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"It was the best deal I have made in several years," she said gleefully to her husband when he came home that night.

They decided to take a spin to one of the parks and the head of the house suggested that an umbrella would not be a bad thing to take along.

Just then Mrs. Slaughtersale remembered that she had failed to remember to carry her umbrella from the bargain counter



NATIVE WIFE AND CHILD OF DUTCH SOLDIER.

where she saved her 63 cents—and it was her last umbrella, too, bought three weeks ago at a cost of \$3.75.

Now there are skillets and pans flying in the air whenever Mr. Slaughtersale pokes his face in the kitchen and says: "Do you think it will rain?"

**About Noted People**

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moniousness of official etiquette, but after his return from the Philippines he tired at times of the lavish attentions paid him. One morning during the season of the joyous Dewey carnival a colored messenger from the Metropolitan club rushed into a bookstore not far from that establishment.

"I want the funniest book in the store and I want it quick," said the messenger. The clerk picked out a volume of Depew's anecdotes.

"Charge it," said the colored man.

"To whom?"

"To Admiral Dewey," shouted the envoy as he hurried out of the door.

An officer in the War department at Washington relates in the Saturday Evening Post an incident in the career of Major General MacArthur which shows that that distinguished soldier's reputation for surmounting obstacles is of long standing.

When Mr. Stephen B. Elkins was secretary of war MacArthur was a captain in the office of the adjutant general. A young lieutenant stationed on the Llano Estacado, in Texas, tired of his detail, complained of ill health, and asked to be assigned to the national capital. The medical examiner diagnosed his malady as nothing more serious than homesickness, and the application was refused, whereupon the disappointed lieutenant wrote a pleading letter to an influential friend in Washington. The latter, calling upon Secretary Elkins, asked for the transfer as a personal favor, and the secretary courteously promised to grant the request.

The surgeon general, when the matter came to his attention, protested vigorously, insisting that such an order would be subversive of discipline. The young officer's friend, when the circumstances were explained, released the secretary from his promise, and, saying that he would consider the incident closed, rose to go.

"Hold on," said Mr. Elkins. He then rang for a messenger, whom he dispatched for Captain MacArthur. To that officer the facts were presented and after a few minutes' deliberation he said:

"I understand, Mr. Secretary, that you must either issue a command that would not

be in harmony with rules of the service, or cancel a promise that you have given in good faith."

"That is the case," assented the secretary. "I know of no contract," rejoined Captain MacArthur, "that should be more sacredly kept than the word of a cabinet officer, and unless the train be derailed, the lieutenant in question will report here within a week." It was a great relief to the secretary, who was confident that whatever Captain MacArthur's plan might be it would be carried out without a hitch.

"How MacArthur managed it," adds the officer who tells the story, "overcoming all opposition, and that without the slightest delay and without the formal authority of the secretary of war, can be understood only by those who know his inflexible will and his unusual grace as a diplomat. No one but Captain MacArthur himself ever learned just how it was accomplished, but six days later the officer from Texas smilingly turned up at headquarters.

"We all recalled the incident when MacArthur was sent to the Philippines, and the general comment in the department was that the insurrection was doomed."

**Carpenter's Letter**

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ernment and the licenses are sold at auction, being bought in by Chinese.

The natives are very improvident. They live from hand to mouth and will pawn the very clothes off their backs. I have visited many of the pawnshops looking out for bits of antique silver and gold and have found in every case Chinese clerks behind the counters.

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Chicago Tribune: "All I asked of the executors of my grandfather's will," said young Ardup, "was the stone deer that stood in the front yard."

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"Well, I didn't say it was gnu," he said, with a ferocious grin.

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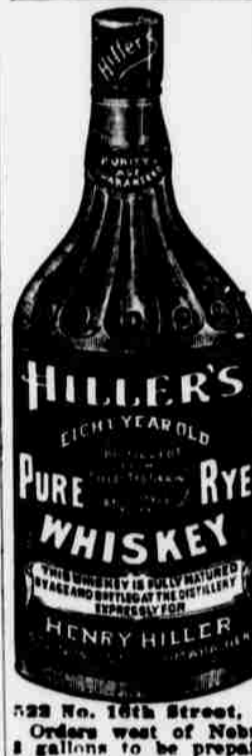
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