

HUMORS OF WAR WITH SPAIN.

America's Last Conflict Had a Funny As Well As a Tragic Side

A war produces its humor no less than its tragedy, and sometimes the dividing line between the two is so faint as to be almost unrecognizable.

Some wars are more humorous than others, just as plays vary in the number of laughs they get over.

In this respect our late war with Spain and the resultant insurrection in the Philippines might be classed as Uncle Sam's funny war.

It began to produce humor before a shot was fired and continued to produce long after peace was established.

There is the tale of the Spanish diplomat who was bragging about the prowess of his nation to an Englishman.

"The war, which the world hourly expected, would be only an outing for the Spanish army and navy, according to the enthusiast.

"It will be simple," he said. "We will capture a city on the seacoast somewhere, say in Georgia, land an army of 30,000 or 50,000 men, and march up the coast to New York, taking all the cities on our path."

"Yes," he said, "it might be done—that is, if the police in those serious cities didn't arrest you."

"Most of us can remember the flurry of fear that manifested itself in every city on the Atlantic coast when war was a certainty.

"Send them a ship of some kind," he ordered. So an old obsolete, useless monitor was manned with naval militia men and sent to that port.

"I wonder what palace that is?" one officer asked. "Some millionaire's, no doubt."

"That's the yacht Exeter, sir," a seaman spoke up.

"How can you recognize her from here?" the officer inquired.

"Because I own her and have orders for her to be here just at this time," was the reply that astonished the officer.

Colonel Roosevelt relates a story of the first day's fighting at El Caney. After the battle a number of officers were telling their experiences.

"How did you get in the fight, Roosevelt?" a regular army officer asked.

"My men were marching in columns of twos and I deployed them as skirmishers when the firing began," Colonel Roosevelt replied.

"But," said the regular, "that can't be done." According to parade ground tactics it couldn't. There is no order for you to give.

But Colonel Roosevelt had found an order. This is what it was:

"Scatter out there now, quickly! Scatter! Some right and some left!"

A similarity in the flags of two nations almost caused a tragedy just after the naval battle of Santiago.

The American fleet had destroyed all the Spanish vessels, it thought, when a strange warship appeared and steamed directly toward the American fleet.

surrounded one of the castles which guarded the town and commanded the garrison to surrender, lest they should every one be put to death.

Then the Spanish governor, who had been battered down the defenses and were swarming through the castle.

But this was only one of many castles. The fighting continued from dawn to noon of the next day.

The Spaniards defended themselves gallantly. When Morgan's men tried to set fire to the doors of their castles,

"Then the pirates," runs an old account written by one of the privateers, "mounted in great numbers,

"This effort of the pirates was very great, inasmuch that the Spaniards could no longer resist nor defend the castle, which was now entered.

When you churn and churn, and the butter simply won't come, put honey into your cream at the rate of one teaspoonful of honey to one gallon of cream.

"If the vegetables are withering, pack them in moist sand.

To Clean Marble—Take two parts common soda, one part pumice stone and one part finely powdered chalk;

To Clean Sinks—Wash the sink well with water and soap; take a flannel cloth, moisten with coal oil or gasoline and rub well.

Furniture Polish—Put a half pint of turpentine in a tin basin, add two ounces of bees-wax cut in small pieces and put in a warm oven.

When a serge garment becomes shiny, it may be renovated by sponging with a saturated solution of borax and water followed by a boning up with clear water.

To clean a raincoat, use soap and water and not gasoline, as that will injure the rubber.

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CONDUCT OF THE HOUSEHOLD

Helpful Hints for Use in Various Emergencies.

When bottling chili sauce or catsup leave about an inch and a half at the top of the bottle and fill up with vinegar.

A pinch of soda added to green apple sauce will help the flavor. Also when cooking cranberries add a pinch of soda. It will take away the bitter taste and won't require as much sugar.

Buy some small brushes to use in washing dishes, cleaning chicken, and a number of other things about the house.

To remove mildew dip the stained cloth in buttermilk and lay in the sun.

Fish can be packed in salt exactly as side meat is packed. All that is necessary is to cut off the heads and clean the fish ready for eating.

During the school year boys and girls often spill ink on their clothes or on the table.

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WAS KNIGHTED FOR PIRACY

Sir Henry Morgan was Rewarded Instead of Punished for Buccaneering.

Ho! Henry Morgan sails today. To harry the Spanish Main With a pretty bill for the Dons to pay Ere he comes back again!

Sir Henry Morgan, who won a title by able work at piracy, has long since ceased to sail, and his name is only a whisper in the southern seas today.

As a matter of fact, it was three years before he made good his boast. The capture of Panama was a far more remarkable achievement than that of Porto Bello.

To return, however, to Sir Henry Morgan. He wasn't Sir Henry to begin with—just plain Henry Morgan, son of a Welsh farmer, and he ran away to sea because he didn't like to stay at home, and the sailing master with whom he sailed sold him into bondage in America at the end of the voyage.

Henry Morgan, after a trip or two on other men's ships and thriftily saving his share of the booty, went in with a number of other ambitious young pirates and bought a ship of his own. He was elected captain, and from that day on Henry Morgan continued to captain of every expedition he attended.

His first big success came at Porto Bello. Porto Bello was a large Spanish town in Panama, whence the treasure ships sailed every year for Spain.

When he left Jamaica with a fleet of the small ships carrying 400 ruffians of assorted races, he did not tell even his captains where he was going. A secret wasn't a secret if more than one man knew it, the astute captain believed. Not until the coast of Central America was reached did he pass around the word that Porto Bello was to be taken.

The ships themselves were left in a harbor some miles from Porto Bello, and, under cover of dusk, the pirates moved stealthily upon the doomed town in long boats and canoes. At midnight, when no human sound disturbed the chorus of the southern jungle, they reached Porto Bello.

Patrick of the Left Hand—Pat, who was left-handed, was being sworn in as a witness in the West Side court of Denver, Colorado.

Up went Pat's left hand. "Hold up your right hand," commanded the judge sternly.

"Me right hand, I am, yer honor," declared Pat. "Me right hand, I am, yer honor."

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At Yorkville from Monday, November 10th, until Wednesday, the 31st day of December, 1913, after which date the penalties will attach as stated above.

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