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EDITORIAL COMMENT

An interesting problem for the pathologists is presented in the case of the inmate of an insane asylum who has won a prize of $250 for the solution of a rebus and an essay on an assigned topic. Such cleverness in an unsound mind is in decided contradiction to the theory of a prominent actress that Ophelia was not insane because she could distinguish the different varieties of flowers.

Edison declares that his greatest invention is yet to come. There is a vast room for improvement at large, but it was not to be supposed that Menlo Park could make a new record.

A simple remedy for that prolonged chilliness of the whole body which often aggravates if it does not cause a severe cold is always at command, and that is deep breathing. Warm drinks and even exercise are sometimes out of the question, but long drafts of fresh air will feed the internal fires and banish chilliness. It is a common notion that bodily exercise produces warmth simply by setting the blood in circulation. This is but part of the truth. Lively exercise quickens breathing and renews the air in the lungs. If one is obliged to sit in a cold closed room or carriage the windows should be opened for a few breaths of fresh air drawn deep into the chest. Any air will help, but dry, fresh air is best of all.

The enormous cost of war can only be realized when set down in aggregates. About $10,000,000 a week is the estimate of the cost of the Russo-Japanese war. That means about $500,000,000, or half a billion dollars, a year. Our civil war of four years' duration cost the north alone $4,000,000,000. During the closing months the government outlay was $1,000,000 a day. It cost the allies a billion and a quarter to give Napoleon his Waterloo.

European Unfriendliness to America.

The unfriendliness of Europeans for the United States during the Spanish-American war is recalled by the Hon. Andrew D. White in a current magazine article on diplomatic life. Mr. White handles the subject as though his statements might be received with doubt, but this particular instance of foreign hostility did not pass unnoticed at the time, nor is it likely to be soon forgotten. Europe's attitude toward this nation and the attitude of the European people toward the citizens of this country have never been friendly when friendliness would mean anything beyond mere verbal platitudes.

Doubtless, as Mr. White's argument implies, the seat of European unfriendliness, or even hostility when it goes so far as that, is in the court circles, after that in the clubs, the drawing rooms and in the press. But the mass of people over the sea have no adequate means of finding out for themselves and of forming independent opinions, and the ideas fostered at the top of society filter down through all circles.

A very few broad minded travelers, scientists and world students appreciate our institutions, and some intelligent immigrants send or carry to the fatherland glowing accounts of their adopted home. But beyond this America has no champions, no admirers, abroad. However, this is no misfortune and is indeed a compliment. America is Europe's great rival, and successful rivals are never loved, however much they may be courtesied to and complimented when there is an object in view.

Europeans like to sell goods to us and are ready to buy from us when they get good bargains, but never otherwise, and they care just so much for Americans as any sensible business man does for a client who buys freely and pays promptly. It is well to realize this and be prepared to stand alone. Our perfect independence as a nation and as individuals will win all the respect among Europeans that is worth having.

RUSSIAN AMMUNITION.

More Used In One Day In Manchuria Than In Spanish-American War.

The following article on the amount of ammunition used by the Russians in the battle of Liaoyang is taken from "New Features of the War as Illustrated In the East," by Thomas F. Millard, in the January Scribner's:

The enormous expenditure of ammunition is one of the features of this war. The Russian soldier carries 120 rounds of rifle ammunition into battle, and this will seldom last through a single day's fighting if the troops become seriously engaged. At Liaoyang some Russian regiments expended more than 800 rounds per man in the course of the battle. As this computation was based on the strength of the regiments when they entered the fight and as many of them came out of it sadly depleted, it is estimated that many soldiers must have fired as many as 1,500 rounds. In the Russian organization the supply of rifle ammunition per man, including the field and reserve parks and the supply carried in the flying artillery parks, is only 422 rounds for infantry and much less for mounted troops. The expenditure of artillery ammunition has been as excessive.

At Liaoyang some Russian batteries fired more than 600 rounds per gun. Russian field artillery carries in its limbers and battery wagons only from 168 to 150 rounds, according to the character of the gun, while the total visible supply, including the divisional, flying and reserve parks, averages about 475 rounds per gun.

These figures will give some idea of the strain put upon the supply departments during a great battle. More ammunition has been used in a single day in Manchuria than was required to fight the Spanish-American war. Besides the items of food and ammunition, the wastage of other forms of war material is enormous and constitutes an unprecedented drain upon logistical resources. The officers who direct this important branch of the art rarely receive the credit that is due them.

BABY'S OUTDOOR BED.

Duluth Lawyer Thinks She Will Be the Most Robust American Woman.

Mothers and women who are not mothers, but who are fond of children, are appalled by the radical departure from the usual method of rearing a child resorted to by J. H. Whitely of Duluth, Minn., says the New York Press. His daughter Corinne, eighteen months old, sleeps in a basket on the front porch of the house overlooking the lake. With the thermometer far below zero the child sleeps in her airy berth and at times has been taken indoors by the maid covered with snow. Whitely believes she will grow up to be the healthiest young woman in the land through this rigid treatment.

The father of the child keeps his relatives informed as to the progress of his treatment and proudly details the success of his experiment. Writing to his father in Washington, Pa., where Whitely formerly lived, he says his little daughter sleeps in the biting air every day and that she enjoys her rest immensely. He wrote that the child slept on the porch the other day for six hours with the thermometer registering 10 degrees below zero. One day a driving snowstorm came across the lake, and when the maid took baby's basket in the house the little sleeper was covered with three inches of snow. Whitely places a hot water bag at the child's feet, and she is tucked well up in the blankets. She never takes cold from her open air sleeps, but the heat of the house gives her little troubles with her head. The father of the child is a leading attorney of Duluth, and, though there is much criticism of his method of bringing up the baby, mostly confined to women, he thinks his course is the correct one.

Safety Device For Railways.

A double automatic block system has been installed on the Chicago Great Western road between St. Paul and South St. Paul. The plan of the system differs materially from anything in the nature of block systems or safety devices in operation in the world, says a St. Paul dispatch to the Chicago Post. It departs from the old overlap idea used in many of the blocks of the country, and the mechanism makes it possible for an engineer to decide positively whether or not either of the two sections ahead of him is occupied by a train. Storage batteries, located at the foot of each pole of the block, furnish the power with which the arms are moved. It is said that the whole main line of the Great Western will be equipped with similar devices soon.

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The brooding quiet of the trees
Is broken sweet, in yonder glen,
By "day, day, day," of chickadees
And keen, sweet song of winter wren.

Of glowing days some magic word
Is warbled when the goldbeats sing,
And in the morning pines is heard
The whisper of returning spring.

This is the birthday of the year;
Now faroff summer's battles start;
And lo, the very cold grows dear,
The wildest storm wind warms the heart.

—Roscoe Brumbaugh in Field and Stream.

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Incidents of Her Life In an English Prison.

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Tragic Scene When She Was Told to Prepare For Death—Agonies of Solitary Confinement and Sufferings She Endured In Woking Prison—Her Cry For Years Lost.

Mrs. Florence Elizabeth Maybrick, under the title of "Mrs. Maybrick's Own Story," recently published by Funk & Wagnalls company, New York and London, tells a straightforward story of her years in English prisons which is bound to draw attention to and finally remedy some of the abuses of prison life not only in England, but wherever the vestiges of ancient barbarities exist, says the New York Evening World.

Of the fifteen last years of her life passed in prison for the alleged murder of her husband, James Maybrick, by arsenical poisoning she closes her story by saying:

"A time will come when the world will acknowledge that the verdict which was passed upon me is absolutely untenable. But what then? Who shall give back the years I have spent within prison walls, the friends by whom I am forgotten, the children to whom I am dead, the sunshine, the winds of heaven, my woman's life and all I have lost by this terrible injustice?"

The story opens in the midst of the tragedy in a style at once interesting and holding:

"Slowly consciousness returned. I opened my eyes. The room was in darkness. Suddenly the silence was broken by the bang of a closing door, which startled me out of my stupor. Where was I? Why was I alone? What awful thing had happened? A flash of memory! My husband was dead. A feeling of pain and distress shot through me. Edwin Maybrick was bending over me as I lay upon my bed. He had my arms tightly gripped and was shaking me violently. 'I want your keys, do you hear? Where are your keys?'

"This was on Sunday morning, May 12, 1889, and she was kept a prisoner until formally arrested. She was not allowed to cable to her American lawyers. Though her American husband was in the same house, dead, she was not allowed to look upon his face and could only see the casket.

In short, pointed sentences she tells the story of those first days of her captivity, the preliminary hearing, the inquest, at which she waited in the anteroom till the coroner had summed up.

"The jury consisted mostly of gentlemen who at one time had been guests at my house," she says.

Of all the years of suffering through which the woman passed perhaps the incident which caused her to bring most to bear the force of her wonderful will was the night upon which she was to be executed and she was told to prepare for death.

"The female warder was weeping silently," begins her description of this remarkable incident, "but I was calm and spent the early part of the night in my usual prayers. About midnight exhausted nature could bear no more, and I fainted. I had barely regained consciousness when I heard the shuffle of feet outside, the click of the key in the lock—that warning catch in the slow machinery of my doom. I sprang up and with one supreme effort of will braced myself for what I believed was the last act of my life. The governor and chaplain entered, followed by a warder. They read my expectation in my face, and the governor, hastening forward, exclaimed in an agitated voice:

"'It is well. It is good news.'

"When I opened my eyes once more I was lying in bed in the hospital, and I remained there until I was taken to Woking convict prison."

Woking prison, where she was taken on Aug. 29, comes in for a rather startling exploitation. From here till her removal to Aylesbury prison the story is a heartrending tale of agonies of solitary confinement, prison discipline, the evils of prison practices, the injustices and tragedies of the soul blighting years that a life convict passes before death or a reprieve ends it. As she was thrust roughly into a seven by four foot cell at Woking prison after her sentence of hanging had been changed to life imprisonment she felt that death, even at the hangman's hands, would have been preferable to this.

"Try to realize," she says, "never to feel the touch of anything soft or warm, never to see anything that is attractive—nothing but stone above, around, beneath. The deadly cold creeps into one's bones the bitter days of winter and the still bitterer nights of torture, for Woking prison was not heated. My hands and feet were covered with chilblains."

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The emperor's yearly expense of living is limited. For this purpose he draws $3,000,000 from the national treasury, writes Hosmer Whitfield in the January Success. He has got to pay out of it some 1,000 employees. The lady in waiting is said to be paid $150 monthly. I have no doubt that even a washing girl is paid about $70. Japan is a country where a laboring man's wages are not more than 50 cents daily. The chief cook of the imperial palace is paid $200 a month.

Hot Springs to Hatch Chickens.

To hatch chickens by means of the waters of the hot springs at Glenwood Springs, Colo., is the scheme projected by a wealthy Philadelphian, says the New York Press. He proposes to erect eight incubators near several unused springs on the south bank of the Grand river and to employ running hot water in place of the lamps which usually supply the necessary heat. The projector of the plan hopes to hatch out from 5,000 to 6,000 eggs each month.

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