RONALD FLETCHER—CASTAWAY.

Story of a Lad Wrecked on Sable Island, Who Found the Treasure of a Spanish Galleon Buried in the Sand. By PERCIE W. HART.

Leaning on the general's arm an hour discoloration in piaces and brought out the In 1703 the ship Goodly Hope was thrown yellow luster of the rich metal.

upon one of the many shifting bars of With trembling, nervous fingers Ronald Sable Island. The seas broke over her. The unfastened the trinket and laid it at the hungry, resilers sand slowly but surely stranger's feet, meanwhile subling out his gulped her down. It was not particularly discovery of the stranded galleon, with its novel. This island monster of the North At- chests of treasure in the afterhold. lantic ocean had merely swallowed another 1 "Now, this is something like," chuckled tid-bit. Of all that gallant crew only a single the red-bearded one, snatching up the bauble and examining it greedily. "'Tis a brave soul escaped to shore.

A young lad of good family, Ronald lad. All will be well with you. Fear noth-Fletcher by name, had been lashed to a ing. Bear me company to the shore. Why wooden grating by some rough seamen. The vagrant eddies swept the grating well into a My merry comrades will brisk up their ears first and left the other tale for idle hours shallow cove. As soon as he was able the mightly when they find that their captain boy cleared himself from the saving fetters brings them reward, even though misforwaded thankfully to the dry land. But a brief survey of the treatess waste but to dodge away, and-tremble not. You tunes. Lively, boy; play me no tricks. Try dashed his new hopes. As far as the eye will find me as gentle as a fond father if could see was nothing but an expanse of your own duty is performed with a good rolling sand dunes, with but an occasional grace." patch of rank grass to vary the monotonous landscape.

Seabirds, with their eggs, and an occasional drowned fish tossed upon the strand. | pushing, half dragging the boy along with furnished Ronald's only food for many days, him. They soon reached the same cove Portions of wrecked vessels were abundant, which had received Ronald so hospitably, and he secured a crude shelter by creeping Some thirty or forty yards from the shore underneath them; but nevertheless, he suf- was a ship's boat, manned by six repulsive fered terribly from exposure to the never- looking fellows. They were engaged in ending procession of storms. His clothing holsting salls and did not at first note the was soon worn to tatters. His hair grew approach of the pair. long and matted. His skin became frightfully tanned and also disfigured by oruptions resulting from the unnatural food he was compelled to eat.

In one of his excursions about the island he found the hull of an old-fashioned ship await my return? Would desert an old chipmate? Shame upon you for fair weather standing upon an even keel, between two sailors!' sand hillocks. Ronald eagerly clambered all over her, hoping to find something that the men in the boat. "Your watch is done might prove useful to him. But she was with us. Me and my mates have figured apparently an old wreck, clean-stripped by the remorseless years. In further searching the lad scraped away the sand and opened a small hatch which showed itself in the floor of the after cabin. Little daylight could retorted angrily. find its way below deck, but he discerned several great metal bound chests. With a young shaver?" inquired the one whom the piece of loose timber he managed to smash captain had addressed as Bully Ned. "He'll in the end of one of them. Out tumbled a be a nice measmate for you, if there is anystream of discolored metal pieces. They were thing to mess with on such a sandbar." coins of silver and gold, and ornaments and trinkets in the same precious metals. The the captain, holding up the precious chain craft undoubtedly had been a treasure ship, which Ronald had so freely turned over to mayhap a Spanish galleon bringing her tribhim ute from the Indics. Before he left the hulk the lad took a heavy gold chain and fastened it around his waist. The thing servel

to bind his tattered clothes together. During the frequent storms Ronald was compelled to remain beneath pieces of of the same and finer back among the hills. wreckage. The clouds of flying sand at such times were overpowering. His larder was so ill-supplied that he frequently endured the pangs of hunger along with the confinement. Upon one such occasion in par-ticular his fasting had been exceedingly prolonged. With the first signs of the storm's abatement he hastened to a great stretch of lively," the captain continued, addressing salt swamp, much affected by the gulls, where he gathered an armful of eggs. Crouching down upon the soggy grass, unmindful of the noisy birds circling overhead or anything else, he commenced to crack the shells and swallow their contents. In the midst of this poor feast he heard an exclamation of surprise. He looked up, scarcely believing that he had heard aright. A big red-bearded man, attired in rough



till then did he completely recover con-ito see her birds said, when told a cerialn clousness. It was now night, pitch dark brown bird was a bobolink: "Why, I never and stormy. He managed to relieve himself | saw a bobolink look like that." He had no of his fetters, but knew not how to find a recognized this very common bird, because way to shelter. And so he staid where he he had changed his cont. In the eastern was (not forgetting to return a fervent states, in the spring and summer, the bobo prayer to heaven for his well-nigh miracu- link is jet black, streaked with white, and ous deliverance) and braved the elements has a bright yellow neck, but in the autumn as best he could. After long hours of suffer- he goes down to Florida and his bright ing, the storm subsided and the sun came plumage is doffed for a sober brown one. up on a cloudless blue sky. Within a few feet of him lay the galleon's hulk, once

more almost entirely exposed! Poor Ronald was well nigh out of his wits, He argued that the buccaneers were too experienced sailors to have ventured putting to sea in their frail craft in the teeth of a

rising gale. If he could come to them with practical proof of his sincerity in regard to the treasure he imagined that they would relent. And so he clambered down into the after hold of the hulk, and, utilizing the progress with it shoreward, having to put it allowed the freedom of the house down repeatedly and rest his arms. During one of these pauses he saw something which looked familiar at a distance. It was the

woolen cap that Captain Rogers had worn. So saying, in curiously alternating accents 'oming nearer, Ronald noticed that it lay of harshness and forced genfallty, the newin the very center of a boggy spot. The lad comer started away at a lively speed, half was cautious. He extracted several coins from his bundle and threw them near the buccancer's cap. The pieces of metal lodged innocently beside it. Then Ronald approached a little nearer and tossed the heavy package in the same direction. It landed close alongside of the cap and-sank out of sight in two seconds! The spot was a "cup hole," in other words, a quicksand or treacherous taurants. "Hi! Lads, I say!" shouled the redmorass, another common attribute of this

pearded man excitedly, but, nevertheless, hungry ocean island. keeping fast hold of the willing Ronald. "Is The buccaneers had probably walked into this the fashion in which you obey the orders of your commandant? Did 1 not bid you



HE LOOKED UP, SCARCELY BELIEVING THAT HE HEARD ARIGHT.

unbappy Ronald heard the captain cursing it all unknowingly. At any rate they had making up their reluctant minds. But disappeared, leaving their well equipped boat

when they had deided and pushed the boat upon the shore of the cove. back to the beach the crafty skipper recived In an agony of fear and sorrow, and yet with deep compassion for the men who had "You'd have only gone to Davy Jones" so cruelly used him, young Ronald waited locker without me, lads," he said to them. "Who would have laid a course? I'm the pinnace willing to risk any fate rather than pinnace, willing to risk any fate rather than only one that can pilot in these waters. As to remain longer upon the island. He was for being marconed on this island, nothing picked up by a Dutch war ship, and, after would have pleased me better. Some ship many vicissitudes, reached England safely. would have taken me off in good time and

I'd have had the best part of the treasure to A LITTLE GIRL'S 100 BIRDS.

Articles Associated with the Martyr Presi-OLD FURNITURE FROM THE WHITE HOUSE

Many an interesting story this little girl can tell of the doings of hor pets, of their sagacity and bright, mischlevous ways. This same bobolink, who is very tame and used to be allowed to fly over the whole house. developed incendiary propensities. He delighted in opening match boxes, striking matches, holding them in his bill a little while to enjoy the blaze and then drop them. Another naughty trick of this bird was breaking vases or glazaes. He would watch America Exposition containing the Abragreater part of his wretched clothing for the for any that might have been placed on the ham Lincoln relics is a shrine, and he appurpose, made up a bundle of the tarnished mantel, take them up in his bill and delib- proaches it much as a pilgrim does the rold and silver coins. The package was not erately drop them on the hearth just for the holy relics of a saint, for within the four walls are articles vitally connected with one large, but it was very heavy and all he pleasure, apparently, of hearing them smash. of the greatest and most lovable men this could well carry. In fact, he made but slow So mischlevous is he that he is no longer

THE RUSSO-CHINESE FLAG.

must be borne in mind that they are fast First Seen in This Country During becoming a prey to the ravages of time; the the Dewey Celebration. pictures are slowly but surely fading; the

Of the many thousand flags flung to the tapestry on the quaint furniture is sucpreeze in New York city during the recent cumbing to the inroads of the ubiquitous elebration in honor of Admiral Dewey's moth, and even the wooden desks and chaira homecoming, there was one, in many reare decaying and will soon be things of the spects the most unique banner ever used. past, It was from the far east, a strange flag

In the small room may be seen the bed in a strange land. Barbaric and heathenish stead upon which President Lincoln breathed in appearance, it helped decorate on this his last; the wooden pew in which he sat occasion one of the big Fifth avenue reswhen he attended church in Springfield, Ill.;

RELICS OF LINCOLN'S TIME

dent of the United States.

Many Things Recalling Some Critical

Periods in the History of Our

Country Are on Exhibis

tion in Omaha.

To the truly patriotic person the booth in

the Government building at the Greater

country has produced and with the most

add yet more to the value of these things it

To

critical period in our nation's history.

the headboard of the bedstead on which he Few who saw the queer banner knew stretched his lank form when a bachelor it for what it was. A huge painted dragon practicing law in the same town; chairs from of Chinese type on a background of yellow, the old Lincoln home, once the property of formed one triangular half of the flag, while Thomas Lincoln, father of the great Amerithe two smaller triangles of white were can; furniture from the home of Lincoln; filled, one with Chinose, characters, the letters written by the president and autoother with three bars of red and blue. Evi- graphs attached to important papers; phodently Russian imperialism had a hand in tographs taken of bim before and after his its making, and the old Chinese dragon election, and fine groups of himself sur-

suggested the vast empire of the Mandar-ins. rounded by his family; pictures of Ford's theater and of all the terrible and tragic One might continue turning the strange events which cluster about that fearful

problem over in mind for hours in a vain night; statues of the tall form and paintendeavor to get a solution, but for the ex- ings of the rugged face full of the deepest planation of the owner, Mr. M. S. Friede, sorrow, and still amidst it all a lurking a prominent member of the Engineer's club, humor that cropped cut now and then, even to whom the flag was given on a recent when he was most oppressed by the weight visit to the two countries represented. It is of the war and the tremendous questions the first flag used in Manchuria in connec- pressing upon him for solution. The letters, many of them, display the

tion with the great trans-Siberian railkindness and the simple greatness of the road now being built. From the beginning of the project it has been necessary man, for many of them are recommendato protect the workmen along the route. tions for mercy, and others speak good A Cossack guard was established and made words for some one in need of a position or to wear a uniform, part Russian and part of aid. Many curious badges of the Lincoln Chinese, For a banner they were given an- campaign are exhibited, some of them other combination of Russia and China, and yellow with age and their designs well nigh now for thousands of milles through Siberia obliterated by time. Among the most and Manchuria this strange flag may be curious articles is a fence rail said to have seen, carried and used by the Cossack been split by Lincoln, which was carried in

the campaign by the "Wideawakes" or Linguards. coln party; also a horn used by the party Perhaps this is the first instance of a flag made from the standards of two na- during the two campaigns. A silk tile of the vintage of the early 60's is something to tions and used to carry out a peaceful procause a smile, even though it was once joct for the benefit of both. This flag is indeed playing a great part in the development worn by Abraham Lincoln, for it makes a of Siberia and the linking of the east and strange appearance after all there years, the west

PRATTLE OF THE YOUNGSTERS.

"And do you always try to behave like a gentleman?" asked the visitor. "No, sir," replied little Tommy, "I'm not old enough for that, but I always behave

like a gentleboy." "Why can't the chickens swim, mamma?" asked 4-year-old Ethel.

"Because they don't know how, I suppose," was the reply.

"Well, then," continued the little miss, 'why don't they get the ducks to teach them?'

"Yes," said Aunt Matilda, "when I was a little girl old General Scott kissed me." Dear me, auntie," wicked Tom



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LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

McGregor, Ia., is to have a pearl button London contains eighty-five women phy-

Mexico sold the United States \$2,090,000 worth of hides last year. Day county, South Dakota, has produced two crops of oats this season. American shoe manufacturers can under-sell the local producer in South Africa. Sharon, Pa., is to have a \$3,000,000 steel dant, ground for which was broken a week ago.

Out of 1,100,000 in Massachusetts engaged gainful occupations only 37,000 are em-oyed on Sundays. California's law requiring corporations to ay wages at least monthly has been de ared constitutional.

The greatest whisky industry is in the United States, the output being more than \$0,980,000 gallons a year. The wages of every employe of the of Cleveland have United Sait company of been increased voluntarily,

worn by Abraham Linceln, for it makes a strange appearance after all there years, and still another interesting thing is a crude bootjack once used to remove the boots from another plant in Milwaukee.

A memento of the assassination is a piece of the white silk drags worn by Laura Keene on the fatal night. It is stained with the hand blowers. blood of the president. Many more articles

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Uncle Sam has 75,000 postoffices.

The new steel works to be put up by the will bear the closest study on the part of the Pressed Steel Car company at Joliet, 111., will give employment to about 1,800 men. student interested in the history of this country and of its great war president.

IN CHICAGO Once again we take pleasure in an nouncing that Dermatologist Woodbury and his Chief New York Surgeous will be at our St. Louis office, 308 Chemical the awkward young man's feet long before he stood high in the counsels of the nation or trod the floors of the White House. corner Monroe and State streets, for six fect or deformed features and to remove all distiguring blemishes from the Wrinkled. The company now operates the old Fox crinkled, flabby, furrowed skins; eyes teel car plant at Jollet. human face and body. Great Changes Are Shown. As one glaces over these relies he is impressed by the great changes that have transpired within less than fifty years—the vast difference in the styles of furniture and the great progress made in the way of comfort. The bedstead that the president used in the White House—a grand affair in the way di those days—would today but illy grate the humble home of any Omaha workingman. To be sure it is made of walcut and is more with drooping, squinting, puffy lids;

YOUR

OPPORTUNITY

IN ST. LOUIS

GOLD.

sea fashion, and wearing a woollen cap upon his head, stood some few rods distant, gazing wonderingly at him.

Ronald at once fell into a perfect delirium Quickly tossing of excitement and joy. nside the remnants of his meal he rushed toward the newcomer, with the evident intention of embracing him. But the latter was not over-cordial. At the first sign of this advance he drew a short sword or hanger, which he bore in his belt, and presented its point toward the breast of the enthusiastic youth.

"Not so fast, monkey, ape or wild man of the island, whichsoever you may be," cried the stranger, with an accompaniment of "Keep your distance and I'll keep oaths. mine."

"Oh, sir! have mercy upon me," poor Ronald screamed, falling upon his knees and extending his hands pitifully toward the impassive stranger. "I am an unfortunate, cast away alone upon this horrible place. You surely will sympathize with me. No human heart could steel itself to my condition.

And rapidly, at times incoherently, the wretched boy told the story of his shipwreck and wept in mental anguish.

The red-bearded stranger listened impaconceal his lack of attention.

had well finished. "You need enter into no through something of the same sort. cursed island has proved the death of my Ronald. own good ship and left me with but half a dozen companions and our pinnace to-hey, knave! What is this bravery?"

His eyes had just caught sight of the The golden chain around the lad's waist. rubbing of the rags had cleaned away the



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myself. But I'm honest. Share and share alike among gentlemen-adventurers is my Treat me right and-" motto.

"Easy all, Cap'n Rogers," replied one of

"You don't mean it, Bully Ned," cried the

"See if we don't!" several of the crew

"Where might you have come across the

"What do you make of this, lads?" called

There was a dead silence in the boat, but

"I'll tell you what I make of it," went on

the captain, impressively, "It is all gold.

and, better still, there's a whole shipload

"Who says so?" bellowed one of the sail-

"This poor, shipwrecked lad, who we are

going to take away with us. The gold

pays his passage," went on the red-bearded

skipper, with a curious intonation that

hardly pleased Ronald. "You'll come ashore

the men, "and maybe we'll sail off together

with doubloons instead of sandbags for bal-

The sailors in the boat consulted together

but the sight of the chain, with its attend-

ant promises, was a strong argument. The

at his men in an undertone, while they were

them with an assured smile.

that this boat is too small for seven.

captain, with a hoarse laugh.

the men all stared cagerly.

ors.

last."

"Belay! We ain't no lubbers to be gam noned by a sea-lawyer," growled Bully Ned. Captain Rogers' eyes flashed fire at this ungracious interruption, but he knew better than to waste words.

"Push along to the galleon, boys," he ordered, giving Ronald a by no means gentle shove.

Up and down, across the billowy sanddunes went the lad, closely followed by the little band of tyrants. From their conversation and appearance Ronald guickly realized that he had met with nothing more or less than buccaneers. Such gentry infested the seas in those days. The poor lad knew that he could expect but little kindness from them. However, he thought that the sight of the treasure might render them more generously disposed toward him than if he

came empty-handed. And so he trudged on, THEY WERE COINS OF SILVER AND with a heart heavy enough, to be sure, yet still not completely downcast.

But a sad blow awaited him. The storm which had wrecked the buccaneers' craft had

also changed the surface of the island considerably. He could not now find the galleon. From hillock to hillock he hurried the rough crew ever growing more impatient without catching a sight of the hulk which some days before had reared itself aloft above the sand. At last he had to admit his search was useless. He tried to explain the incessant movement of the island and that the galleon must have been covered up. But the buccaneers were in no mood to listen to excuses. Captain Rogers, perhaps from motives of selfish policy, was particularly aggressive. He led the rest in cursing and

threatening vengeance upon the unlucky guide. Finally the whole party came to a halt upon the summit of a sand hillock. "I'm for going back and sailing away in the boat while we have fair weather," an-

nounced one of the men. "Aye, aye, that's the talk. It's breezing up now," growled another.

Sure enough, in the excitement of the obtain any bird that she gets interested in age," said the teacher, "I was at least a year search they had not noticed it, but the clouds by reading Mabel Wright's or any of the further advanced than you are." were scurrying overhead and the distant many books written on our "feathered surf beginning to roar in a fashion that friends.

These birds are so well treated that if by presaged another blow. "How about this young shaver with his chance one gets out, he always comes back. tiently and without making any effort to lying tale of chests of treasure to be taken unless he meets puesy, and it is no wonder away for the carrying?" cried Bully Ned, he wants to get back, for they have the

best room in the house-the front parlor, a "So, so," he interrupted, before the lad with a volley of profanity. large sunny room that has been fitted up for "Put him where he can keep looking for more precise details. I have just been it until his eyes give out," cried the red. their special benefit. A very unusual, This bearded captain, scowling savagely at most interesting parlor it is, and one that attracts a good deal of attention from the passeraby. From the bay window there

Before he could well comprehend their is a large cage built so that the birds can intention, the boy's arms were bound fast to his sides with some plezes of lanyard, a enjoy the sunshine and air. The floor and walls are covered with linoleum and varhole was scooped in the very summit of the nished paper. About a foot below the ceilhillock and the trembling lad roughly placed ing all around the room Chinese straw therein. The crew then filled up the excacuffs are tacked, and make cosy nooks in ation and heaped the sand about, until only which the birds build their nests. Plants Ronald shricked. his head protruded. and branches of trees, that are often rescreamed and pleaded with his captors, but newed, and perches complete the furnit was unavailing. Not until the calloused

ture of the room. The food consists of all ruffians had marched away unheedingly did sorts of seeds, salad and sugar, and, of he realize his true position. He tried to

he realize his true position. He tried to squirm. In vain, the cruel sand kept him absolutely immovable. In fact, he found to his horror, that even the twitching of his muscles caused him to sink lower. The sand now came to his chin. He gave up sand now came to his chin. He gave up the tiny strawberry finches that so closely all hope. He prayed. He became more comresemble the fruit they are named after, the nosed and resolved if he must die to meet gold diamond zebra and white Chinese leath bravely. To this period of resignafinches, the Pekin nightingales, Java spar-rows and, largest and most brilliant of all, ion succeeded a sort of stupor. Later on he became entirely unconscious. Several the Virginia cardinal, darting here and there

Meanwhile the wind had steadily been or perched around the room and filling the rathering force. It soon blew a gale. air with melody, you would be sure to say, Through some caprice it eddied about the as every one does, that there is not a more Through some caprice it eddied about the as every one does, that there is not a more in a with she d always stay. hillock in which Ronald was very nearly beautiful parlor in California. The little is that the time that I don't git a shifted. Then whole layers were carried than many a learned professor. She was that there's a look in papa's face in the more and there's a look in papa's face is the time that is don't git a shifted of the proantil at last the boy lay all exposed. Not fessors of an eastern college who had come

"was it only General Scott? Why, I told She Has a Room Specially for Them and Knows All About Each One.

There is a little girl in Berkeley, Cal., who, instead of playing with dolls, reading fairy tales or having the usual toys of children of her age, has pets that are both not eat those apples; they are not good for rare and beautiful, and she finds endless you." pleasure in reading about them, and the best of it, as she says, is "that all is true." She can prove it by using her powers of ob- these apples will keep me out of school for a servation, for this fortunate little girl has whole week."

100 birds that have come from different

parts of the world. Her father, who is a San Francisco lawyer, takes much pains to teacher for his slowness. "When I was your

the minister it was George Washington!"

"My boy," said a gentleman to a youngste who was eating some green fruit, "you should

"Guess you don't know much about it mister," replied the urchin. "Why, three of

A little fellow of 6 was reproached by his

To be sure it is made of walnut and is more | neers. or less ornamented with carvings, yet it

trod the floors of the White House.

or less ornamented with carvings, yet it makes but a shabby appearance alongside the bedstends of today. The chairs from the parlors of the president's home and these from the executive mansion look very strange to us. They certainly would be considered but poor furnishings for the most

Within a few months the Pulp Barrel company of Cincinnati will begin operamodest of parlors; they might more properly company grace the servants' quarters in some rich tions for the construction of a plant for the

man's home.

man's home. The inevitable haircloth sofa, slippery and uncomfortable, that was the standby of years ago in the furniture line, and queer looking chiffoniers, then called "bureaus." nothing chiffoniers, then called "bureaus," nothing This seems to be a senson of unparalleled growth in the telephone business, says the Electrical Review. In New York about a more than clumsy cupboards with drawers for storing clothing, are in evidence. Even housand new instruments a month are being installed, while in Chicago about the desk used by the president is a dumpy boking affair, not to compare in any way with those found in any business man's office in Omaha. As one gazes at these relics he realizes forcibly that there has been a great change for the better, notwithstanding the cry of the calamity howlers, and he sees that what was luxury forty years ago is but the common comfort of the middle class of

the common comfort of the middle class of today. And, again, it is brought forcibly to mind that there has been a great stride Car fare is 2 cents at Milan. forward in invention as well as in material Siam is to have a \$200,000 hotel. prosperity. By comparison, surprising ad-Montana has a 20,000-acre ranch. vancement in the line of newspapers and cartoons is shown. The pictures portraying the Hong Kong has one cotton mill. pecultarities of the different candidates for A Pittsburger has a \$1,250 glass hat, the presidency during Lincoln's time are crudely drawn and as crudely printed. There London has six vegetarian restaurants is very little art manifested, and although the ideas are strongly expressed, sometimes they are rather coarsely put. The newspapers are small, poorly printed sheets, the In Austrian hotels it is still customary to charge extra for candles. greatest comparing as to workmanship and news features with the country papers scat-A carload of dried canned pointoes con-tains 3,000 bushels, but would hold only 500 bushels in their natural state. tered like forest leaves through the smaller

towns of Nebraska. Frederick Peitz, a civil engineer, has re-turned from the immense soda beds of Dona Ana county, New Mexico, where he staked out \$2,000 acres of soda lands for a Pittsburg syndicate. Other Interesting Historic Relics. In addition to the relics in the Lincoln booth many other things of surpassing interest are on exhibition in the building, for In Canada the Grand Trunk is reported to have called in several of its traveling freight agents, owing to the fact that they cannot secure cars for the tremendous rush of business offering. instance, the historic door of Libby prison, through which went so many despairing men and through which there came so few to tell the tale of suffering and hardship; a suit of clothing worn by Washington at his inaugu-

of business offering. The fifty factories of Kokomo, Ind., now using natural gas as fuel, are tilling up their cellars and sheds with wood and conl for use in case the gas gives out. There has been no coal in that town for twelve years until a few days ago "It's a shame, that's what it is!" exration; a sword carried by him when he was claimed the boy wrathfully. "I can't have in the colonial service under the British government and a rifle that he shouldered in the ernment and a rifle that he shouldered in the revolution; also relies of Garfield and Grant and of many other famous men mentioned prominently in the annals of our country's history. In the art gallery in this building are portraits of every man of great national prominence from revolutionary times to the Spanish-American war. To the lover of flags the display of these emblems will appeal with much force. Flags of every variety and style from the first of this nation down to guidons captured in battle are shown-stainless ones and bloody "What's the matter?" asked the sympa-"Dad says he'll lick me if he over hears of me fighting with a boy smaller than I am,

to be penetrated. Between the rising and the setting of every sun 15,000 barrels of oil spurt up out of California's soil, and for the milis factories and workshops the great fue problem—a problem that has stood like a lion in the path of the manufacturing en largement of the Golden state for many vegra-is being effectually and profitably battle are shown-stainless ones and bloody ones-tattered ones filled with bullet holes and shreds that have been carried at the head of our victorious armies. Coming to the present time, a big showing is made of the accoutrements of army and navy, models years-is being effectually and profitably of ships, cannon, guns and swords. The solved,

of ehips, cannon, guns and swords. The firearm exhibit is one of the most complete in the country, exemplifying the rude weapons of the past and the up-to-date arms of the present. Now that the exhibit is so soon to be taken away and scattered far and wide, the people of the city should visit and examine this treasury of historic mementoes. A plain statement of facts: Cook's Impe-tial Champagne Eving Dry is superior its

rial Champagne Extra Dry is superior. Its bouquet excels; its taste delights. Try it.

Pat and the Parrot.

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