

INVERTED PATRIOTISM.

Mr. Dudley Makes a Little Mistake in Hoisting the Stars and Stripes.

Dudley is intensely patriotic. His friends have been aware of this for some time, so when he purchased a large flag and proceeded to raise it over his house, they were not surprised, says the Detroit Free Press.

It was dark before Dudley succeeded in getting everything ready and the flag hoisted, and, with the remark that there would be a surprise in the neighborhood when the morning dawned, he went inside.

But it was Dudley who was surprised on the following morning. When he stepped out upon his porch he found that every window in the neighborhood had an angry occupant. Even the old maid who lived next door had drawn her lace curtains aside, and when Dudley appeared shook her fist at him.

"It'll move out of this neighborhood as soon as I can find another house," muttered Dudley to himself. "I won't live in such a nest of Spanish sympathizers."

Then a stranger came along, looked up at the flag and immediately pulled up his coat and wanted to fight Dudley. What the outcome would have been is a matter of speculation, for at this point a policeman arrived on the scene, gave one look at the flag and ordered Dudley to haul it down.

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This was too much. Dudley was proceeding to pull off his coat preparatory to fighting the police force, when he stopped long enough to take one look at the beloved flag, he was about to defend. Then he flung. Old Glory was upside down.

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NOISES OF THE NIGHT. Concerning Summer Sleep Preventives and Their Treatment in the Police Court.

At this season of the year, when roosters crow at daylight in the morning, dogs bark late at night and the street vendor yells his wares, the police are the recipients of hundreds of complaints from citizens who must, by reason of the heat, keep their doors and windows open. For the information of those concerned, the Washington Post has obtained what is cited as the determination of the police court in such cases.

It has been held that where a person is disturbed by unnecessary noises, such as has been mentioned, it does not come within the province of the police officer to arrest those responsible, unless the police officer himself should be disturbed. In other words, the party whose peace or rest is interfered with by the crowing or barking must first procure a warrant against the owner of the fowl or dog which causes the disturbances. The officer then proceeds to bring the owner of the offending creature to justice. Where persons denounce loud crying by hucksters, accompanied by written complaint, the police officer has been permitted a hearing in court.

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THE MIDDLE-AGED MAN. He Recalls in Reminiscence Way the Picturesque House Illuminations of Fifty Years Ago.

"Lighting of every description," said the middle-aged man in the New York Sun, "is brighter, more brilliant and more striking now than ever before; but there was in vogue, say 50 years ago, a method of illumination for purposes of celebration that it seems to me was more picturesque than any one of the methods that have supplanted it. I refer to the illumination of houses by placing candles in the windows.

"Windows in those days were not made as they are commonly nowadays, with one or two lights, but they were made with six or nine lights of glass to each, so a window had usually 12 or 18 panes of glass. Candles were placed at the windows, one at each pane, in holders specially made for the use, a little triangular piece of tin with a short socket soldered upon it. This holder was held in place simply by crowding the sharp corner of it into the mesh below the glass. The candles were not lighted until the approach of the procession.

IMPROVED ELECTRIC LAMP.

One Disagreeable Feature of Old Lamps is Eliminated in a New Invention.

Many schemes, such as ground and colored glass, have been tried with the idea of eliminating the disagreeable glare from the tiny filament of the electric light, but all of them have been attended by loss of light. What is said to change the surface of the globe entirely into a luminous body, doing away with the extreme brilliancy of the filament, is the spiral feature. This is done by winding around the globe, from the spike to the tip, a thin cord of glass, like the cord wrapped around a top, says the Chicago Journal.

The manner in which the spiral is applied to the bulb is interesting. It is made first out of rod glass bent on a sharper of the same form as the particular sample of glow lamp, and in its separate state is quite a springy affair. To get it on the bulb it is divided half way down, the halves are blown together when in place, and the end of the spiral is blown into the spike of the lamp. The other end is secured by an extension of the brass cap. It will be observed that there is actual junction only at the two poles, so that there is no danger of the bulb cracking under the strain of unequal heating and expansion in the spiral. An important point in the whole matter is that there seems nothing in the process to prevent the finished articles being turned out quite cheaply, which, of course, is the essence of the business from a commercial point of view.

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"A house front with a light twinkling at every pane of every window was a picturesque sight indeed, and a whole street of houses thus illuminated made a fairy spectacle."

Noisless Guns Text. For some years inventors have been trying to devise a gun which would be practically silent and which when fired would also give no indication of its position. Powders more or less smokeless have been introduced, but it may be doubted whether it is possible to contrive a gun both flashless and noiseless. Col. Humbert hopes to do this by a device for closing the extremity of the gun as soon as the projectile has made its exit, so that there shall be no flash, and that the air shall be prevented from abruptly entering the place—such entrances being one of the causes of detonation.

Shoe Wear. A shoemaker says we wear away quite two inches of shoe leather in a year. A pair of boots that would "last a lifetime" would consequently have to be provided with soles from eight to nine feet thick.

ABOUT WORRYING.

Mr. Stogleton Prescribes an Easy Remedy for a Too Common Complaint.

"Everybody tells us," says Mr. Stogleton, "not to worry. They tell us that worry never did anybody any good, and that on the other hand it absolutely impairs one's capacity for work, and so helps to aggravate the very situation that we are worrying over. This is true, all of it, and sound advice it is, too, and it has all been said many times; but it should be more often supplemented with detailed instructions as to how to avoid worrying. Now let me make a try at it. Perhaps I shall repeat things that I've said before; but if I do, it will be because I think they're good for humanity."

A prime necessity of our permanent freedom from worrying is the possession of the personal quality commonly known as sand. If a man has not been endowed with sand by nature he must seek it up for himself; nobody is going to give him any, but he can do this easier than he thinks.

"Most of the things we worry over are only bugsbears that fade and disappear upon the first attack. Herein lies the first secret of success—in attack; and the great secret lies in persistence, in keeping always at work. The man who actually does this, wasting no time, will find, the first thing he knows, that he's stopped worrying, and he laughs a little as he says to himself that he's got no time to worry; and the next thing he knows he finds his sandbox is no longer empty, he's actually got some sand of his own, and then he is somebody and begins to find some solid satisfaction in life."

SHERIDAN'S SHYNESS. How the Sturdy Fighter Reassured an American Woman at Paris During the Commune.

Gen. Sheridan, as he became older, conquered his shyness, says the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune. At the time of the commune he was in Paris with his aide-de-camp. There was also stopping at the same hotel a charming American woman with whom he was slightly acquainted. The prisoners had been liberated and were rushing madly through the streets. The order had also been given that all windows and shutters must be kept closed. Shutters dark room and hearing the noisy rabble below, the woman became greatly alarmed.

"There is but one thing for me to do," she cried, "to insure safety. I will put myself under the care of the American general."

She therefore sent her card to Sheridan, who at once called and offered his services. He also advised that she should join his party in the morning and get away to London. Still she appeared distressed. Finally she cried: "It is my bonnet at Viro's. They were to have been down to-day. How can I go and leave them?"

The general grasped the situation, and offered his arm to escort her to the milliner's. Happily, it was not far off. Ever afterward he delighted to tell of his pleasure at seeing such an array of dainty headgear. He had never been at a milliner's before.

STUDYING FROM NATURE. An Investigative Tragedian Learns What Surprise is by Paying a Debt.

"Thanks," said the tragedian, "many thanks for your good opinion. I always study from nature, sir. In my acting you see reflected nature herself," quotes the Louisville Commercial.

"This cigar," said an admirer of nature, reverently, "now, where did you study that expression of intense surprise that you assume in the second act?"

"From nature, sir; from nature. To secure that expression I asked an intimate friend to lend me \$5. He refused. This caused me no surprise. I tried several more.

"Finally I asked one who was willing to oblige me, and as he handed me the note I studied in a glass the expression of my own face. I saw there surprise, but it was not what I wanted. It was allied with suspicion that the note might be a bad one. I was in despair."

"Well?" said the other, breathlessly. "Then an idea struck me. I resolved upon a desperate course. I returned the \$5 note to my friend the next day, and on his astonished countenance I saw the expression for which I was in search."

Dresden China. What is Dresden china? The question had to be decided by a law court in London not long ago, and it was held that it was china made at the royal china factory started by the king of Saxony at Meissen, near Dresden, China of the same sort, even though "made in Germany," 100 miles off, will not do at all. The counsel for the defendant, who was charged with selling wares under false pretenses, actually but vainly urged that Brussels carpets are not always made in Brussels, Stilton cheese at Stilton, Bologna sausage at Bologna, nor Venetian glass in Venice. But the court held that the sanctity of the Dresden name must be maintained, and henceforth purchasers of Dresden in England may buy without tremor.

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