

GREAT DEEDS, FEW WORDS.

Brief Dispatches That Told of Famous Victories in War.

It is fitting that the great soldier, who should be a man of deeds rather than words, should set an example of terseness in his dispatches. Thus, after the capitulation of Prague, Suvoroff thus communicated the joyful news to his empress: "Hurrah! Prague!" To which Catherine, not to be outdone in brevity, answered, "Bravo, field marshal!"

That grim seadog Robert Blake, after gaining one of his famous victories over the French, sent the news in this concise and businesslike form: "Met with the French fleet; boat killed, sunk and burned as per margin."

ENGLISH AND AMERICAN.

Differing Forms of Speech in Great Britain and This Country

The common objects and phenomena of nature are often differently named in English and American. Such Americanisms are creek and run for small streams and practically unknown in England, and the English moor is a stranger in the United States. The Englishman is naturally but little familiar with bayou, gulch, gully, canyon, butte, divide and bluff. He knows the meaning of sound (Long Island sound), but always uses channel in place of it.

In the same way the American knows the meaning of English bog, but almost always uses swamp or marsh (often elided to ma'sh). Football is an Americanism; so is cold snap; so also are prairie, backwoods, flats and neck (in the sense of peninsula). The Englishman seldom if ever describes a severe storm as a hurricane, a cyclone, tornado or blizzard. He does not say that the temperature is 20 degrees or that the thermometer or the mercury is at 20 degrees, but that there are three degrees of frost. He calls ice water iced water.—Pittsburgh Press.

Settled the Duel.

Lord March, afterward the Marquis of Queensberry, was not accustomed to view a duel with unbecoming apprehension and usually attended an affair with an air of enjoyment that often was decidedly displeasing and embarrassing to his adversary. But he was served at last with that saucy which the proverb explains is for the gander as well as for the goose. It was when he was challenged to fight an Irish sportsman. Lord March appeared on the ground accompanied by a second, surgeon and other witnesses. His opponent arrived soon afterward with a similar retinue, but added to by a person who staggered under the weight of a polished oak coffin, which he deposited on the ground, and up, with his hand feeling Lord March and his party. Lord March became decidedly uncomfortable when he read the inscription plate, engraved with his own name and title and the date and year of death, and peace was patched up.

He Dodged Cold Mutton.

A curious reply was made by Cecil Rhodes to a lady who, seeking to draw him out, suggested that he owed his phenomenal rise to the impetus of noble sentiments. "Madam," returned Mr. Rhodes, "I owe my fortune simply and solely to cold mutton." "Cold mutton?" gasped the lady. "Oh, Mr. Rhodes, what do you mean?" "When I was young," continued the South African millionaire, "I was so dosed with cold mutton and I hated it so cordially that I resolved to grow rich in order to put it on one side for the rest of my life. Yes, madam, cold mutton was at the root of my success. Noble sentiments had nothing to do with it."

Drinking Water.

It is surprising how many people drink little or no water. There is no greater purifying agent than plenty of water internally. An abundance of it not only flushes the entire system, but improves the action of the skin; hence the complexion. Care should be taken that the water drunk is free from germs. If there is any doubt boil it. Do not confine yourself exclusively to either cold or hot water and do not take either at extreme temperatures.

Not Warranted.

Grubbs—Is there any truth in this report that Miss O'Rourke is to be married? Stubbs—She thinks there is no doubt, but in my own view her belief merely represents another triumph of hope over experience.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Constant Revelation.

"Every time I read Shakespeare I discover some idea that hadn't struck me before." "Yes," replied the man who yawns, "but isn't it pretty much the same way with an insurance policy?"—Washington Star.

An Kiler is a watch that wants both hands.—Cowper.

FOOTPRINTS OF ST. PATRICK AND BRIAN BORU

The Saint's Purgatory and the Hero's Castle.

LOUGH DERG (Red lake), a large expansion of the river Shannon, and its beautiful islets are reminiscent of St. Patrick and of Brian Boru, the hero king of Ireland. On the shores of the picturesque lough was Kluera castle, a stronghold of Brian Boru, of which no trace now remains. The following touching reference is made to it by Thomas Moore:

Remember, the stories of Brian the brave, Though the days of the hero are over Though lost to Minerva and cold in the grave.

He returns to Kluera no more Irish Kiltira. In the 11th century, known as "Holy Isle," was identified with events in the lives of St. Patrick and Brian Boru. It was the home of St. Columba, who founded a monastery there early in the seventh century. This was destroyed by the Danes in 834, but the ruins were subsequently replaced by a number of churches erected by Brian Boru after he had defeated the Danes. Of those churches nothing now remains but a round tower overlooking the water, and by it stands a ruined wall partially covered with ivy and other creeping plants. Close by the ruins is a clump of bushes, and under these is a cave, which is known as St. Patrick's Purgatory.

The legend has it that St. Patrick implored the Lord to remove the entrance to purgatory to Ireland so that doubts might be lifted in the immortality of the soul and the punishment which awaits the godless after death. God granted the saint's petition, and the cave on Irish Kiltira became henceforth, as believed by thousands, the entrance to purgatory.

However the story originated, it is a sufficient guarantee that St. Patrick was closely identified with the island and the cave. The place was regarded as holy from time immemorial and is still so regarded by many. For centuries pious monks guarded the entrance to the cave, and during the middle ages great numbers flocked to the place from all parts of Europe. Annual processions were made to the sacred locality within recent years and are probably not discontinued even up to the present.

WHEN FRIENDS GATHER ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

A favorite way of entertaining friends on St. Patrick's day is the evening of course is at a card party where there is no objection to passing the time thus. Two ladies who have many Irish friends in common have joined forces and will have several tables set at each table. Their cards will be tied with narrow ribbon of emerald hue. The rooms will be decorated with quantities of green cheese cloth drawn from the four corners of the room to the central chandelier. The Irish flag will adorn pictures, doorways and window curtains. Palms and ferns will occupy all available spaces, while the forest will furnish flowers of a beautiful green color. They are really very effective and appropriate for St. Patrick's day. The card tables are covered with green paper and the cards are to be four leaved clovers with a knot of green.

For refreshments green grapes, nut apple and celery salad will be served with green mayonnaise dressing, and wiches coffee, olives and shortbread. Green with pistachio nuts, green lead individual cakes and peppermint bars of the same hue. The napkins are plain with a green woven silk shamrock, and the forks and spoons are to be tied with green ribbon. The prizes are a small picture framed in dark green moiré, a green art glass vase, a cardcase of green leather and a beautiful Boston fern. It is needless to say that the hostesses are to be gowned one in green and the other in white, with sash and bow of St. Patrick's favorite color.

To Run the Gantlet.

The word "gantlet" is "to run the gantlet" is improperly used. The word should be "gauntlet." Phillips in his "World of Words" tells us that "to run the gauntlet" is a punishment among soldiers, the offender having to run, with his back bared, through the whole regiment and to receive a lash from a switch from every soldier. It is derived from Gant (Ghent), a town of Flanders, where the punishment was invented, and the Dutch word lope, running.

Diplomacy.

First Doctor—To what do you attribute his success as a physician? Second Doctor—To his diplomacy. He first finds out a few things a patient doesn't like and then orders him not to eat them.—Philadelphia Record.

Got There Strong.

"My dear, these are very strong cigars you bought for me." "Well, the man asked if I wanted em strong. Naturally I thought you would prefer something strong and durable. But that's just like a man. Next time I'll get 'em weak and see if that will suit you."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Greatest Blunder in Life.

Following are a few of the "Blunders" written down by 500 men and to be found in the Crerar Library, Chicago.

"Reading worthless books."
"Did not stick to any trade."
"Did not stick to anything."
"Did not take care of money."
"Beating some one out of money."
"Careless about religious duties."

"When I left my Church and mother."
"Not saving money when I was young."

"Refused a steady position with a good firm."
"The greatest blunder of my life was gambling."

"Was to fool away my time when I was at school."
"Thinking that my boss could not do without me."

"Would not hearken to the advice of older people."
"Not keeping my position but grew slack in my work."

"When I left school before I was past the fourth grade."
"The greatest blunder of my life was not accepting Christ and thereby avoiding many sorrows caused by serving Satan."

The Boston diocesan Charitable Bureau aided 25,000 persons last year.

There are about twenty-five metrical translations, including Dryden's, of the great hymn of the Church, the Te Deum.

The venerable Mgr. Foley, Bishop of Detroit, has called his diocesan consultants to take the preliminary steps towards having a Bishop-Coadjutor, with right of succession, appointed for the diocese of Detroit. Bishop Foley is now 81 years old and has been a priest 58 years. Next November he will have been 27 years a Bishop.

At the Panama Exposition will be shown a model of the church for the shrine of the Immaculate Conception at Washington.

In Ontario, Canada, it is sought to do away with the French language. Cardinal Bevin, Archbishop of Quebec, eloquently protests against this, and calls on the French Catholics of Quebec, in a pastoral letter, to assist their struggling brethren in Ontario.

Father Tourville, with the aid of the French Government, will open a hospital in the Island of Tahiti, Oceania, for lepers.

Milwaukee is to have two new Catholic edifices, a Pere Marquette Council \$50,000 addition, and a St. Joseph's Convent costing \$225,000.

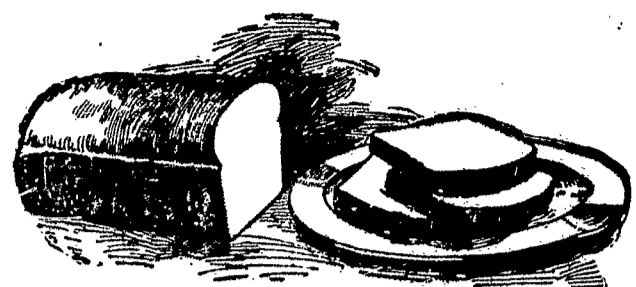
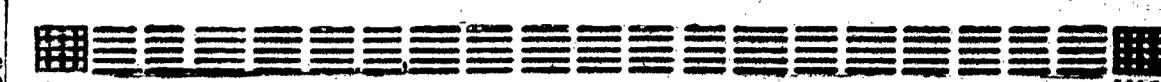
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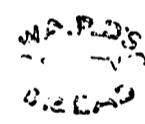
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