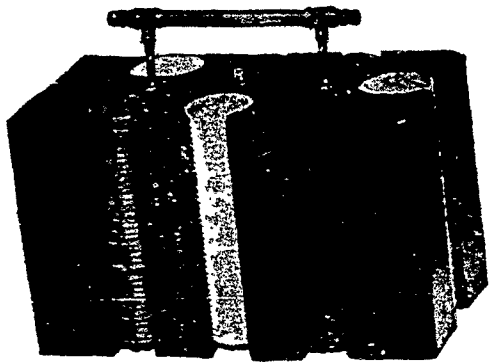


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SPANIARDS BEHIND THE TIMES.

Dr. H. A. Kelly, Back from Madrid, Speaks of Conservatism. Dr. Howard A. Kelly of the Johns Hopkins University of Baltimore, who in the absence of Dr. Jacoby of New York, officially represented the American Medical Society at the recent International Medical Congress in Madrid, said:

"We were treated with the greatest possible consideration and courtesy by the people of Madrid. On the other hand, however, there is a different story to tell. I refer to the management of the congress as a whole. The Spaniards seemed to be at a loss to understand how to go about the matter in the right way, and the result was the non-success of the congress. For instance, we were all situated a long distance from the meeting hall, so far away, in fact, that very few of us had any desire to make the journey and on one occasion, when Prof. Waldeyer, one of Germany's most distinguished surgeons, spoke, I learned that the professor's audience numbered exactly twenty-one persons.

"I was scheduled to deliver an address on the subject of gynecology in the same hall, but when I learned of Dr. Waldeyer's experience I decided that the journey was too long and the prospective audience too meagre to justify me in living up to the programme, and I acted accordingly. Personally the Spaniards are all right, but otherwise they are far behind the times, and it is about time for them to hustle and catch up. Why, even the hotels were bought up by speculators, and one had to pay for ten days' lodging in advance as a result, and if he failed to stay the time limit he had all kinds of trouble in getting back the money due him.

"In Paris, where I spent some time, I was received officially and was invited to deliver lectures at the Cochin, Broca, Necker and Boucicaud Hospitals, a very unusual honor, and one that I naturally greatly appreciated. After Paris I went to Glasgow and Edinburgh and performed operations in the Royal Infirmarys of both cities."

Dr. Kelly said that surgery in France, Germany and Great Britain ranked as high as any in the world.

WERE HIS SECRETARIES.

How Mr. Everts Got His Visitors Admitted.

During the last days of Oliver Wendell Holmes's life he visited Washington in company with Robert C. Winthrop and both of the venerable men visited the Senate chamber on the occasion of some ceremonies which crowded the galleries with people, so that they were unable to obtain seats. They sent their cards to Mr. Everts, hoping that he might arrange a place for them, and when he met them in the marble room he explained the difficulty.

"The galleries are crowded, as you know," he said, "and the rules of the Senate admit to the floor of the chamber only members of the two houses of Congress, members of the Cabinet, Justices of the Supreme Court, ex-Senators persons who have received the thanks of Congress, and private secretaries to Senators. I cannot get you admission in any other capacity, but if you will accept highly respectable and remunerative employment as my private secretaries I will find you seats on the floor. Both the poet and the statesman accept and Mr. Everts took them to the door, where he addressed the doorkeeper as follows:

"My dear sir, these two young men are my private secretaries. You will observe that they are both very green and ignorant, but I am trying to have patience with them and overlook their deficiencies. I wish you would take a good look at them so that when they come here again to see me you will know them," and with that he pushed open the swinging doors and motioned to Dr. Holmes and Mr. Winthrop to pass in, while the doorkeeper, in a bewildered sort of way, remarked in an undertone:

"Well I'll be blanked!"—Chicago Record-Herald.

Marvelous Surgery

John Long, a Klugsand tailor, owes his life to a marvelous feat in surgery. Some two months or more ago he was admitted to the London Hospital with a wound in the chest. He had been stabbed, an examination showed that his heart had been penetrated. The doctors decided that the only chance of saving the patient was to stitch up the wound in the heart, and this delicate task was performed by Dr. Richard Warren after the wound in the chest had been enlarged. For weeks Long was in a serious condition, but on Tuesday he was able to appear at the Worship Street Police Court to support a charge of attempted murder, preferred against Jacob Blitz, 35, stick dresser, who was committed for trial.

A Death-Feigning Plant.

That certain insects, birds, mammals and reptiles habitually pretend to be dead when danger threatens them is a well known fact but it is generally believed that this stratagem is resorted to only by animals. In South America, however, there is a plant—a species of mimosa—which resorts to death feigning, evidently for the purpose of preventing grass-eating animals from eating it. In its natural state this plant has a vivid green hue; but directly it is touched by a human finger or by any living animal it collapses into a tangle of apparently dead and withered stems.—London Globe.

The Citric Cure.

Since citric acid is admittedly a fine tonic and stimulant, its purest form, lemon juice, is in universal favor. Nerve-weary, bilious women are taking the citric cure with splendid results.

CLAY ON SLAVERY.

He Was in Favor of a System of Gradual Emancipation.

The Louisville Courier-Journal prints as follows a copy of a letter written by Henry Clay to Dr. Joseph Berry, of Sharpsburg, Ky. The letter was post-marked at Lexington, and marked "Free, H. Clay."

Ashland 15th June, 1833.

Sir: The existence of cholera in the neighborhood and the cares and anxieties to which it has given rise have delayed my acknowledgment of the receipt of your letter of the 27th ulto., and now I can only very briefly answer it. To do so fully would require a volume. Slavery may be considered in reference to the whole Union and to the particular States. As to the first, I think the government of the United States possesses no constitutional power to touch the subject of emancipation in any way. It may grant such or similar aid in the transportation of the African race after emancipation, as has been heretofore afforded to Africa or elsewhere. This restricts the question of emancipation to each State where slavery exists, and confines the citizens of each State to the consideration of what may be proper for their own State.

Here in Kentucky slavery is in its most mitigated form. Still it is slavery, and for one I should be willing now as I was, thirty-four years ago, to concur in the adoption of a system of gradual emancipation. But I doubt the expediency of agitating the question at the present time. It can only be effected first, either by making compensation to the owners, or second, by an amendment to the constitution. The resources of the State are inadequate to the first and I doubt whether public sentiment is yet prepared for the second. And, after all, if we were to adopt the system here, while slavery existed in the other slave States, a great deal would remain to be done.

Meantime a sensible progress, both in Europe and America, is making toward universal emancipation; and I think we had better leave to their full operation all the favorable concurring causes now existing than to make a premature and perhaps unsuccessful effort. Public opinion alone can bring about the abolition of slavery, and public opinion is on the march. We should wait in patience for its operation without attempting measures which might throw it back. I believe it is now certain that Great Britain will emancipate the slaves in her West Indian dependencies. That fact cannot fail to exert a powerful influence in both hemispheres. If subsequently it shall be demonstrated in these dependencies that they can be as well cultivated by the hands of freemen as these of slaves, slavery will be stripped of one of its most plausible supports. In our country, colonization continues. In my opinion to meet public patronage. It is I admit, a slow remedy but it is to be remembered that slavery is a chronic disease, and I believe in such maladies speedy recovery is not expected.

SOME VERY WISE PRINCES.

King Peter Not the Only European Monarch Who Goes Armed.

King Peter's last purchase before leaving Geneva to assume his throne at Belgrade was a revolver. He made no secret of the fact.

King Peter is by no means the only European monarch who is thus armed. Emperor William always carries a revolver, and his "Liebjäger" is entrusted with the duty of seeing that it is always in perfect order and ready for use. The Kaiser is firmly convinced that he is destined to fall by the hand of an assassin, but he is equally resolved to go down fighting and to have the satisfaction of settling the account of one or more of his assailants.

It is well known that the late Emperor Alexander III. of Russia always carried a revolver, and so, too, does the present Sultan of Turkey. Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria and Prince Nicholas of Montenegro always carry pistols. King Charles of Portugal does the same since the hand-to-hand fight in which he engaged some years ago with a tramp on the deserted road near Lisbon.

Neither King Edward nor the Emperor Francis Joseph goes armed and King Victor Emmanuel, in spite of the fact that his father was murdered after repeated attacks upon his life, also disdains to carry firearms.

New Dry Dock for Cuba.

Cuba is to have a new shipyard and maritime dry dock. It will be established at Santiago, at a point upon the bay known as La Ensenada Victoria. The concessionaire, Julian Conloya, who is the general agent of the New York and Cuba Mail Steamship Company at Santiago de Cuba, represents an American syndicate which, it is reported, will spend quite a sum of money to make the projected yard all that the requirements of the south Cuban coast and Caribbean sea shipping can expect, with all modern improvements in the way of machinery and the other facilities necessary.—Havana Post.

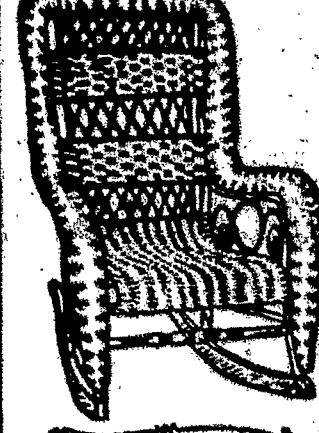
Prosecuted for Adulterating.

A recent prosecution for adulteration brought out some interesting facts as to the brandy taken in Ireland, some of which is ordered medicinally, of course. The evidence disclosed that rotten figs, black oats, grapes of a sort and, of course, potatoes, were among the chief ingredients. The case was heard at Hamilton, Scotland. The wine of that country seems bad.

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