

CUBAN QUER FORTS.

Defensive Buildings With Which the Spaniards Have Dotted the Island.

The torte of the Spaniard is fort building. Cuba is the scene of his greatest and most varied endeavor in that art of war. From the hour that the arriving steamer passes under the frowning front of Morro Castle at the mouth of the Havana Harbor until departure from the island, one is never out of sight of some kind of fortification. The Spanish army has not done much fighting in this war, because, perhaps it has not been possible to bring the insurgents to battle but these little fellows from the farms among the Pyrennes have fortified with amazing industry.

From Pinar del Rio to Santiago de Cuba the defences are conspicuous everywhere. Something to turn a bullet is the end in view. With this idea the Spaniards have given ingenuity of construction full play. When the war is over not the least of Cuba's attractions for the visitor will be the forts. They number not hundreds, but thousands. There is a fort of some kind for every ten insurgents under arms. And the building still goes on. Not many days ago a party of Havana people went out to the suburbs of the city to witness the dedication of a new fort, as a similar party might have gone from an American city to celebrate the formal installation of some new industry. The new fort was finished in a style befitting its proximity to the capital of the island. It was given a name. The ceremonies of the formal opening of the fort for business duly reported in the papers.

The forces of the revolution number 50,000 by the claims of the leaders, and 30,000 by the admissions of the Spanish Government. The supply of ammunition is so scanty that the general instruction to the soldiers is, 'Not a single cartridge may be wasted.' Against such an enemy the Spaniards have dotted the island with these thousands of forts. Much of this fortifying is voluntary work. The Spanish soldier seems to have an inborn liking for it. He will fight in the open if he must. There is no doubt of the Spaniard's valor. But having hunted in vain for the enemy, and being given the duty of defending some particular place against the hidden foe, the Spanish soldier, without being told, proceeds to make himself as safe from possible harm as convenient material will permit. He is a natural fortifier.

HOW HE SAVED THE BANK.

It was Being Systematically Robbed and The Expose Was Timely.

'There's a man that saved one of the biggest banks in an Eastern city,' said a Detroitier to his friend as they passed a minister on the street.

'That should have brought him a handsome reward.'

'I believe they thanked him for it. He officiated at the marriage of a couple, both wealthy and belonging to the upper crust. There were several rehearsals at which he was present. For these the sexton lighted and heated the church and the organist supplied the best music. Naturally the rector, as well as the other two, expected rather a handsome remembrance from the rich bridegroom.

'After the elaborate ceremony was through with and the happy pair had started on their wedding trip the best man called on the rector, the organist and the sexton, giving each a very stingy evidence of the fact that their services had not been forgotten. The latter too did not hesitate to express their contempt openly and the minister showed his in a nice way by turning over to them what he had received.

'Shortly afterward, while giving the church a thorough cleaning, the sexton found the fragments of a note and gave them to the rector, who happened to be present. Putting the pieces together he had a letter from the bridegroom to the best man, instructing him what to give each of the three persons mentioned, and the respective sums were really most liberal.

'More for the others than for himself, the rector wrote the best man, who was cashier of a leading bank. He promptly settled and was very anxious to have the matter kept quiet. But the man who would embezzle from his best friend was not to be trusted and the directors were told the story. They were being systematically robbed, and the expose came none too soon.—Free Press.

BASEBALL TERMS.

Two More, Once Familiar, That Have Now Fallen Into Disuse

'I mentioned the other day, as a baseball term that had fallen into decay,' said Mr. Bifferly, 'the "goose egg." This term, time honored, and once commonly employed, is now no longer heard. Two other terms, once as familiar, and almost as commonly used, but now put away on the same shelf with the goose egg, are the "red-hot grounder" and the "daisy cutter." The daisies grow now just as they did then (for which let us be duly grateful), but the baseball is a daisy cutter no longer. The balls are heated now as red-hot as ever—if anything a little hotter, but such a ball is no longer described as in the phrase once familiar, as a "red-hot grounder." The extreme warmth of the sphere is now referred to in some other manner.

'The fact is that in that in baseball, as in all things else, fashions change, and phrases that today seem to glow with descriptive fever may tomorrow seem dull and spiritless indeed.'

**A** GREAT deal of nonsense has been written—and believed, about blood purifiers. What purifies the blood? ..

THE KIDNEYS PURIFY THE BLOOD AND THEY ALONE.

If diseased, however, they cannot, and the blood continually becomes more impure. Every drop of blood in the body goes through the kidneys, the sewers of the system, every three minutes, night and day, while life endures.



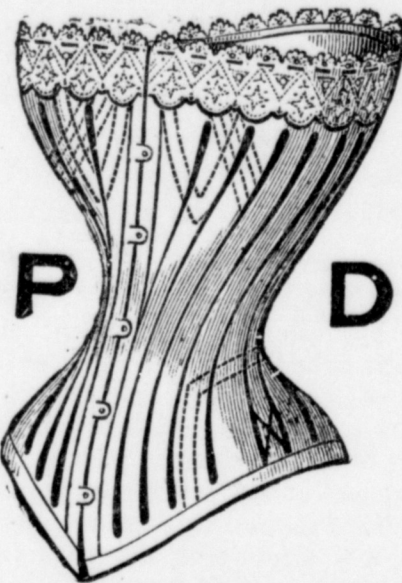
puts the kidneys in perfect health, and nature does the rest.

The heavy, dragged out feeling, the bilious attacks, headaches, nervous unrest, fickle appetite, all caused by poisoned blood, will disappear when the kidneys properly perform their functions.

There is no doubt about this. Thousands have so testified. The theory is right, the cure is right and health follows as a natural sequence. Be self-convinced through personal proof.

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Advertisement for Watson's Dundee Whisky, featuring a decorative border and text: 'BEST ON EARTH PURE—WHOLESAME Watson's Dundee Whisky Established 1815 CHARD JACKSON & CO. MONTREAL Agents for Canada C.A.A.'

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WOMEN'S WORK AMONG PARSEES

The Enterprise in Which Austin Dobson's Daughter is Engaged.

There is a thriving settlement for university women in India. One of the most active workers is Miss Mary Rachel Dobson, daughter of Austin Dobson, the poet. She, with a band of fellow workers, has followed the Parsees to the hills during the plague, though the headquarters of the settlement is Bombay.

In an issue of a paper published in the interest of the Settlement one of the workers wrote:

'This city, which in size ranks second only to London among the towns of the British empire, would, we believe, afford the greatest scope for work of this kind. Besides a large Mohammedan and Hindu population it contains a colony of 60,000 Parsees. This influential and enlightened race has as yet been almost untouched by missionary effort: Western missionaries may lead the way, but the true reformers of India must eventually be natives fully consecrated and highly qualified. It is as a training school for such that this settlement is to find its highest mission. For women's work among them there is a distinct opening; the Parsee ladies are free from Mohammedan and Hindu restrictions; education with them, though partial, is universal, and they are eager for Western culture and intercourse with English women. The missionaries of Western India are unanimous in declaring, on the one hand, that there is urgent need among them for missionary extension on educational lines: on the other, that women with university education, and these alone, can engage in this work with hope of success.

It is hoped that this scheme may develop in more than one direction. In the districts of Nasik and Malegaon, about 100 miles from Bombay, there is pressing need for lady doctors among 2,000,000 native women, who are almost entirely without medical aid. There it is hoped to establish a medical branch of the Settlement as soon as two fully qualified lady doctors offer for the work. In future years we may therefore see in every university centre in India a band of women representing the missionary effort of the universities at home; for who can tell what the reflex influence on our colleges will be of such organized representation of women students in the foreign field?'

AT MONTE CARLO.

Characteristics About Those Who Play at This Famous Resort.

From a letter on the present season at Monte Carlo, the famous resort and gambling place, which is published in a Paris paper, the following extract is not without interest to American readers, says the Baltimore Sun. In the Salons de Jeux each afternoon and evening there is a great crowd just now, and considerable sensation is created by the playing of some of the more determined punters.

Most remarked among the boldest is an American artist, a painter, recently decorated with the cross of Officer of the Legion of Honor. He bets large sums without a moment's hesitation, and frequently makes enormous wins. It is all done so rapidly as to astonish onlookers. The gentle in question wins or loses with but little show of excitement and is certainly and emphatically what the French style beaujouer. He seldom sits at a table, always plays roulette, and walks about from table to table, attracting much attention by his impetuous play.

In marked contrast to his style is that of a stout gentleman, who never plays except when seated, and who, having made selection upon a number on the roulette table, remains faithful to it, and with an air of unending patience, covers it with gold. All the while having remained in his seat—impassive—not even the most marvellous good fortune causing his vacant expression to alter in the least. It is curious to note that while the former player seems to be so popular and generally liked, the stout party, whose good or bad fortune seems to have so little effect upon him, is decidedly unpopular. People appear to dislike seeing him so unaffected by his phenomenal good luck. 'C'est pas un homme,' exclaimed a vivacious little French lady after the punter has phlegmatically put into his pocket the 20,000 francs he had won in a single coup, 'c'est une machine.' And that those standing around felt as she did was evinced by their approving laughter.

Determined.

Pale and proud she stood before him. In fact, she had him in the corner and he could not depart.

'Do I get a '97 wheel?' she asked, and in her tone there was a threat veiled, even as the quinnis may be masked by the liquid softness of the rock and rye.

'No,' said the wretched man in desperation. 'Then,' said she, her voice as loud as the inside of a ball bearing, 'I shall see my lawyer to-day. I will buy that wheel out of the alimony.'

400,000 Free Samples Given Away in Eight Months.

Chase's Kidney Liver Pills are the only kidney pills with sufficient merit to guarantee the proprietors in giving away hundreds of thousands of sample packages free. Ask your druggist for a sample if your kidneys or liver is deranged.

Advertisement for Chase and Sanborn's Seal Brand Coffee, featuring an illustration of a woman holding a coffee tin and text: 'CHASE AND SANBORN'S SEAL BRAND COFFEE ONLY IN 1lb and 2lb TIN CANS FOLLOW DIRECTIONS.'

Advertisement for Clapperton's Thread, featuring text: 'IT'S EASIER TO THREAD YOUR NEEDLE With... CLAPPERTON'S THREAD Than with many other kinds, the twist is so firm that it's not so apt to unravel as some, —and that's what gives it its extraordinary strength. HAVE YOU TRIED IT?'

Advertisement for Herbine Bitters, featuring text: 'HERBINE BITTERS Cures Sick Headache HERBINE BITTERS Purifies the Blood HERBINE BITTERS Cures Indigestion HERBINE BITTERS The Ladies' Friend HERBINE BITTERS Cures Dyspepsia HERBINE BITTERS For Biliousness Large Bottles, Small Doses. Price only 25c. For sale all over Canada. Address all orders to'

Advertisement for Mott's Breakfast Cocoa, featuring text: 'When Your Wife Has Callers Does she serve them a cup of COCOA? Just ask her if she has found any beverage that is as good value as MOTT'S BREAKFAST COCOA, in 1-4 lb. tins, at 15 cents. JOHN P. MOTT & CO.'

Advertisement for Gray's Syrup of Red Spruce Gum, featuring an illustration of a Native American and text: 'Gray's Syrup of Red Spruce Gum For Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Sore throat, etc. KERRY, WATSON & CO., PROPRIETORS, MONTREAL.'

Advertisement for Adams' Tutti Frutti, featuring text: 'ADAMS' TUTTI FRUTTI AIDS DIGESTION Save coupons inside of wrappers for prizes. 133'

THE MISSING LETTER.

There Wasn't an S Left, but the Editor Got There Just the Same.

'We are sorry to say,' explained the editor of the Skedunk Weekly News, in a double headed article at the head of the first column of his editorial page, 'that our compothing room wath entered latht night by thome thcoundrel who thtote every 'eth' in the establishment and thucceded in making hith ethscape undetected.

'It hath been impoththible, of couriibe, to procure a new thupply of etheth in time for thith iththue, and we are thuth compelled to go to preth in a thithuation motht embarrathng and diththrethng, but we can thtee no other courthbe to purchue than to make the beth thttagger we can to get along without the miththing letter and we therefore print the Newth on time regardleth of the lothth we have ththubtained. The motive of the miththreath, doubtleth, wath revenge for thome thuppothed inthult.

'It thall never be thaid that the petty thpith of any thmall thould villain hath dithtable The Newth, and if thith moethh the eye of the detethtable rathcal we beg to aththure him that he undere' thimatheth the reththourceeth of a firtht clathth newth paper when he thithketh he can cripple it hopelethly by breaking into ithth alpha le.' We take ocaethion to thuy to him furthmore that before next Thuthday we thall have three thimeeth ath many etheth ath he ththole.

'We have reathon to thuthpeth that we the cowardly thkurk who comthitted thith act of vand' althum, and if he ith ever then prowling about our eththabthment again, by day or night, nothing will give uth more thaththacteth than to thoot hith hith full of holeth.—Chicago Tribune.

SOME STRAY NOTES.

Very Funny Excuses Which Have Been Received by Teachers.

Lippincott quotes some very explicit, and at the same time peculiar, excuses and remonstrances sent by parents to 'teacher.' One of them seems to be a very emphatic protest against leading children to read according to the new method:

Teacher: I dink you are a fool, you want my boy to read when he don't have no alferbits. Please teach him some.'

There are few parents who have such dutiful sons as the boy whose absence is thus explained:

'Dear Teacher: Please excuse Fritz for staying home he had der measles to oblige his father.'

Another woman would like to take her choice among accomplishments:

'You must stop teaching my Lizzie fical torture, she needs yet readin and figors mit sams more as that, if I want her to do jumping I kin make her jump.

Another may easily have been too much distracted from anxiety to pay attention to her style:

'Please excuse my Paul for bein absent he is yet sick with diptherry and der doctors don't tink he will discover to oblige his loving Aunt Mrs.—, I am his mother's sister from her first husband.'

A Special Warning to Ladies.

The proprietors of Diamond Dyes are the only people in the world that make special dyes for coloring cottons and all mixed goods.

It is now admitted by all the best color chemists that a dye prepared specially for all wool goods will not color cotton or mixed goods successfully.

When Diamond Dye Pink, Purple, Orange, Garnet, Navy, Yellow, Blue, Scarlet, Turkey Red, Green, Cardinal, Brown and Black for Cotton and Mixed Goods are used, satisfaction is always guaranteed.

Beware of the dyes that pretend to color all wool goods and cotton with the same package of dye.

The verdict of millions on this continent is, "Diamond Dyes are first and best."

Preparing a Sensation.

He—I understand that our minister will soon deliver a sermon in which he will defend the action of Joseph's brethren in selling him into captivity.

She—"How can he do that?"

He—"Well, he doesn't know, himself, yet, but he's going to do it. He thinks that, in these days, a clergyman who isn't original isn't in it"—Puck.

Born in Him.

Hockstein (excitedly)—Kervick Rachel come here kervick.'

Rachel—"Well, vat ish is?"

Hockstein—"Look at little Isadore! He's testing the gold-fish mit acid to see if they're genuine! Oh, dot boy will be a financier, I bet you!"—Up-to-Date.

Domestic Aggravations.

'There's a bigger nuisance than the wife who always keeps her husband waiting.'

'What is it?'

'It is the wife who gets ready first and sits down in the hall, calling to her husband to hurry up.'—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Why buy imitations of doubtful merit when the Genuine can be purchased as easily?

The proprietors of MINARD'S LINIMENT inform us that their sales the past year still entitle their preparation to be considered the BEST, and FIRST in the hearts of their countrymen.