

**THE BATTLE OF BULL RUN**  
 In the battle of Bull Run, the flag was shot down. The flag, a very simple one made of blue cloth, bearing a silver crescent, fell on the side of the fort. Jasper, seeing that the flag had fallen, at once jumped down on the beach, got the flag and put it back in its place again, during the hottest part of the battle.

In account of this display of heroism, Governor Rutledge took his sword and presented it to Jasper, who took it, but declined a lieutenant's commission, which was also offered him.

Margaret Eldredge.  
 Age, 16, high school, 1st year.

**AN ANECDOTE ABOUT FREDERICK THE GREAT.**  
 Frederick the Great never would kill a spider intentionally. One morning one of the servants brought him a cup of chocolate, which he was in the habit of drinking. It happened that he was busy looking at some papers, so he laid the cup aside, intending to drink when he finished with his papers.

He had noticed a large spider crawling on the wall, but did not molest it. When he picked up the cup to drink he found the spider in it. Not wishing to drink after the spider had been in his cup, he gave the chocolate to his two grayhounds that were near by. They died of poison immediately afterwards.

The servant who had prepared the chocolate, being a foreigner, Frederick naturally suspected him of putting poison in the cup. He therefore ordered the servant to be seized and brought before him; but he had already committed suicide. This strengthened the opinion that he was guilty.

If Frederick had killed the spider before it fell in the cup, he would have drunk the chocolate himself. If he had drunk it, he would have been the victim of the poison. But he allowed the spider to live, and his hounds saved his life.

Clarence Traquhan.  
 Age, 14, high school, 1st year.

**AN ANECDOTE.**  
 When pioneers were settling out west, about fifty years ago, there was a little village growing up, which was surrounded by a tribe of Indians, who were very cunning, but like all of their race kept their word.

One day the Chief visited the squire of the town and tried to attack him, but the squire quietly asked the chief to make a treaty between them to be friends. The Indian was against the suggestion at first, but at last he told the squire that if he would trust him with his little boy for three days when he would bring him back. The little boy's mother cried piteously for her child to stay, but the chief had a hard heart and it only made him the more obstinate. At last the squire told him he could take him, expecting never to see him again.

The Indian rode off with the little boy to his tent, while the squire waited anxiously, at the end of the three days for the return of his boy. Morning came but no boy. Midday was the same and evening was expected the same; but just as the sun was setting the chief rode up with the little boy dressed in the Indian fashion. Giving the little boy to the father he said: For ever after, let there be peace between us, for the white man has proved that he trust me.

James Blakeney,  
 Age 13, Grade 7.

It is said that the average Russian peasant has a vocabulary of only 110 words. However, a man deserves credit for having mastered even 110 Russian words.

A Utah man has been arrested and fined for sneering in church. People who can't sleep noticeably should stay at home on Sunday.

An extraordinary head of hair is possessed by Mercedes Lopez, the wife of a poor sheep herder in San Vicente, Mexico. Her height is five feet, and when she stands erect her hair trails on the ground four feet eight inches. The hair is so thick that she can completely hide herself in it.

Mrs. Kate Boetwick, who is active in political work among Brooklyn, N. Y., women recently endeavored to induce a lively young matron in that borough to join the Woman's Republican League, and met with a flat refusal.

"But your husband is a Republican, and you belong to the Woman's Suffrage Association," persisted Mrs. Boetwick.

"I belong to the Suffrage Association, and also to the Anti-Suffrage Association," was the placid reply. "I like the women in one and the refreshments in the other, but, honestly, I do not believe in either."

**President Roosevelt's Smile.**  
 A lady of the Washington official circle claims she has made a discovery as to the origin of one of the President's best known traits. It is the habit of keeping a smile, or the semblance of a smile, on his face on all occasions. "If you ever saw the President when he was forced to banish his smile," this lady confided to a friend the other day, "you would understand why it is he has acquired the habit of wearing it on all possible occasions. I never saw him without it until the other day at Mrs. Hoar's funeral, and I give you my word I don't want to see him without it again. No one would call his face handsome or attractive, even when he looks his best and smiles his genialist. But when his face is absolute repose and not only serious, but solemn—well, its enough to startle a timid person. It's the most solemn human countenance you ever saw. He probably found that out long ago, and that's why he wears a smile that doesn't come off. He is entitled to wear it."

For a duplicate of the Roosevelt smile, call at the hardware store of T. J. Arrants and ask to see Teddy.

**Education's Progress.**  
 An indication of the progress of classical learning among the masses was afforded a few days since when an inmate of an east end workhouse called upon a bookseller to ask whether he had any knowledge of mythology. In answer to a question as to why such an inquiry should be made the pauper said: "Well, our chaplain last Sunday spoke of the mother of Achilles dipping him in the river Lethe. Now, if my memory does not fail me, the chaplain was wrong, for it was not the Lethe, but the Styx, into which Achilles was dipped, making all but the heel of him invulnerable." The bookseller assured the pauper that he was right and his spiritual instructor wrong, and the former left the shop highly delighted.—London News.

**Appreciative.**  
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