

The Spoils of War. Ex-Attache, in New York Tribune.

Some of the most valuable old masters of which Joseph Bonaparte had deprived the National Gallery at Madrid while King of Spain now adorn the walls of Apsley House, the London residence of the fourth Duke of Wellington. His grandfather, the first and Iron Duke, had captured them, together with auch of the baggage of King Joseph, when the latter was driven by the English to abandon his Spanish crown and to retreat to France, and they were forwarded to London, along with the other belongings of the famous British commander. After the restoration of peace King Ferdinand, learning that the paintings in question were in London in the possession of the Duke of Wellington, requested the latter to keep them as a token of his gratitude for his services in helping to place him on the throne of Spain.

Since Waterloo looting in wars between civilized nations has been virtually adandoned. It is, however, still tolerated in conflicts with barbarous or semi-barbarous foes, and, indeed, laws yet exist unrepealed in England as well as in most other monarchical countries of Europe, vesting in the Crown-that is to say, in the Sovereign-the right to all loot taken in war. It is only after the anointed of the Lord, or his representative, has had his pick that the remainder is either distributed among the troops or else sold at auction, and the amount realized divided among them at a ratio proportionate to their respec-

As most of England's wars during the last hundred years have been with Asiatic and African potentates, it is not astonishing that the Windsor Castle should be filled with loot, and the plunder for which the Sovereign has no room there is distributed among the national museums, that at South Kensington coming into the largest share. King Edward would probably feel horrified at the idea of accepting an article of value that had been plundered from some of his contemporary brother monarchs of Europe-barring, perhaps, the Sultan-and I am perfectly sure that the same prejudices would be entertained by his fellow rulers at Berlin, Vienna, Rome, St. Petersburg, and elsewhere on the Continent. But, somehow or other, the potentates of Africa and of the Orient seem to them to be perfectly fair game, people whom it is quite Christian to plunder and to deprive of their most treasured possessions. Indeed, on the strength of the plea that it was necessary to "give the savages a lesson which they would remember," European troops have almost invariably made a point of sacking the palaces of the dusky enemy's ruler; lucky for the latter, indeed, if they did not burn his residence to the ground, as in 1864, when an Anglo French force set fire to the famous summer palace of the Emperor of China, after having previously plundered it. Priceless porcelains, silks, jade, and cloisonne enamel represent Queen Victoria's share of the loot, part of which is at Windsor Castle, some at gets me to the country again. There we Buckingham Palace, and the remainder at

some of the plundered property is still in the possession of Empress Eugenie, the greater part will be found today in the French National Museum of the Louvre.

At Windsor Castle are the splendid regalia Kings of Ashanti, and a large quantity of beautifully carved elephant tusks which be longed to the African King of Benin, while and the State umbarella of the Kings of Ashanti are at South Kenisington Museum India is, of course, largely represented in the collection of loot at Windsor Castle, and some of the finest pieces of plate and jeweled ornaments, including a superb tiger's head, composed entirely, of rubies, sapphires, and diamonds, came to King Edward from the treasure house of this or that once powerful Oriental ruler whose dominions have been years. On State occasions the great sideboards in the Waterloo Gallery of Windsor Castle are weighed down with vast quantities of gold and silver plate, much of which was originally {destined and even used for sacramental purposes by the Roman Catholic Church, and constituted part of the loot of the Spanish Armada and of the plunder of the British buccaneers of the Elizabethan and Stuart era, who roamed the seas in search of Spain's treasure ships, plundering and sacking the cities and churches of what used to be known in those days as the Spanish Main. This was considered perfectly natural and authorized, and there is not at the present moment a monarch in Europe whose palaces do not contain treasures that represent in a similar fashion the spoils of

Perhaps the most striking illustration of the modern ethics of loot is to be found in the fact that, every Western ruler whose troops took part in the occupation of Pekin by the allied forces four years ago, obtained a portion of the plunder of "the Forbidden City." Emperor William received a quantity of extremely interesting astronomical instruments, several hundred years old, which are now one of the attractions of his palace of Sans-Souci, at Potsdam, while the London illustrated papers published photographs of large cases of loot in the imperial palace at Pekin addressed to the British Sovereign at Windsor Castle, yet there is not a single looted French clock or any other bit of plunder of the Franco-German war of 1870 to be found in the palaces of the Kaiser or of any other of his fellow German rulers, in spite of the widespread impression among the masses of the French people to the contrary. But then the French were a civilized nation, professing Christianity and of the white race, instead of being yellow Asiatics or dusky Africans.

Perhaps I ought to make one reservation in connection with the war of 1870. Old Emperor William, it must be admitted, did carry back with him to Berlin at the close of the campaign a little bit of plunder in the shape of a small silver candlestick belonging to the Palace of Versailles, of which he had made use throughout his stay there, and which in former days had been similarly used by King Louis XIV. of France. The old Kaiser was conscientious about the matter, for, as he was driving out of the palace gates of Versailles for the last time on the eve of his return to Germany, he stopped his carriage, called the gatekeeper to him, and, showing him the candlestick, told him that he was taking it away with him, and that he did not wish any one to have dishonesty imputed to him on account of its disappearance. At the same time he placed in the concierge's hand a sum of money far exceeding the intrinsic value of the candlestick. At the time of the old Emperor's death, seventeen years later, it was found on the little table beside his bed

### Before and After Vacation.

Mrs. Sawyer to her mamma:

"Dear Mamma, - We go to the country tomorrow for six long, delightful weeks of perfect rest and quiet. Horace has found the most charming place, a dear old farm right on the bank of a beautiful river, with green fields and grand old woods all around it. Won't it be splendid for the children?

I intend keeping them out doors every minute I can, and they'll come home brown so brown and healthy you won't know them whem you come to see us in the fall. We expect to have a perfectly lovely time. I'll write again when we get there."

The same to the same:

"Dear Mamma, -We came home Saturday and you don't know how glad we are to be here again! Horace will know it when he were cooped up in two stuffy little rooms the South Kensington Museum. An equal with one closet about as big as a soap-box. share of the treasure of the summer palace I wrote you before about the dreadful water with variations, are based on this weakness

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Then they were lost in the woods for five the crown of Emperor Theodore of Abyssinia dreadful hours, and little Bruce got pitched over a fence by a hooky cow. All of the children got into a hornet's nest one day, and they were stung all over. Harold fell from the hay-loft and knocked out two of his front teeth ,and Horace had to gallop six miles for a doctor, for we feared the child was injured internally. Horace was taken with malarial fever, and it is lucky it didn't end in typhoid. We found out just as we were leaving that there was a foot of water in annexed by England in the last two hundred | the cellar, and that the wall were covered with a green slime.

"And mosquitoes! I never saw anything like it. We had to fight them day and night. Claude fell into an old well, and it is a mercy he wasn't killed. We had feather beds to sleep on, and apple pie for desert every day we were there.

The farmer had a big yellow dog that barked and howled all night, and four or five old roosters that began to crow at about two o'clock every morning' and kept it up until six. And the hen-house was right under our windows. There seemed to be thousand crickets in our room, and it made me nervous to hear the rats scampering about between walls and overhead that I couldn't sleep for a minute. We stayed one week and came home. I'll write again when I get rested.'

#### A Sensitive Soul.

A poet began it, a true poet and a good man who would not for worlds have been responsible for such mischief as his words wrought. Della was at the impressionable age that summer. The poet met her need of an ideal, and she, being a clever girl as well as a pretty one, showed such a quick compreheusion of his fancies and such a ready sympathy with his moods that he very nearly mistook her for a kindred genius.

"That is a rare, sweet, sensitive soul, the poet told some one-who promptly told Della. "The world should touch her gently, not to bruise a petal of the flower."

Then presently the poet went away, leaving Della to try to "live up to it." Unhappily, she had no very clear idea of the man's meaning, and the word "sensitive" misled her. She took it that in order to develop her nature she needed to follow her precious fancies and have her own way.

Sensitiveness of a certain kind is easily preserved and cultivated. It soon became apparent to her friends that one must not contradict or oppose Della if one wanted to get along with her. When she saw fit to volunteer advice, as she frequently did, one must either follow it or hurt her feelings. Fortunately her former associates did not have to come in contact with her very often, for the sordid details of life oppressed her more every day, and she spent most of her time in reading novels and poetry.

Not even her own family knew "how to take, her." A persistent grievance-hunter, the slightest contradiction, or suspicion of it, was enough to convince her that nobody loved her, and make her, and everybody else, uncomfortable for the day. Yet it was her elder brother who finally comprehended and wrought a cure. When Dick returned from Heidelberg, he studied her for a week, and made few comments.

"The trouble with you, sis," he said, at last, with the frankness that elder brothers use, "is that you're conceited and selfish. It's a pity you didn't have to earn your living for six months, working in somebody's kitchen. That would knock the nonsense out of you.

"Sensitive? Rubbish! You have no business to be. Nobody has. We're put here on earth to make life go more smoothly for each other, not to hunt up trifles to complain about. You don't think much of other people's feelings, or you wouldn't go moping round as you do. Brace up !"

This was "brutal," to be sure, and Della wept over it profusely, but it was calculated to be remembered, and it gave her a new point of view. To be able to see herself as others see her is a saving grace that the sensitive soul generally lacks. There is hope for her the moment she begins to realize that the rest of the world has rights.

### A Tactful Tribute.

The abeent mindedness of distinguished men, however much it may be a source of annoyance to themselves, serves to furnish the public with entertainment. Many venerable anecdotes still in circulation, plain and

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of men of genius. The oft told story of the man who forgets his own name is one of them; it is told of many famous personages, and doubtles of more than one of them with truth. Josiah Quincy, president of Harvard College, is one of the number. Of him the accepted form is that he could not recall who he was for the information of a person who requested him to leave his name for another on whom he had called, until still another person, passing by, paused to speak, and addressed him as "President Quincy."

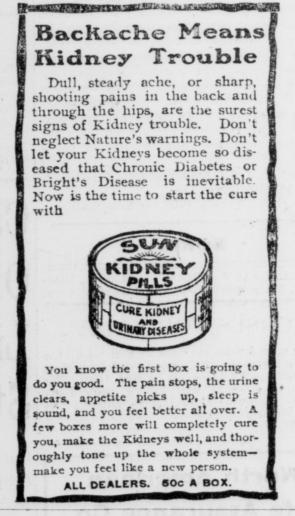
"The very name I was trying to remember!" exclaimed the absent-minded president, with vastirelief.

A little known and far more interesting, if less amusing, story of his forgetfulness was recently related by one who in turn hal had it from his father, present as a boy when the incident occurred. Mr. Quincy, on a notable occasion, was prepared to address a great meeting in Faneuil Hall. His speech fell naturally, into two divisions. He delivered the first part and began the second.

"At that time, gentlemen," he said, and stopped. He paused, repeated, "At that time, gentlemen," and stopped again. A third time he repeated the phrase; but what should have followed had gone completely from his mind and could not be recalled, and he took his seat in confusion and distress.

It was more than an awkward situation for the chairman of the meeting, Harrison Gray Otis, and for the great, silent audience-it was a painful one. But Mr. Otis, rising and stepping forward, announced quietly that if the eloquent speaker required time to collect his thoughts before proceeding there was no doubt that all would willingly wait for him, if it were till midnight. But should he proceed no further, he added:

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