
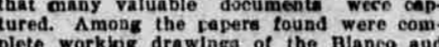
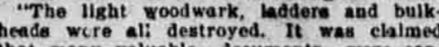
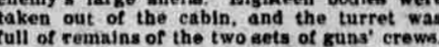
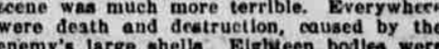
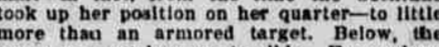
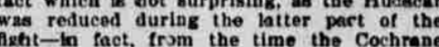
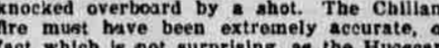
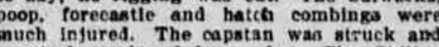
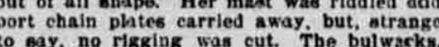
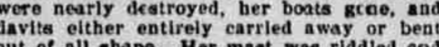
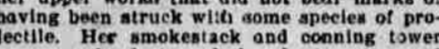
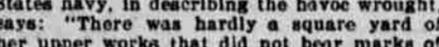
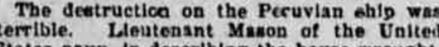
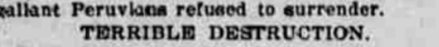
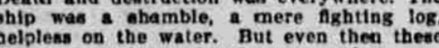
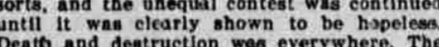
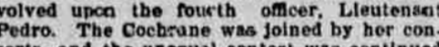
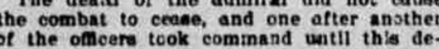
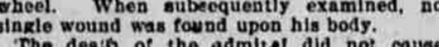
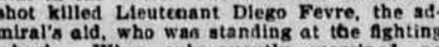
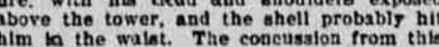
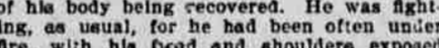
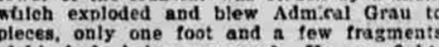
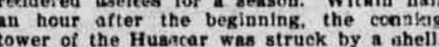
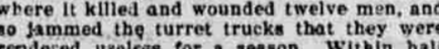
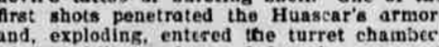
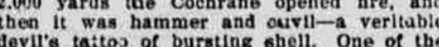
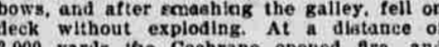
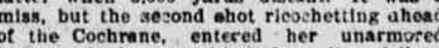
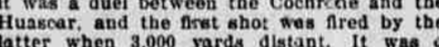
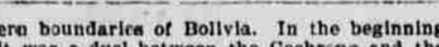
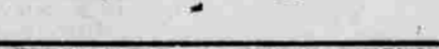
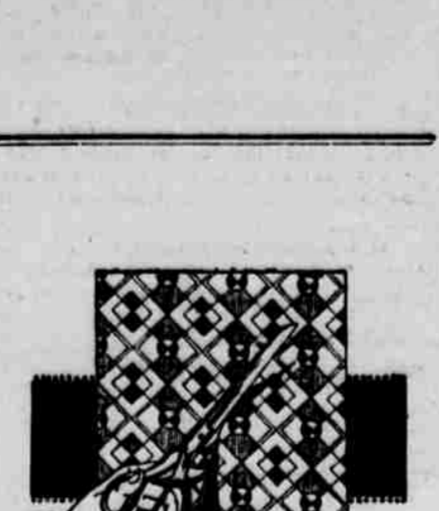
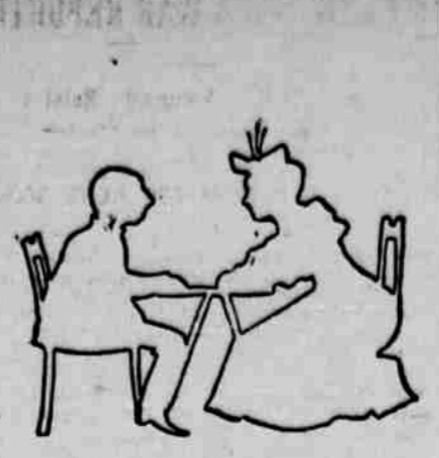
The destruction of the Peruvian ship was terrible. Lieutenant Mason of the United States navy is describing the havoc wrought, saying: "There was hardly a square yard of her upper works that did not bear marks of having been struck with some species of projectile. Her mainmast and conning tower were nearly destroyed, her bows gone, and davits either entirely carried away or bent out of all shape. Her mast was riddled and her funnels a true 'holer' with their own stard." By this one shell forty-nine officers and men were instantly killed and over thirty wounded; the gunnery lieutenant was blown into the sea, his cap and telescope being all trace of him ever found on the ship.

McGiffin's Valorous Part.

Captain McGiffin's part in that terrible contest is detailed by Calvin Dill Wilson in a recent number of the Home Motor. "When this fight was scarcely opened," writes Mr. Wilson, "McGiffin saw the navigating lieutenant disappear from his position, looking very queer after some time. He saw the ship with the training engine of one of the turbines and the captain was obliged to go down to the armored platform. He saw the first gun being fired, and saw the first gun being fired by the leg, calling out, 'There's no room for any more here. You must hide yourself. Stay where you are. Do not move. The navigating lieutenant and a dozen more were terrified in hiding. McGiffin was so angry that he used physical force upon the crew. He ordered them to get up on the way; after that they let him fix the engine.

THE BATTLE OF THE YALU.

The nearest approach to a trial of modern warships was the battle of the Yalu, fought September 14, 1894, between the Japanese and Chinese fleets. The former consisted of twelve ships, the latter of ten, and these included coast defense vessels, armored and unarmored cruisers, gunboats and torpedo boats. The Japanese fought with skill, judgment and courage, whereas the crews of the Chinese ships, with one exception, were paralyzed with fear and fell utterly before their ships and weapons. The one exception was the Chen-Yuen, commanded by Philo McGiffin, an officer formerly of the United States navy who had taken service with the Chinese flag. The story of the fight, told by Captain McGiffin in the pages of the Century, is one of the most vivid contributions made to the literature on the subject. During the battle the Chinese ships doubled on the line and the Chen Yuen was caught in a scorching volcano of flame and fire. The two Chinese ironclads turned also, keeping bows on to their van, the Chen Yuen preserving her station and distance from the flagship, as, indeed, she continued to do throughout the battle. The Japanese willingly bear witness that the two ironclads preserved their formation, and that the Chen Yuen, by her movements and gun practice, covered the Ting Yuen when in straits, and, in fact, prevented the fleet from suffering annihilation instead of its actual heavy loss. The principal squadron now seemed to ignore the four smaller Chinese



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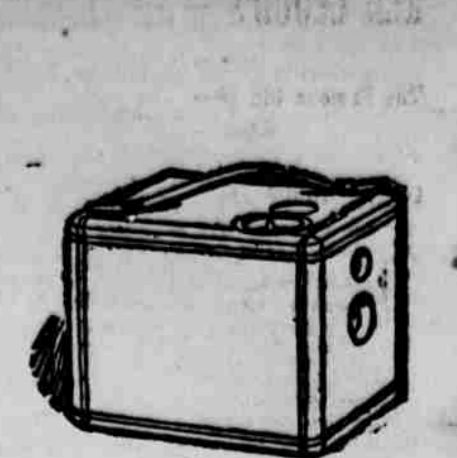
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