

MILITARY NOSTALGIA.

NEVER HEARD OF OMAR.

Soldiers in Cuba Are Taking It and Their Sweethearts at Home Mourn.

Dr. Harrison, a colored physician of Wichita, Kan., has received a letter from one of the Wichita boys with the Twenty-third Kansas volunteers, the colored regiment now at San Luis de Cuba, which had caused consternation among the colored people, and especially the women who had husbands or sweethearts in the company. In that letter the soldier states that six members of the Wichita company are engaged to marry Cuban girls and that many other members of the regiment are in love with Cuban and half-breed Spanish women, who are said to be unusually good looking and attractive, says the Topeka Daily Capital.

There were a number of married men among the recruits and others who had promised to marry Wichita girls on their return. It is the women who unwillingly allowed their sweethearts to go to Cuba that are most worried. They are afraid their "men" will fall prey to the attractions of the tropical amorettes and never come back to them. The letter says that it is probable that all the colored troops remain there a year almost one-half of them will marry natives and remain there.

The reason assigned for the wholesale slaughter of soldier hearts is that when the troops went there almost all of the boys were homesick and down-hearted, and about the only relief they could find was in the smiles and charms of the beautiful native women. Then as they learned something of the language love's charms were working and soon the soldier boys (some of them) forgot all about being homesick, so much were they enamored with their new sweethearts.

CEREALS AND GRASSES.

Astonishing Results of Experiments Lately Made by English Farmers.

It is said that the discoveries in the cultivation of cereals and grasses made by the sons of a Lancashire (England) corn merchant bid fair to revolutionize agriculture. In 1880 John and Robert Garton began their experiments in the production of new varieties of cereals by means of cross-fertilization at Newton-le-Willows. Hitherto the improvements in grain had been brought about by carefully selecting the best ear in the field and the best grain in that ear, and then keeping the product of that variety for seed, or else a change of seed from one section of country or district to another, but the labors of these two gentlemen have been productive of new species of wheat, oats, barley and grasses, says the Philadelphia Record.

In their work nothing has been left to chance; the whole world has been ransacked for specimens of different cereals grown, and its peculiarities noted through several seasons. Nearly 350 varieties of wheat have been collected, including 31 English, 45 American. About 100 varieties of oats have been got together, only four of which came from the United States.

By crossing the common wild oats of China, which is very prolific, growing in any soil and producing a large quantity of grains, but has no husk, with several varieties of British oats, an oat has been produced which has no hull at all, and can be used at once for preparation for human food. It has a beautiful bright yellow grain, which looks much like an elongated grain of the finest white wheat.

COUNT YOUR CHANGE.

Twelve Hundred Dollars Which Careless People Left Behind at the Box Office.

Certain windows where tickets are sold here in town bear above them the sign: "Count your change before you leave the window." Of course it's good advice, not for you, we understand, but for the next man. And just to show you how much the next man needs to count his change let me tell you something a theatrical manager told me, says a writer in the Washington Post.

He was once employed in the box office of a Boston theater during an 11 weeks' run of "Black Crook" in those long ago days of our theatrical innocence when "Black Crook" was counted wicked and drew as things considered wretched and "Black Crook" is a kinder-garten pastime compared to them—nowadays.

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She Told a Crowd of Slingshooters They Would Be Better Employed with Big Game.

In slingshot time a number of small boys armed with the implements of torture that proved so disastrous to Gothic in the days when David fought his fortunate duel, were congregated in one of the tiny triangles of the city, dealing death and destruction to the flocks of English sparrows resting in the trees surrounding the small park. Several shots had had a disastrous effect upon the little winged creatures and the boys were preparing to slay all the others when the scornful voice of a woman made them miss their aim and turn around in guilty haste, says the Chicago Post.

"You are nice sort of boys, you are," she exclaimed, disdainfully, "to kill the poor little birds. Why don't you choose something of your own size to fight, and not touch something that is small or than you are. That isn't the way to be manly at all. If you must shoot something, just go up to Lincoln park and pepper the lions and the tigers," and the woman tripped away.

At the corner she turned again to watch the effect of her suggestion and found the boys quietly crossing the street toward home with sunken heads and no suspicion of the presence of a slingshot. The advice had saved the birds.

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L'ABEILLE DE LA NVILLE-ORLEANS

Fattre répandue en Louisiane et dans tous les Etats du Sud. Sa publicité offre donc au commerce des avantages exceptionnels. Prix de l'abonnement pour l'année Edition quotidienne \$12.00; Edition hebdomadaire \$3.00; Edition du Dimanche, \$2.00.

UNFORTUNATE MISTAKE.

Dramatic Incident of the Cuban Blockade Between the Porter and the Winslow.

Frequently in the anxiety to discover whether the strange craft was a friend or foe without betraying her own presence, a torpedo boat was fired by her own friends, says Harper's Magazine. The blockading squadron was taking no chances of any kind of approaching dark little craft and used the western method of shooting first and inquiring afterwards. In the excitement consequent on the signal "Enemy's torpedo boat sighted," even torpedo-boats engaged each other. This happened one of the first nights at Havana. The moment the signal was made, all the scouting vessels in the vicinity converged at full speed toward the point where the signal stars had been seen. Suddenly out of the gloom of the night and right across the bows of the Porter rushed a dark object, the sparks from its funnels and the dim outline marking it distinctly as a torpedo-boat. No questions were asked by the Porter, for we knew no other torpedo-boat of ours was on that section of the blockade. There was a heavy sea and dense clouds of black smoke were sweeping down between us from our funnels. This fortunately caused the first shots to go wild, and instantly, in answer to our fire, the night signal was shown. It was one of our own boats that had come from Cardenas with dispatches, and she was looking for the flagship. A joking apology and a hearty laugh from us all ended our little encounter and the two boats parted, not to meet again for weeks—not until the Porter, returning to Key West from her cruise to Porto Rico, found the Winslow battle-scarred and torn by the enemy's shell, her captain wounded and her executive officer five of her crew dead. It was no laughing matter this time.

LETTERS COME TOO OFTEN.

Georgia Country Folk Who Object to Modern Improvements in Mail Delivery.

"The new revision of the star routes is doing a great deal of good in the south," remarked Chief Clerk Day of the railway mail service to a New Orleans Times-Democrat man, "and enabling lots of country folks to get their letters and daily papers where they formerly received them only once or twice a week. Strange to say, however, the change is not always hailed with joy."

"Over in Gilmer county, Ga., a star route agent jugged things around so as to get a six-day mail into a weekly town, and was chuckling over the idea that he had been a benefactor to the whole district, when the postmaster hunted him up, with a face as long as a backwoods sermon.

"I wish you all would fix it to change that mail back agin like it was," said the old fellow, earnestly. "What!" exclaimed the agent, in amazement.

"Well, it's like this," said the postmaster. "Our folks has been used to comin' fer their letters every Saturday an' was well suited. Now, this here new scheme has been started, and it brents 'em all up. They feel kinda uneasy like onless they come in every day, and they just can't do no work. The crops is gettin' plumb neglected. We all want you to switch her back agin as quick as you kin."

"The agent went away deeply disgusted and sent in a special report in which he intimated that an annual mail would meet about meets the needs of the country. At last reports, though, it was standing at the six-day schedule."

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Bulletin Financier.

Lundi, 26 décembre 1898.

AVIS.

À cause de la continuation de la fête de Noël tous les marchés sont répétés, excepté le Flottement et le Sure. Les Banques, la Bourse aux Actions et la Bourse au Sure étaient ouvertes.

COMPTOIR D'ÉCHANGES (CLEARING HOUSE) DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS.

Jusqu'à cette saison..... \$3 896,662 00 \$427,954 00

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF THE TRADE..... 3,408,386 00 460,420 00

MARCHÉ MONÉTAIRE.

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