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**NOTABLES IN
THE LIMELIGHT**

William E. Gonzales, the New
Minister to Cuba.



Our new minister to Cuba, William Elliott Gonzales, is not a stranger to that country, and when he assumed the position to which he has been appointed by President Wilson he will be returning to the land of his ancestors. Born in the United States, he is intensely American in his point of view, but this has not prevented him from taking a deep interest in the development of Cuba.

His name is a link between the two countries. His father, General Ambrosio Jose Gonzales, a native of Matanzas, Cuba, married into the old Elliott family of South Carolina, and the new minister to Cuba was named for his uncle, William Elliott, a one time representative in congress.

After the death of his brother, Norris, Mr. Gonzales became editor of the Columbia State. Like his brother, he had been a soldier in the war with Spain, having served as captain in the Second South Carolina regiment and having gone to Cuba with the army of pacification.

The Minute of Shells.
Among the minute existences upon the face of the globe that have been elevated by means of the microscope into an honored position of independence are the foraminifera, mostly marine animals inhabiting many chambered cells. At one time they were considered mollusca, at another they were ranked among the infusoria, and eventually they were settled comfortably in the subkingdom protozoa. The calcareous shells have in the past formed vast deposits of chalk. They are often today congregated as realms of sand. These animals are not always minute, but generally they are subjects imperatively demanding the lens. An ounce of sand has been known to contain 5,000 of their shells, and in the West Indies the figure once ran into millions.

Postcards in Inquisitive India.
India is the only country perhaps in which the postcard may be said to be a real success, remarks a writer in T. P.'s Weekly of London. In India it exactly supplied a want. The card is cheap (it costs only a halfpenny), and it is complete in itself. Stamps and envelopes have to be wetted. The gum may have been made of the hoof or horns of the cow, and the thought of possible defilement of caste comes in. The postcard has no drawback. Its publicity, which makes English people dislike it, is not considered a disadvantage by the Indian. He reads other people's letters as a matter of course and expects other people to read his. I have often seen a postman seated by the street side sorting out his postcards, surrounded by an interested little crowd. He and they are reading as many of the post cards as there is time for, and no one appears conscious of irregularity in the proceeding.

The Scleroscope.
This little invention has been described as a kind of mechanical finger intended to discriminate by delicacy of touch between various substances submitted to it. The ready detection of the degree of hardness and elasticity of various surfaces is its special function. It consists essentially of a little weight, like the hammer of a pile driver, which is allowed to fall inside a tube placed upright on the surface to be tested. The bottom of the hammer, which weighs only a few grams, is furnished with a blunted diamond, intended to give it the requisite hardness. After a fall it rebounds, and a carefully graduated scale on the tube indicating the height of the rebound, shows the degree of hardness of the surface experimented with. On a piece of ordinary steel the hammer rebounds nine-tenths of the height of its fall.

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What Makes Flowers Blue.
Of all the many substances that are combined to make a flower, what is the particular one to which is due the blue, red or yellow color? Why, for example, are gentians blue and roses red, and why has no one ever seen a red gentian or a blue rose? The chemist, as you tell us, taking the plants that produce really blue—not violet—flowers, he considers which of their constituents is peculiar to them. True blue exists in veronica, salvia, verbena, basil, solanum, penstemon, nemophila, convolvulus, borage, hound's tongue and in all the orders allied to the gentianaceae and compositae, but never in lupinus, vetches, peas, ground peas, hollyhocks, primulas, roses, balsams, flax, etc. All the blue producing plants just named, have a tannin in them which does not exist in the others. This is called caffeoylannin. It is found in coffee, but not in tea. Tea contains another form of tannin, which is the same as that which makes camellias red—Exchange.

Caring For His Health.
Not many people guard their health so carefully as Sir Tatton Sykes, who in winter wore five or six coats when out riding and shed some of them as he became warmer. Prince Poutskine, however, took even stronger precautions against illness. If there was a touch of cold in the air he had fires lit in his grounds before venturing to stroll in them. His waistcoats were made in two separate pieces, joined at the sides by buttons, so that he could take them off or put on additional ones without removing his coat. If caught in a shower he sheltered himself with an umbrella, nearly two feet wide, which came down below his waist and was pierced with little windows. In very hot weather the prince wore boots coated with tin as a protection against mud dogs, and carried sponges soaked with vinegar in his shirt front to ward off unpleasant smells. Manchester Guardian.

Mean Blunders.
The moon, it seems, is responsible for more authors' "howlers" even than nightingales. Baroness Orzy in "Petroleum Government" draws a beautiful picture of a crescent moon rising over the treetops in the far eastern sky at 11 o'clock on a June evening. The picture is so nice that it is a pity to destroy it, but the invention is preposterous. Lucas Malet errs in a similar fashion in one of her novels. Miss Stevens in "The Veil" speaks of the new moon being seen at sunset prayer, "a thin slip in the east." A little study would show that when the moon rises at sunset it must necessarily be a full moon or nearly so. In the same book the full moon rises and sets again within a period of two hours, whereas the full moon is, of necessity, an all night moon—Book News Monthly.

Little Economies.
A postage stamp will purchase you the use of a dollar for 122 days. Three stamps equal the interest on a dollar for one whole year. Little economies rarely enter into the calculations of the average man or woman—those who earn from \$500 to \$5,000 a year. Men who smoke cigars easily consume three a day, costing not under 20 cents enough to pay for the use of \$1,825 for that day. If that \$1,825 were put to work in an intelligent way it might help him bread for the rest of the family.

Mr. Cominon Man might take a lesson from Big Business in trivial economies. As Franklin quoted:
A penny saved is twopence clear;
A pin a day's a groat a year.
—Philadelphia Ledger.

If an English engineer's plan to run an electric railroad up the side of Mount Popocatepetl, in Mexico, be carried out, passengers will experience a change in temperature from 70 degrees above zero to 10 below within two hours.

The Chinese have invented a new character or sign for "empire." A square with the sign of a king inside was their old character or sign for "kingdom," but now "empire" is represented by a square with the sign of people inside.

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NEW YORK CENTRAL LINES

ROUND THE WORLD

Janey City, N. J., is now under commission government.

Outriches and alligators are raised in incubators in South Africa.

Philadelphia has 647 vacant lots under cultivation by poor families.

A cloud of locusts brought an air man to the ground in France recently.

A woman suffrage directory will be published in New York by Ann Dowling.

Los Angeles had a rain June 26, the first instance of the kind on that date in thirty-five years.

The egg production of this country increased from 450,000,000 in 1880 to 1,300,000,000 in 1912.

A furniture museum is being organized in London for the benefit of furniture designers and builders.

A machine for drying whey and converting it into powder for food has been invented by a New Yorker.

Culebra slides began to be troublesome as long ago as 1884, when the French were working in the cut.

One factory in Ohio uses 10,000,000 feet of poplar and oak lumber annually, producing 300,000,000 bungs a year.

The number of cattle in this country has decreased in recent years, while the poultry flock has grown larger.

An Ohio judge suggests that brides-to-be should submit samples of their cooking with their applications for a license.

The oldest town in Alaska is Unga. It was settled in 1778. Its population, according to the last census, was 281.

Apple growers in the state of Washington are planning to sell their crops in Colombo, Singapore, Calcutta and Hongkong.

Louisville (Ky.) grocers who keep their stores properly clean are rewarded with certificates of merit by the Housewives' league.

A potato shortage in England caused prices to advance June 1 in Manchester to \$30 per ton against \$12.90 a

The average output of coal to each person employed in the industry in the United States is a little more than 600 tons. In the United Kingdom 200 tons, in Germany 240 tons, in France 188 tons and in Belgium 164 tons.

After an investigation, made under the direction of the Liverpool Anti-Sweating League, the statement is made that there are 50,000 women at work in factories, shops, warehouses, etc., who make less than \$3.15 a week.

Not many years ago Russia was a strong rival of the United States in the production of petroleum. Now the Russian empire yields only about 68 per cent as much oil as California alone and not much more than Oklahoma.

Sault Ste. Marie still maintains its reputation for being one of the greatest port cities in the world. The shipping that passed through its canal in the last twelve months is reported to have exceeded that of the Suez canal by 5,000,000 tons.

Famine seriously threatening, continued drought having prevented the planting of crops, the Chinese in Honan district have taken their gods out of their temples and set them in the sun to bake until they appreciate the need of rain.

After four years of litigation, a Tokyo court has affirmed the decision of a lower Japanese court, which in 1908 sentenced every inhabitant of the village of Shimidzu to from six to four teen months imprisonment for cutting trees in the imperial forests of Yaguchi.

According to the Mining Journal, London, experiments made to bring aluminum to a liquid condition so that it may be spread when cold over any dry surface have, according to the German press been crowned with success. The composition is applied like paint with a brush and looks when spread like a dull silver coating.

La Fortuna factory, at Madrid, for the manufacture of crackers, chocolates and candy, which was recently opened, covers an area of 92,000 square feet, 12,000 square feet being occupied by four great furnaces, each forty three feet in length. The daily output of the factory is 4,000 pounds of block chocolate, 11,000 pounds of biscuit and crackers and 7,000 pounds of fancy

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