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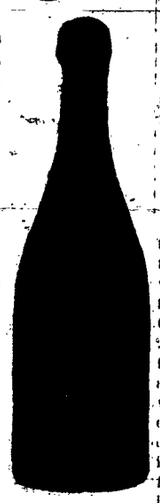

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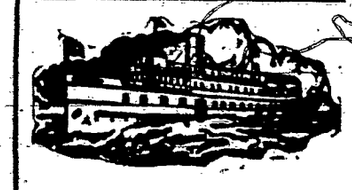

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THE MASTER OF CHINA.

Yuan Shih Kai Denies the Reports That He Desires to Be Emperor.

The report that Yuan Shih Kai was bent upon making himself emperor of China and thus turning the republic back to an empire caused quite a stir and wide comment. Such a course has been reported as advocated by Pro

YUAN SHIH KAI.

fessor Frank Johnson Goodnow of Johns Hopkins university, legal adviser to the Chinese government.

But Yuan has come out declaring that he does not wish to be emperor and that none of his sons is fit to rule. This may or may not be a bluff, and it remains to be seen whether Yuan will refuse the kingly crown if it is offered to him. He has certainly on different occasions exercised the power of a monarch and an absolute one at that. Indeed, China is now a republic only in name.

BRIGHT BRIEFS.

About the only experience a man ever profits by is his own.

Any time somebody walks in triumph somebody else's neck is hurt.

One way to become a satisfactory guest is to postpone the visit.

China's experience is showing that republics are developed, not made.

What is called killing time is, in fact, neglecting opportunity for useful activity.

Keep at it. There is only the difference of one letter between rest and rust.

If your conversation is of the heavy kind be careful where you drop your remarks.

The things that we need the least are usually the things that we try the hardest to get.

About the time a fellow begins to think he is a budding genius along comes the frost.

Too many persons are unable to distinguish the difference between argument and assertion.

The meek may inherit the earth, but if the strong keep at it much longer the heritage will not be worth much.

Man was made to mourn, but probably it was never intended that he should spend much of his time at it.

If you want to know yourself observe other men's conduct. If you wish to know other men look within yourself.

Pen, Chisel and Brush.

Mr. William de Morgan published his first novel when he was sixty-six years of age.

Mrs. Alice Mumford Roberts, the well known artist and portrait painter of Philadelphia, never sketches, as is the custom with most painters, but conceives the work as a whole and goes to work in the spirit of staking all.

Albin Polasek, whose recent effort, "Aspiration," was awarded the Widener medal for the best work in sculpture at the Pennsylvania academy, was born in Moravia, but came to this country at the age of twenty-two years. Later he began to study at the Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia. In due course he was enabled as a Prix de Rome man to study the old masters of Italy.

Recent Inventions.

A shirt has been invented with a neckband adjustable to fit several sizes of necks.

An apparatus for automatically spraying oil from the bow of a vessel upon a rough sea has been invented in England.

The outer walls of a new safe are perforated to permit the gases of an explosion to escape and thereby thwart a burglar who tries to blow it open.

Gasoline locomotives have been invented in England that are safe to use in coal mines, their ignition taking place within tight boxes and their exhaust through water.

Pert Personals.

George Bernard Shaw decries the purchase of war bonds and buys them himself. How typically Shavian! Detroit News.

Though in many respects an untutored man, Pancho Villa makes better progress than Carranza in learning his A B C's. New York Sun.

What's in a name anyway? Governors Rye of Tennessee and Brewer of Mississippi are stanch prohibitionists. Albany Knickerbocker Press.

Gabe d'Annunzio threatens a bombardment of Europe with his poems, thereby putting all previous atrocities in the background.—Washington Post.

Short Stories.

"Tabby" cats are so called after a street in Bagdad.

Asbestos has been spun into thread so fine that it requires 32,000 feet to weigh a pound.

"Gentlemen are requested not to comb their beards at table" is the notice posted in a hotel in Switzerland.

An Alaskan cable was put out of commission recently by a whale becoming so completely entangled in it that the wire proved a death trap.

Enough portland cement is manufactured in the United States each year to build concrete forts at every needed point on the entire coast of the United States.

Telephone Calls.

After five years of work all the telephone lines in Melbourne have been put underground.

Telephone lines are to be extended to Tromsoe, Norway, 200 miles north of the arctic circle.

The business of the New York police department last year required 5,890,000 telephone calls.

The French language has been found much better adapted to long distance telephoning than the English, and expert operators in Paris have succeeded in transmitting messages to London at the rate of 190 words a minute.

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