

An Optical "Delusion."
 "Paw, can you see farther with a telescope than with the naked eye?"
 "Of course you can, Johnny." "How can that be when it brings everything nearer?"—Chicago Tribune.

What will become of China?
 None can foresee the outcome of the quarrel between foreign powers over the division of China. It is interesting to watch the going to pieces of this ancient but unprogressive race. Many people in America are also going to pieces because of drowsiness, constipation, blood, liver and stomach diseases. We are living too fast, but strength, vigor and good health can be retained if we keep off and cure the above diseases with Hostetter's Stomach Bitter.

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A Wonderful Clock.

In one of the town halls in a Japanese treaty port there is a remarkable time-piece. It is contained in a handsome frame, three feet wide and five feet long. It represents a noontide landscape, very cleverly carried out. In the foreground plum and cherry trees appear in bloom, while in the rear a hill is to be seen, from which flows a pretty cascade, imitated in crystal. From this cascade flows a tiny stream, which winds its way between rocks and islands and finally loses itself in a stretch of woodland. In a miniature sky a golden sun turns on a silver wire, striking the hours on a silver gong as it passes. Each hour is marked by a creeping tortoise. A bird of rich plumage warbles at the close of the hour, and, as the warbling ceases, a mouse suddenly makes its appearance, and, scampering over the hill to the garden, is soon lost to view. Altogether it is certainly a wonderful piece of mechanism.—San Francisco Chronicle.

NERVOUS DEPRESSION.

[A TALK WITH MRS. PINKHAM.]
 A woman with the blues is a very uncomfortable person. She is illogical, unhappy and frequently hysterical. The condition of the mind known as "the blues," nearly always, with women, results from diseased organs of generation.

It is a source of wonder that in this age of advanced medical science, any person should still believe that mere force of will and determination will overcome depressed spirits and nervousness in women. These troubles are indications of disease.

Every woman who doesn't understand her condition should write to Lynn, Mass., to Mrs. Pinkham for her advice. Her advice is thorough common sense, and is the counsel of a learned woman of great experience. Read the story of Mrs. F. S. BENNETT, Westphalia, Kansas, as told in the following letter:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I have suffered for over two years with falling, enlargement and ulceration of the womb, and this spring, being in such a weakened condition, caused me to flow for nearly six months. Some time ago, urged by friends, I wrote to you for advice. After using the treatment which you advised for a short time, that terrible flow stopped.
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DEEP INTEREST IS SHOWN

BY FOREIGN AMBASSADORS IN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

WHY FRANCE ONLY WAS SELECTED

To Present the Petition Through M. Cambon—England Sought to Make the Move.

A Washington special of Wednesday says: In diplomatic quarters Spain's peace proposal, made through the French ambassador, is the absorbing topic and the answer of the president is awaited with keen interest.

The diplomats showed their interest early by calling at the state department and at the French embassy to learn with more exactness the details of Spain's proposal. This developed several features of the proposition which had not been entirely clear before.

In the first place no foreign government outside of France has been consulted by Spain in this overture for peace, and the present movement is not shared, directly or indirectly, by Germany, Austria, Italy, Russia or Great Britain. It can now be stated, however, that the formal proposition submitted had been under consideration at Madrid for five days previous to Tuesday, during which time the British as well as the four others were cognizant of the fact that Spain was about to sue for peace. This being settled, it appears that a good-natured but keen rivalry sprang up between Sir Drummond Wolf, the British ambassador at Madrid, and M. Patenotre, the French ambassador there, as to which government should have the honor of initiating the movement designed to restore the peace of the world.

Spain seems to have preferred the intermediation of the French government, and as a result the negotiations finally were entrusted to the French ambassador at Washington.

Another essential point is the exact proposition made by Spain. There has been some misapprehension over this owing to the publication of an alleged text of the proposition and other reports asserting that Spain asked President McKinley to state terms of peace. As a matter of fact the Spanish proposition does not mention the word "terms," and there is no request or suggestion in it that the president shall state terms of peace. The distinct inquiry made by Spain is as to whether the United States will open negotiations toward the settlement of the war and the arrangement of peace.

At the same time it is framed on the idea that if the peace negotiations are entered upon there will be a suspension of hostilities, pending and agreement upon the exact terms of peace. In this connection there appears to be a distinction made between the word "armistice" and "suspension of hostilities," for while it is said the former is not asked or expected, it seems to be taken for granted that suspension of hostilities will be essential to carrying forward the peace negotiations. The Spanish proposition is clothed with all the solemnity and formality of a government act, despite the cable report from Madrid that the peace proposal is of a "private" nature. The instructions to M. Cambon bear the official signature of the Duke Almodovar de Rio, the Spanish minister of foreign affairs, and besides expressing the desires of the cabinet and the government that the peace negotiations be opened, they are given the added solemnity of approval and earnest personal request by "Queen Regent Maria Christina." The instructions bear the date of Madrid, June 25th.

These formalities dismiss all question in the minds of officials here as to the regularity of the Spanish proposition as expressive of the wishes of the government of Spain. Aside from this M. Cambon is too much of a veteran in diplomacy to have embarked on any private overtures toward peace. It is said also that Spain is so completely humbled and so powerless to further continue the war that the United States can secure through peace negotiations everything which even a prolongation of the war would ultimately make possible.

MISS SCHLEY'S MISSION.

Sought to Make Peace Proposals to Queen Christina, of Spain.
 The Madrid correspondent of The London Daily Telegraph says:
 "The American lady, said to be Commodore Schley's daughter, has arrived here, but neither the queen regent nor any responsible person will receive her. She will probably be requested to depart at the earliest possible date."
 Presumably the American lady referred to is Miss Jessie Schley, daughter of Mr. Charles Schley, of Milwaukee, a cousin of Commodore Schley.

MUST FURNISH STAMPS.

Illinois Judge Decides Against an Express Company Regarding Stamps.

A Chicago dispatch says: Judge Tuley, of the circuit court, has ruled in favor of the shippers in the test case brought by the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, granting a writ of mandamus compelling the United States Express Company to accept for transportation packages for shipment without the payment of one cent in excess of the regular rate. The case will be appealed by the defendants.

WAR PARAGRAPHS.

A Brief Compilation of Daily Occurrences.

A dispatch from Havana says that a meeting of engineers and other experts held there over which Captain General Blanco presided, various measures were adopted for the defense of the city.

The navy department has at last made public the reports of Admiral Sampson, Commodore Schley, Captain Clark, of the Oregon, and Captain Evans, of the Iowa, on the battle of July 3, which resulted in the destruction of Cervera's squadron. The reports are exhaustive ones.

A remarkable demonstration occurred at Camp Long, on Peavey's island, where the captured sailors of Admiral Cervera's fleet are confined. As the United States gunboat Froline passed the island on her way to Cuba hundreds of the prisoners greeted with cheers and wavings of hands.

General Shafter authorizes an absolute contradiction of the report that Garcia encountered a force of Spaniards to surrender and was defeated by them.

Lieutenant Richmond Hobson on his return to New York from Washington consulted with the officials of the Merritt & Chapman Wrecking and Derrick company and afterwards announced that the company had consented to undertake the rescue of the Cristobal Colon and was making every effort to begin the work as soon as possible.

The navy has suspended for a time its efforts to recruit sailors in the west and Commander Hawley and Chief Engineer Harrie Webster, members of the board, have returned to the navy department. The work was successful beyond the expectations of the projectors of the trip, and the results, it is believed, will be highly beneficial to the navy generally, in infusing into it an element of western blood and brawn that will tend to the nationalization of that service.

By letting the contract to a Spanish corporation for transporting the Santiago prisoners home the United States government indirectly pays into the Spanish treasury an amount equal to one-half the contract stipulation. Also the government thereby releases from blockade all of the enemy's vessels to be used in the transportation from the neutral ports where they are now in shelter.

The United States military expedition under command of Major General Nelson A. Miles was landed successfully at Guanica, Porto Rico, after a skirmish between a detachment of the Spanish troops and a crew belonging to the launch of the United States auxiliary gunboat Gloucester. Four of the Spaniards were killed, but no Americans were hurt. The town of Guanica was captured and the United States flag run up.

The London newspapers agree that it will be impossible for Spain to pay indemnity and that it is improbable that the United States will demand money compensation. They all concede that the Spanish flag has gone forever from Cuba and Porto Rico.

Spain has at last realized the hopelessness of the situation and has sued for peace formally and directly to President McKinley through M. Cambon, the French ambassador. The following official statement was given out at the white house: "The French ambassador on behalf of the government of Spain and by direction of the Spanish minister of foreign affairs, presented to the president at the white house a message from the Spanish government looking to the termination of the war and the settlement of terms of peace."

In accordance with instructions received from Washington, the United States consular agent at Gibraltar has issued safe conducts to the Spanish steamers Isla de Luzon and Isla de Panay, now at Cadiz, to proceed to Santiago de Cuba and return to Spain with the surrendered Spanish troops.

President McKinley did not state when he would give formal reply to Spain's message for peace except that it would be within a few days. The method of procedure will, of course, be for this government to state its terms and then Spain must say whether she will accede to them or not.

The French government has notified all the French embassies of the fact that Spain has made proposals through M. Cambon, the French ambassador at Washington, for peace with the United States.

The First regiment of the United States engineers, now rendezvoused at Peekskill, N. Y., has been ordered to report to General Miles for duty in Porto Rico.

Major General J. C. Breckenridge has returned to Washington from Santiago. He will report his observations to the secretary of war.

The Commercial Club, of Mobile, Ala., adopted a resolution appealing to the secretary of war to remove volunteers from Miami, Fla. Two of the regiments there are from Alabama.

Captain Annon, Spanish minister of marine, has received a dispatch from Admiral Camara announcing that his fleet has cast anchor at Cadiz.

Colonel Obear, the acting adjutant general, believes the full quota for the Third Georgia volunteer regiment will be obtained in two weeks. There are now 600 men in camp at Griffin and recruits are being received every day.

The central cable office in the Western Union Telegraph Company at New York has been advised by the West Indian and Panama Telegraph Company (owners of the cables to Porto Rico) to decline to accept business for all stations in Porto Rico except San Juan.

Pepper is Old Times.

Dr. Adolph Miller, of Philadelphia, president of the Pennsylvania Mycological Club, in a dissertation on the pepper plant, says that during the middle ages in Europe pepper was the most esteemed and important of all the spices. Genoa, Venice and other commercial cities of Central Venice were indebted to their traffic in pepper for a large part of their wealth. Its importance as a means of promoting commercial activity and civilization during the middle ages can hardly be overrated. Tribute was levied in pepper, and donations were made in this spice, which was frequently also used as a medium of exchange in place of money. When the imperial city of Rome was besieged by Alaric the King of the Goths, in 408 A. D., the ransom demanded included 6,000 pounds of gold, 80,000 pounds of silver and 3,000 pounds of pepper, illustrating the importance of this spice at that time.

So-called pepper rents, common during the middle ages, consisted in an obligation imposed upon a tenant to supply his lord with a pound of pepper at stated times, showing how acceptable was this favorite condiment and how great was the desire of the wealthier classes to secure a regular supply of it. Spices dealers were known as piperarii; in English, pepperers, and in French, poivriers. As a fraternity, or guild, they existed in London in the reign of Henry II. (1154-1189). They were subsequently incorporated into the Grocers' Company, and had the control of the trade in spices, drugs, dyes and metals.

The price of pepper during the middle ages was always exorbitantly high, as the rulers of Egypt extorted a large revenue from all who were engaged in the spice trade. The high cost of this important condiment incited the Portuguese to seek for a sea passage to India. Some time after this discovery (A. D. 1498) there was a considerable fall in the price of pepper.—New York Telegram.

The Art of Making a Mustard Plaster.

To put on a mustard plaster is not at all difficult, but to do it in the best way requires some care and skill. In the first place, remember never to give a cold mustard plaster to a patient; to a weak or sensitive person the shock is often great. Either mix it with hot water, or, better still, have a plate put where it can get warm while you are mixing. Have everything ready at hand, mustard, flour, and a spoonful of molasses, with a bit of old muslin or linen—an old handkerchief is the best thing for the purpose. Stir the mustard and flour together first, making the plaster stronger or weaker with mustard as you have been directed. Add the molasses and then water until the smooth mass is about as thick as porridge or poultice. Spread your cloth on the warm plate, using the middle portion of the linen and leaving a margin on all sides, which is to be folded back at the edges. Put a second cloth over the whole so that the mustard is entirely hid between the two covers, and keep on the plate until it is necessary to apply the plaster.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Character in Your Laugh.

The character of a man's laughter depends to a great extent upon his education and environment, and though these may do a great deal to improve, or at least affect his manners, it is doubtful whether the actual character of a man is changed by them. For example, no amount of education will make the mean man generous, the dull man witty, the heavy and phlegmatic quick and nervous, nor the rollicking, happy-go-lucky man quiet, firm and steady, and yet education will affect the style of his laugh to an enormous extent.

One hears ten times as much laughter from the kitchen at night than in the room where the family sits, but one certainly is not justified in deducing from that fact that domestic servants are more "genuine and open as the day."

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