ENJOYING PRIENDSHIP OF GEN. WEYLER

Vist to the Escurial, the Vast Monsatte Pile Beared by King Philip -Baspitalicy of the Goods Bearied Bonks.

esunt for my pursence in Spain during the supposed of 1886, and it would be a still ut-Sectation to pretend that my movements per vilings, whose the Escurial stands.

Heutenant was mot by his father, I was a very high and mighty ecclesiastic indeed. less a personage than the existrated Lieus his urbanity kept him from showing it, for of Teneriffe, and former captain general of

det, undemonstrative cordiality of the anish bidalgo he bade me welcome to figuin, and trusted that I, as a representative of the nation from which he himself was descended, namely, the Germans, would enjoy my stay in the peninsula; ne would be charmed to be of service to me.

Nor was this a more empty phrase, such se we are taught to expect from Wpaniards. I have no space here to catalogue the kindnesses extended to me by the general and his sen during my week's sojourn in Madrid. I remember them with the keenest pleasure mingled with profound regret that was not able to accept them in my own real name. May they both forgive the exigencies of war!

It came dut in conversation one afteron, as we were sipping coffee in the garden of the Huen Retire, that I was not intending to visit the Escurial, at which there was a general deprecating protest from the company, and the general immediately preposed to be my guide on a visit to the celebrated monastery on the next day but one. Perceiving after a few words that he meant it, I accepted with surprise and delight, but on condition that the expenses of the expedition were to be my affulr, to which the general replied, "Bueno!

The result was that from the hour he and his son came in his carriage to take me to the station until the same equipage set me down again at the Hotel de Roms that evening a was utterly unable to rid myself of a single centime, barring alms to the beggars. Was there ever truer hospitality han this of the foremost man of Spain to totally obscure traveler, who had swum into his ken from Lord knows where!

Weyler's Personality. During my talks with Weyler on this trip and before I found myself treated to surprise after surprise. To quote another account of my meeting with him, "several preconceived notions of my own speedily dispelled. The general's plate did not reveal the remains of a Cucan haby pie, his eye did not flash red he did not browbeat the company, conversation was not a combination of curses and boasts, and he did not represent six feet of brass buttons, gold lace

He was about five feet seven in height hts plain black civilian clothes the was on active service at the time) making appear even slighter. His voice was soft and contained none of the general Castiffan nassi quality. His manner was quiet, unassuming and dignified, without

The Royal Monastery of St. Lorenzo of the Escurial is the result of a vow made Philip II. during the battle of St. Long he sought for a suitable site, finding it at last on the slope of the mountains, "the bleakest Gundarrama spot in Spain," about thirty miles from

Here he caused to be erected in great haste and at an expense of some \$3,000,on the enormous and forbidding pile known as the Escurial, which the Spaniards were wont to call the "eighth wonder of the world." It was completed in the year and the architects were Toledo and rera, though many of the architectural deas are those of Philip himself; for in-

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stance, the same of the whote edifice, has again which St. Lorenzo suffered marthe building a monastery, a royal randence and a last resting place for himself and his descipationes

After a Hot Journey. At the Madrid station we were joined by several acquainteness of the Weylers, mostly officers and members of the Cortes. The thirty miles of railway took more than an house and a haif to cover, but our deatinaflon, the station of Escurial de Abajo. was reached at last after a very hot sermy the Spanish officers seem to have journey. There it become evident that we an example and expenses opinion. and been expected, for we were walcomed it will be necessary for me to so by an Augustine mank, who second us to a number of private openingers in which we were driven rapidly to the edge of the upthere are a profound secret, it may as At the entrance of the Colegio, one of the well be stated here that I, for, was engazed in 'scooling' for tincle Sam. I is divided, we were received in the most

went thinker as a German aliented on his cordial manner by a company of Augustanalien, armed with no papers cave a fines led by the father prior, the ruler of the Recurrial, a magnificent specimen of The arealest good furture three me in Latin manhood, looking in his long black nearly always been whipped," remarked with First Lieutenant Fernando Weyler on | foga-like rate and handsome, clean-shaven my railway fourney to Madrid, and we hat face, like an Ideal Roman emperor. All, came such good friends that, upon our are including General Weyler and excepting styal in the Spanish capital, where the inyself, kissed the prior's hand, for he is

ant Georgal Valeriano Weyler, marquia he bestowed upon me a particularly graclous smile as I gave him a good Yankee hand-shake. We were at once conducted With a charming simplicity and the to the drawing room of the Colegio, a very luxurious spartmnt for a monastery, where the other monks were waiting to be presented to us, and there were regaled with excellent sherry and cakes. The fathers seemed bright and jovial. I remember one of them with particular pleasure, Father Blanco, a well known writer, who was evidently a wit, to judge from the laughter with which many of his sailles were reecived. A further proof of Spanish courteny was offered in the presence of a monk, a Dutchman by birth, Father Boniface vanion Gover, who had been called from the monastery proper to be my special guide for the day, as General Weyler had written that he was bringing a German gentleman with him, and Father Boniface had spent some time with the Augustines of Wurzburg and spoke German fairly well. After a short time spent in general con-

versation the company, led by the father prior himself and several of the other fathers, started to inspect the vast building. The Escurial is, as I have said, divided into three departments, the members of which live quite separately and under different rules. These are the College of Maria Cristina, the university, or higher college, and the monastery proper, the inmates of which lead a much stricter and who are rather teachers of youth than real monks

Father Boniface belonged to the monhe owed to my visit, for monks, even in Spain, are human.

In the Royal Palace.

The prior first led the way to the royal palace, which occupies that part of the edifice corresponding to the handle of the princes, save for a little corner of it, to which a narrow stairway descends, and that he did not smoke, and his son inwhich is made up of several small bare formed me that his father disliked it and and cell-like rooms, which served as the that he never smoked in his father's preslast abode of the lord of half the earth, ence unless others were already doing so. the sour-hearted Don Philip himself.

the magnificent apartments above to be enjoyed by his descendants. From these gloomy chambers he ruled the Spanish world empire. Through a lattice work window in one of them he looked directly upon the high altar of the cathedral, being thus able to attend mass without leaving his bed. Here appeared to him Don Cristobal de Moura with his sad tale of the loss of the proud Armada.

As I stood there at the side of Spain's greatest modern general I could not help faneying that we, too, were messengers come to tell old Philip of the destruction of two other Spanish armadas, at Manila and Santiago. My heart swelled at the thought, and yet there was a feeling of sadness in it.

From Philip's rooms we entered the huge cathedral by the same way that he was wont to take, the prior telling us of the sixteen courts, forty altars, 5,000 windows, the vast building of the Escurial contains.

Built after the original plan of St. Peter's at least thirty-five yards in circumference, time. The proportions take one's breath away. The great high altar is built of the most of exalted personages; at the right Charles in central Africa travel with the same training is the tendency of the student to V and three princesses, and on the left his rapidity. son, Philip II. with his ladies. During our

The Royal Pantheon.

The prior then led us to the famous royal Pantheon, but allowed those of us who would to descend into it alone. It is situated directly below the high altar. Twenty-five marble steps descend to the mortuary chapel where the infantas lie, and thirty-four more lead downward to the real Pantheon, an octagonal chamber in dark marble, thirty-six feet in diameter The entrance and the altar opposite take up two sides, the remaining sides being divided into niches, one above the other, each hearing upon a massive slab an ornate black marble sarcophagus, with the Latin name of its royal occupant in gold. head skill head failed to relieve, much On the right of the altar lie the kings and on the left the queens of Spain, but only those queens who have been the mothers of kines. The others must lie above, among

Charles V begins the illustrious line, and Alfonso XII is the last. At the funeral of the latter all the ancient ceremonial was strictly observed. At the entrance of the Escurial he was formally announced, not being yet officially dead. At the door of the Panthesia a warder cried, "Who enters

ng no reply, he exclaims: "His majesty

hen rises. looks the coffin again and hands

the key to the prior. With the breaking

of the chumberialn's wand of office over

answern not; then the king is dead?"

"Alfonso the Twelfth!" "Enter then!" Only three functionaries, the father prior,

grand chamberlala and the minister of jusles, accumpany the casket to the vault be-There the chamberlain, unlocking the casket and raising the lid. kneels down. after inspecting the features of his lord. and cries, "Senor! Senor!" Receiv-

Above, in the vault of the infantas, lie many a famous warrior and princess. The tyranes. His seisma homely commined in gentle Mercedes lies here, for she bore her to the metal band. When the stork rehusband no son, and Philip's unfortunate son, Don Carlos, and the mighty Don Juan friend saw the letter, which was the first of Austria who smote the Turk at Lepanto, As we stood before the tomb of this greatest glory of Spain's navy, young

the royal clay the ceremony is at an end.

said, "What a contrast with Cervera!" Poor admiral! The army was bitter The Nevada Statesman and His Career gainst him. Since then the Spanish people have learned to understand that he was not to blame for Santiago. Of the an exaggerated opinion.

world," said General Weyler to me. "He eats little and marches well."

He was bitter concerning the conduct of

Weyler, sadly and bitterly Miniature Bull Rings. But this was not the limit of surprises in this wonderful temple, for in an outbuilding devoted to the physical exercises of the students of the Colegio we found a small but completely appointed bull ring, in which private bull fights are given several times a year for the benefit of the students and their friends and masters.

I was told that the most eminent esnadas had performed in this miniature ring, which must not be confounded with the regular buil ring in the village of Escurial I fancy that bull fighting as a part of the regular curriculum of a university would astonish even the most strenuous advocates of manly sports. I could not help expressing my astonishment to General Weyler and was agreeably surprised to hear him express disgust at the whole thing. "I never go to bull fights," he said. "I

love horses altogether too much." This from the man whom Americans call the "Butcher"1

In the midst of our inspection a pause was made for lunch, which was served in the large and rather bare refectory, the brothers sitting at long tables in the body of the room, while the prior and his guests, with a few privileged monks, occupied a table on a raised platform at one end of the apartment.

I have often read of the severely simple fare of monastic houses, but in no Spanish hotel did I have the good fortune to partake of such an excellent meal as that served to us at the Escurial. I did not count the courses, but they were many, and there were three or four kinds of wine, more austere life than is required of the the last being a most delicious Valdepenas, prothers in the other two departments, bottled expressly for the Escurial Augustinians.

During the meal many of the brothers smoked cigarettes and the conversation astery, the members of which are allowed was animated, even boisterous, especially to leave their cells and inner chapels only at the end of the table where Father on few and special occasions, and he was Blanco sat. The prior talked mostly with highly delighted, as he more than once a dignified old colonel, as General Weyler's assured me, with the little outing which attention was monopolized by a certain Mella, editor of a Carlist newspaper, who was taking advantage of the opportunity to present to the general, who was considered to be neutral as yet, his political opinions. Father Boniface and I had a jolly time together, and he told me a lot of gossip gridiron. Its sumptuous suites differ but who visited the Escurial, for it is a perfect about the monastery and the politicians little from other luxurious abodes of hothed of politics. Weyler is a favorite there, as he is very religious. I noticed

"In this house that I have built for God after one of the most charming days I have We returned to Madrid in the evening. I ask only for a cell," he said, and left ever spent. The Escurial is a dreary and forbidding pile, but what a jolly lot of monks there are inside!-Edward Breck in New York Herald.

SPEED OF

Fastest of Railroad Trains Could Hardly Keep Pace with These Flyers.

No living thing, not even a scared jack rabbit, can travel with the speed displayed by such birds as the stork and the northern bluethroat. Not only do these pirds fly Frye of Maine, Proctor of Vermont, Cullom with a speed which can hardly be conceived, but they keep up their rapid flight; for 1,000 or 2,000 miles at a stretch without apparent tiring.

which shows that the bluethroat flies from three-score-and-ten milestone.-Philadel-1,300 doors and eighty-nine fountains that central Africa to the shores of the North phia Press. sea, a distance of 1,600 miles, in less than The enormous vault of the cathedral is a day and a night, and making it, more- STEINS FOR COLLEGE BOYS

The storks, which spend their summers in at Rome, it towers aloft fully 100 yards Austria-Hungary and their winters in inabove the center of the mighty Greek cross dia and central Africa, are also marvelwhich forms the shape of the church. The ous travelers and make their journeys massive granite cupola is borne by pillars twice a year in one unbroken flight each

From Buda Pesth, in Hungary, to Lahore, in India, is about 2,400 miles in an oratories, and above them the royal sepul- distance. The storks which spend the edge obtained in universities. chres, with enormous gilded bronze figures summer in central Europe and the winter One charge brought against university

Slatin Pasha, an Austrian in the service each time everybody. General Weyler most for many years a captive in the hands of by the hard-hearted, practical man of devoutly of all, genuficated to the very the mahdi and the khalifa when the der- affairs, has too much pride of caste; he In the upper choir, which commands the empire, now overthrown, in the Soudan. for admirable self-poise is regarded by his high altar. Philip was went to sit with the One day, at Omdurman, he saw a stork critic as indelence or inscience. monks, and here he heard the glorious with a metal band attached to one of its. These criticisms are not without foundanews of Lepanto and listened to the solemn legs. He caught the bird and found en-

graved upon the band the name of an old

He wrote a note to his triend and tied it turned to Austria for the summer the certain assurance that the outside world received that Slatin was still alive.

Lieutenant Weyler looked at me sadly and PASSING OF SENATOR STEWART

-Forecast of Senate Changes.

Upon the expiration of his term next "The Spanish soldier is the best in the March, William Morris Stewart of Nevada will leave the United States senate. It was thirty-nine years ago on February 1, last, that this picturesque and interesting the War office. "The best material in the character first took his seat as senator world," said he, "Is being wasted for lack As a member of that body he attended of proper organization." As for the navy, the second inauguration of President Linit has had an average of one minister of coin, and is the only man living who atmarine every year for a century, and tended those ceremonies as a senator. He every man's ideas were different from those is the only man living who was present at of his predecessor. "Our navies have the Kirkwood house on the night President Lincoln was assassinated, and witnessed Vice President Andrew Jackson take the eath of office. He was a striking figure, even in those days, and represented the stalwart type of the western miner and hustling lawyer. He was of fair complexion, with sandy hair and a sweeping tawny beard, which in later years became white as snow and led to the little page boys naming him "Santa Claus."

His service in the senate has not been continuous since he first entered it in 1865, but no other member of that body can look back so far to the date of his first taking the oath. Senator Stewart is one of the argonauts of 1849. He began his search for gold with pick and shovel in Nevada county, California, and was fairly fortunate. He gave up prospecting for the law, and laid the foundation of a good fortune by his practice in mining litigation. He achieved a reputation of being an authority on mining law, and checks in six figures occasionally reached him as compensation for successful handling of big cases. He was elected as one of the first senators from Nevada in 1864, and re-elected in 1869. At the end of his second term in 1875 he went back to the practice of law in Nevada, and in 1887 he was again elected, and has been in the senate ever since.

Politically Senator Stewart has been on both sides of great financial questions. He lost caste with the republicans shortly after his re-entering the senate in 1887, by espousing the free coinage of silver cause, and became so persistent a champion of that doctrine that he became known as "Silver Bill" Stewart. sobriquet was sometimes changed to the "Crime of '78" Stewart. He supported Bryan in 1896, although during his second term in the senate in 1871-2, he had been one of the most rampant gold bugs in that body. When he first came to Washington he was known as the "Silver King," and was credited with having made an immense fortune out of that metal.

He earned notoriety by building what was for years known as "Stewart's castle" on Dupont circle, then an undesirable common on the outskirts of the town, but at present the very center of the fashionable northwest section of the city. Recently Schator Clark, the multi-millionaire of Montana, purchased this property from Senator Stewart and gave the latter funds for a new start, which he is said to have needed very badly, as fortune had been unkind to him for some years. Senator Clark has torn down the "castle" where Stewart gained a reputation for lavish entertainment in the early days of his senatorial career. Senator Stewart owns a large dairy farm in Virginia, and proposes to retire there when he lays aside his senatorial toga.

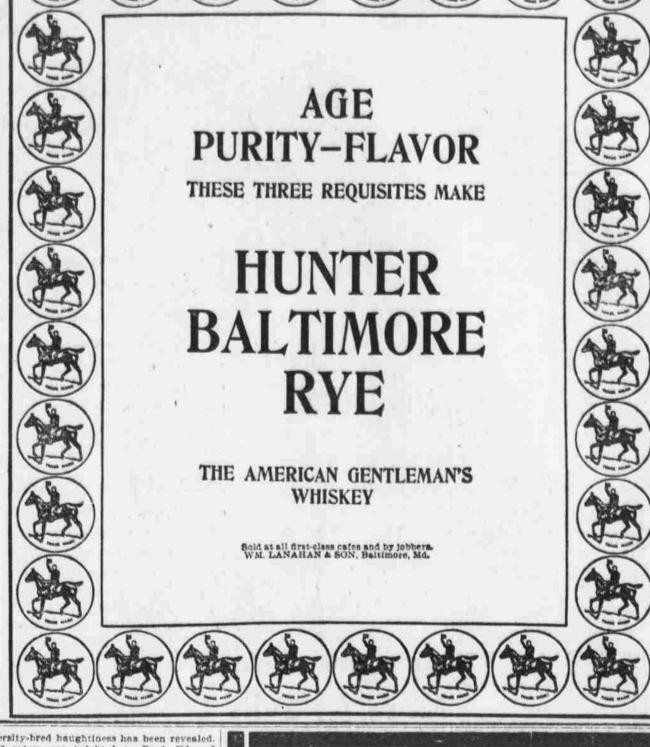
The passing of so interesting a senatorial figure as Stewart, who will be 77 years of age next August, calls attention to the great changes that are likely to occur in the senate in the next decade. Ten years STORKS will probably see removed from public life a goodly company of the most distinguished members of that body, men whose names have been household words for a quarter of a century. The two venerable senators from Alabama cannot expect to be in the chamber that much longer. It does not seem possible either that men like Hoar of Massachusetts, Platt of Connecticut, Allison of Iowa, Hale and of Illinois, Cockrell of Missouri, Teller of Colorado, can remain in active public life for another decade. To this number may be added Quay of Pennsylvania and Platt Evidence has been collected recently of New York, who have both passed the

Many Students Whose Thirst Isn't Altogether for Knowledge

Will Say Amen. A great many practical and successful

American business men are in grave doubt costly marbles and surrounded by groups air line, and the storks make the journey The consensus of opinion among self-made of pillars of similar stones, with gilded in twenty-four hours, thus traveling at men seems to be in favor of practical exbases and capitals. On each side are the the rate of 100 miles an hour for the whole periences as against the theoretical knowl-

regard hmself as a superior being and inspection of the building our steps took of the khedive and now governor of the tical work of life in a subordinate or minor hence his unwillingness to begin the pracvishes killed Gordon and established their is too exclusive, and what he mistakes



versity-bred haughtiness has been revealed. Educators are indebted to Prof. Edward Meyer of the University of Berlin for the discovery. According to this distinguished savant, upon whom the University of Chicago has just conferred the honorary degree of LL. D., American students do not drink enough beer.

"Beer," says Prof. Meyer, "breaks down the pride of caste, promotes sociability and prevents a student from becoming lonesome. In Germany a student who does not drink is not a student."

The herr "cofessor frankly admitted that he had be a steady and sincere drinker of beer when a student and declared that he would gladly repeat the experience. This country already has done much towards Germanizing its universities, but they still lack the distinguishing features of Heidelberg. Whatever the faculty may think of the implied suggestion of Prof. Meyer, it will be hailed with delight by altogether for knowledge. All the great American universities have halls named in honor of donors, but all of them lack that great institution of Gambrinus, the beer hall, so essential, it seems, to a democratic

education. Here is a new field for the benefactors of universities and one that will insure their

popularity with students. When the beer hall shall be one of the conspicuous edifices of learning upon the college campus, then, if Prof. Meyer's logic be not at fault, the exclusiveness and selfimportance of the student will become a thing of the past. Then may educators hope to inculcate successfully the true "college spirit" of fraternity and democracy.

For it's always fair weather When good fellows get together, With a stein on the table And a good song ringing clear. Prosit.—Chicago Chronicle.

Merry Rain. Sprinkle, sprinkle, comes the rair Tapping on the window pane; Trickling, coursing. Crowding, forcing

Tiny rills To the window sills.

Every blade of grass around
Is a ladder to the ground;
Clinging, striding,
Slipping, sliding,
On they come
With their busy zip and hum! Laughing rain-drops, light and swift Through the air they fall and sift;

Dancing, tripping, Bounding, skipping Thro the street, With their thousand merry feet.

In the woods, by twig and spray,
To the rocots they find their way;
Fushing, creeping,
Doubling, leaping,
Down they quality
To the walting life below.

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