

THE EXPERTS IN WAR.

Military Training Above Not Called to Develop Originality of Thought.

The truth is that military men in England did not show themselves one whit more competent to estimate the military problems of the Boer war than civilians.

AT A MEXICAN HOTEL.

Some of the Table D'Hotel Dishes That Are Served at the Several Hotels.

The dining-room is scrupulously clean, and the moros are in attendance in their spotless white blouses (which resemble our shirt waists, with the gathering string let out at the bottom), the corners tied in a hard knot in front below the waist.

THE OLD-FASHIONED BOY.

An Inquiry About a Missing Type Made at a Dinner of Old-Timers.

At a little dinner of a few old-timers in this city the other night, reports the New York Sun, one of the speakers said:

Probably no place on earth will average acre for acre the timber that the Puget sound region can furnish.

The eastern Canadian seacoast, from the Bay of Peabody to the Straits of Belle Isle, covers a distance of 5,000 miles.

FIND OF ANCIENT METEOR.

Laborers at Williamsburg, N. Y., Unearth What Appears to Be an Old Heavenly Visitor.

What seemed to be fragments of a magnetic iron meteor, which may have deoecated to the earth centuries ago, was discovered the other day by some laborers who are excavating a cellar on Knickerbocker avenue, at Cornelia street, Williamsburg, N. Y.

A NEW LIFE RAFT.

Life-Saving Device of Special Merit to Be Placed on Some of the Warships.

The navy department is providing some of the warships with a new life raft, says a Washington special to the New York World.

NAUTICAL SCHOOL AT MANILA.

Naval Officers to Do Everything Possible to Increase Efficiency of the Institution.

Naval officials at Manila intend to do everything possible for the success of the nautical school at that place.

Wireless Telegraphy for Warships. Rear Admiral Bradford, chief of the bureau of equipment, will point out in his annual report, says a New York Herald dispatch from Washington.

Electricity on New York Central. Electricity for the New York Central railroad, at least to equip its lines from the city's limits to the Grand Central station, is more than a possibility of the near future.

Value of Minnesota Farm Land. Minnesota farm lands have advanced more than 100 per cent in value during the past seven years.

ARE STILL POPULAR.

Criticism on Moody and Sankey Sings Arouses Their Friends.

President of Indiana Music Teachers' Association Declares Them to Be Not - Roffish Workers Declare Them Full of Power.

Moody and Sankey songs—songs that have electrified great audiences and which are still being sold by the hundreds of thousands of copies, received a blow at the convention of the Indiana music teachers which belatedly in their efficacy and beauty take as an affront to those who use them.

"I hope that all the rot of the Moody and Sankey style of music may be destroyed for use in Protestant churches," said President Pierce, of the Indiana organization.

"He makes a mistake," declared Charles McCrea, of the North Side school. "In the first place, songs of the Moody and Sankey type have done more to create real enthusiasm and bring out real conversions than all of the old staid and classical church selections."

"We must recognize the elevating influence of such music as the Church of Rome uses," continued President Pierce.

"Yes, it is elevating," answered one of the ministers, "but who can want a piece more inspiring and better for its purpose than 'Ninety and Nine.' The strength and beauty of some of the Moody and Sankey hymns, such as 'My Ain Country,' is undeniable.

MARRIAGE DUE TO A PIG.

Suit Over a Little Porker Made in a Wedding of the Rural Claimants.

A little squealing pig brought a long-standing romance to a conclusion the other day and united the lives and fortunes of Miss Mathilda Parkinson and Hiram Johnson.

Miss Parkinson saw the little pig in Johnson's pen, and said it was hers. Hiram remonstrated gently but firmly. Miss Parkinson grew more assertive, and finally both lost their tempers.

"I'll get that pig yet," announced Miss Parkinson.

"You touch that pig and you'll see what will happen," threatened Hiram. Miss Parkinson wasted no further time in argument, but appeared before Alderman Conahan, of this city, and had a warrant issued.

American Goods in Germany. Numerous articles are appearing in the German press violently appealing to that government to take immediate steps to deal with the coming invasion of industrial America.

Total of the Pyx. The trial of the pyx, or the testing of the money of the United Kingdom, which took place in London at Goldsmith's hall, says the New York Tribune's correspondent, is a very ancient ceremony.

High-School Graduates. In 1929 the public high schools of the United States graduated 20,244 boys and 26,124 girls.

The Awakening of Sleepy Hollow. To Sleepy Hollow by trolley may sound sacrilegious, but, says the Boston Transcript, it is beautiful after you get over the first shock.

GAY AND FESTIVE SEAL.

New York Battery Aquarium Has Mammal That Treads Specimens to Shower Baths.

In the Battery aquarium at New York a sudden shower bath can always be had. Unless you have been there before you don't know anything about the bath until you get it.

The West Indian seal, which occupies a huge tank on the ground floor, is what you want to steer clear of if you want to keep dry.

The next most interesting member of the aquarium family living in a huge tank at the aquarium is a nine-foot sturgeon.

Ladies of London have admittedly never shown at cricket. Now they have an opportunity to distinguish themselves at a game which is a compromise between lawn tennis and the sterner play.

The new pastime is generally indulged in at Queen's club, West Kensington. On Wednesday several games were played by members interested in its development.

Men Looking for the "Real Thing" Get Only the Candy Article—Genuine Article Comes High.

A row of maidens, dressed demurely and prettily as an artist's ideal, stood before a tent at the "boulevard carnival," given by the Ladies Aid society of the First Presbyterian church at Findlay, O., the other night.

"Kissing booth, a kiss for five cents." Young and old men spent nickels like drunken sailors, but when they got inside each was handed a candy kiss.

A general kick was made, and in a few minutes another sign went up. It read: "The real thing \$1."

Not a man was willing to put up this Pan-American price for the osculatory exercise and the treasury was not augmented. Now the conservative element of the church is mad.

Hygienic Railway Reform. M. Baudin, minister of public works of France, has entered actively into railway reform, from a hygienic standpoint.

Lord Salisbury's Soldier Son. Lord Cecil, Lord Salisbury's soldier son, having obtained his brevet majority in May 1898, for his services in the Dongola expedition, and the D. S. O. for the expedition to Khartoum, has been promoted to a brevet lieutenant colonel.

No Draft. Boston is to have a new naval magazine, but, says the Boston Globe, as it is not of the kind that accepts and pays for manuscript authors have no good reason to feel encouraged.

WASPS, THE INVINCIBLES.

Where These Terrible Insects Swarm It is Impossible to Resist Them.

From early ages to the present time the "ferry darts of the wasps" have furnished illustrations of invincible attack. In the Bible the Lord uses the hornet to help clear a way for the chosen people.

In "Cruden's Concordance," in the introduction to the subject of hornets, we read that a "Christian city, being besieged by Saporos, king of Persia, was delivered by hornets; for the elephants and beasts, being stung by them, waxed unruly, and so the whole army fled."

Moffet says: "If we will credit Aelian, the Phalities, in times past, were constrained to forsake their city, for all their defense, multitude and armor, all through the multitude and cruel fierceness of the wasps where-with they were annoyed."

"Eight miles from Grandis the muleteers suddenly called out: 'Marambunda! Marambunda!' which indicated the approach of wasps.

"I never witnessed a panic so sudden and complete. The alarm was not without good reason, for so severe is the torture inflicted by these pygmy assailants that the bravest travelers are not ashamed to fly the instant they perceive the host approaching, which is of common occurrence in the campos."

Quotation is a matter of memory, and when literature relied on memory literature mainly consisted of verse.

Not a man can say that life is short. With men so little fruitful, and none to virtue's ways exhaust. In phrases less regretful.

College Graduates Increasing. The graduating class of the American colleges this year show an increase of 25 per cent. It seems probable that all the institutions of learning will have more than their usual quota of students next fall, says Success.

Censor Destroys Rhyme and Reason. A Constantinople correspondent says that the Turkish government has prohibited the performance of Rostand's play, "Cyrano de Bergerac," declaring it to be of a revolutionary character.

New Jersey's Constitution. The present constitution of the state of New Jersey, adopted in 1844, has remained unchanged for 86 years and remains practically the same as when first adopted.

PURGENT PARAGRAPHS.

"Yes," he said, "when I was young I was eagerly sought after." "What reward was offered?" asked the sweet young girl.—London Tit-Bits.

"How did Alice happen to accept young Golfley?" "He asked her if she would link her fate to his, and she thought he was no cleverer than took him."—Indianapolis News.

"Papa, what is a king?" "A king, my child, is a person whose authority is practically unlimited, whose word is law, and whom everybody must obey." "Papa, is mamma a king?"—Pittsburgh Bulletin.

Nell—"You surely don't think Jenkins' wife pretty." Belle—"Certainly not." "But you told May Gowers she was just lovely." "That was because May was an old flame of Jenkins."—Philadelphia Record.

Comedian—Why did the supernumerary leave the company?" Sue Brette—"Because she couldn't obtain a speaking part." Comedian—"Has she got one now?" Sue Brette—"I presume so. She married the manager."—Norristown Herald.

Buckner—"A doctor's life is a hard one; I think you'd hate it awfully." Dr. Floyd—"Oh, I don't know. It has its compensations. A doctor being out at all hours, he doesn't have to strain his brain inventing fairy stories, you know."—Boston Transcript.

"Here's a correspondent who asks: 'Is it proper for a woman to pick her teeth in public?'" "It's proper enough," replied the snake editor, "but when the average woman has to select a set she usually prefers to do so very privately."—Philadelphia Press.

ALL ARE YANKEE NOTIONS.

Britons Have American Products of All Kinds Thrust Upon Them Everywhere.

American products have forced their way into every avenue of trade in England and a London newspaper mourns the fact in this fashion:

"The average man rises in the morning from his New England folding bed, shaves with American soap and a Yankee safety razor, pulls on his Boston boots over his socks from North Carolina, fastens his Connecticut braces, slips his Waltham or Waterbury watch in his pocket and sits down to breakfast. There he congratulates his wife on the way her Illinois straight-front corset sets off her Massachusetts blouse and he tackles his breakfast, where he eats bread made from prairie flour, tinned oysters from the Pacific coast and a slice of Kansas City bacon, while his wife plays with a slice of Chicago or tengu. The children are given American oats. At the same time he reads his morning paper printed by American machines and possibly on American paper.

"He rushes out, catches an electric train (New York) to Shepherd's bush, where he gets in a Yankee elevator to take him on to the American-fitted electric railway to the city. At lunch time he hastily swallows some cold roast beef that comes from a cow in Iowa, and flavors it with the latest New England pickles, follows with a few Florida tinned peaches and then soothes his mind with a couple of Virginia cigarettes.

"To follow his course all day would be wearisome. But when evening comes he seeks relaxation at the latest American musical comedy and finishes up with a couple of 'liver pills' made in America."

CLUBS MADE UP OF FREAKS.

There Are Queer Associations of Queer Individuals in Some Parts of Europe.

There have been associations of all sorts of individuals formed in this country, but none of them would bear comparison for freakishness with some of Europe's clubs, says a London exchange.

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