

BILL ARP'S LETTER.

Like a Chess Game Arp Likens the Progress or Decline of a Nation.

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A nation's progress or its decline is like a game of chessboard, and we all play our parts. The king is a kind of divinity, to be idolized and protected, but is helpless and always in peril.

proud of my skill in using them. One day I was aiming at a bird that was singing on the garden fence when my father called me and said: "Don't shoot—don't shoot that bird, my son."

Fate, chance, circumstances and providence all take a hand in this game. What prophet or seer or statesman could have foretold to us the present unhappy condition of our country?

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I wish that something would happen to stop this shedding of blood—this rich man's war and poor man's fight, for that is what it is. Mr. McKinley says he is daily expecting a great and very bloody battle.

Deacon Johnson is a great temperance man, and sets a good example of total abstinence as far as he is seen. Not long ago he employed a carpenter to make some alterations in his parlor, and in repairing the corner near the fireplace, it was found necessary to remove the wainscoting, when lo! a discovery was made that astonished everybody.

NATE AND MATE.

The Love That Two Splendid Horses Had For Each Other.

"I never waste affection upon a horse," said the dealer. "They care nothing for their master or their home or each other. All they care for is their fodder."

"They are not all like that," said a lady who was looking over the fine lot from the west, with the intention of making a purchase. "I remember an elegant pair of Morgan horses, Nate and Mate, brother and sister, owned in Northfield, Mass., when I was a child. They were raised in northern Vermont, and when they were first brought to Massachusetts they were sold to two different men, but they were so homesick and balky that they were of no use until Mr. Eastman, an intelligent farmer, divined the trouble and purchased them both."

"They worked or drove nicely in double harness, but one day Mrs. Eastman, having occasion to drive to the village, had Mate harnessed to a light buggy and asked my mother, who was a near neighbor, to accompany her, Mrs. Eastman's two children staying with my brother and me while they were away."

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"At length, after one of his calls, he listened with his head in the air, and, going to the side of the yard toward the village, he stretched his neck over the fence and called again. This time, away to the northward, we heard a faint response."

"Those horses fairly kissed each other in their delight, and of course they were utterly unconscious of the desperate fright they had given the green turf and sobbed with thankfulness at their escape."

"We could no more control the creature than we could control the wind," said my mother. "The moment she heard Nate's cry she took the bit in her teeth and settled down into a run. Of course I knew the harness was strong and the buggy safe, but I was afraid of meeting a team or that she would make so short a turn into the yard as to upset us."

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All Sorts of Paragraphs.

Professor Nothnagel, the Austrian court physician, traces the grip back to the Ninth Century. — Every man knows best when he plays the knife; his neighbors know best when he plays the fool.

— From the American aloe tree is made thread, ropes, cables, paper, clothing, sugar, and brandy. — Think all you can of the good qualities of others; forget and keep silent concerning their bad qualities.

— In certain parts of Russia people who are hungry are forbidden by law from being so indiscreet as to say so. — The number of churches in Chicago has grown from 157 in 1870 to 633.

— The opportunity is created for the man, not the man for the opportunity. — In the library of the British museum there are 39 miles of shelving, and 1,750,000 volumes.

— There is many a man whose tongue might govern multitudes if he could govern his tongue. — Win your battles against disease by acting promptly. One minute cough cures immediate results. When taken early it prevents consumption. And in later stages it furnishes prompt relief. Evans Pharmacy.

— Negotiations for the settlement of all controversies between Canada and the United States have been begun. — Men will never know us by our faith, for that is within us; they know us by our works, which are visible to them.

— Happy is the man who, when asked how he slept last night, can truthfully say: "I haven't the least idea." — "You, sir," said the poet, "are a bad judge of poetry." "I, sir," retorted the editor, "am a judge of bad poetry."

— English locomotives have neither bells, headlights nor cowcatchers. Warning is given by the shrill of whistles. — Sick headache, biliousness, constipation and all liver and stomach troubles can be quickly cured by using those famous little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Risers. They are pleasant to take and never gripe. Evans Pharmacy.

— There are about 130,000 ministers of the Gospel in the United States, 180,000 churches, and 25,000,000 communicants. — The Finland women have the right of suffrage, but they also work as carpenters, paper hangers, bricklayers, and slaughtermen.

— In 20 days a woman in Whatcom, Wash., peeled 15,491 potatoes, and thus earned \$20. She is employed by an evaporating company. — A Minneapolis man asked the courts of that city to grant him an injunction restraining an objectionable man from courting his sister.

— Until the discovery of the gold mines in California, Russia was the greatest gold-producing country, mining about \$13,000,000 a year. — The editor of the Evans City, Pa., Globe writes: "One Minute Cough Cure is rightly named. It cured my children after all other remedies failed." It cures coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. Evans Pharmacy.

— Our battleships have a speed of from 15 to 17 knots an hour. Cruisers make 19 to 24 knots, while the monitors can travel only 5 to 7 knots. — The war bugle that sounded the charge that sent the Light Brigade to destruction at Balaklava, was lately sold at auction in London for \$3,935.

— "What do you find the most common delusion among your patients, doctor?" "That we physicians care nothing about your bills paid." — We are told that even the smallest hair throws a shadow. And so it does. It throws a shadow over your appetite when you find it in your plate.

— "Is not that beautiful?" said my mother. "Their love seems almost human." — "Yes," said Mr. Eastman, coming up, "but it is an unreasonable love and might be the means of doing much mischief. I think I will put them into the brick beams, where they can pull continually shoulder to shoulder and be happy."

"This was done. I often saw the beautiful creatures plodding away and was thankful that there was no danger of their being again separated."—Our Animal Friends. — An Eskimo Legend.

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— "Perhaps he did," returned the carpenter; "but, deacon, the ice in the pitcher must have been frize mighty hard to stay so till this time." — Mertie—I am going to marry a man who draws beautiful pictures. Mertie—That's nothing. I shall marry a man who draws a pension.

— It is a shame to have a lot of stock and half feed it. The man who thinks that stock which can hardly live through the winter will be worth anything in the spring, needs to have a guardian, says The Ploughman.

Mr. H. A. Pass, Bowman, Georgia, writes: "One of my children was very delicate and we despaired of raising it. For months my wife and I could hardly get a night's rest until we began the use of Pitts' Curative. We found great relief from the first bottle." Pitts' Curative acts promptly and cures permanently. It is pleasant to the taste, and children take it without coaxing. It is free from injurious drugs and chemicals. Hill-Orr Drug Co.

— London, in monetary value, is worth two and one-half times as much as Paris. — The price of brimstone, which comes almost exclusively from Sicily, has risen from \$22 to \$40 a ton, in consequence of the war. The United States, says a dealer, is almost without brimstone now. There's plenty of it in the Yellowstone park.

The First Negro Colonel.

John R. Marshall, who will enjoy the distinction of being the first negro to wear a colonel's uniform in the United States army as the commander of the 8th Illinois volunteer regiment, now mustering, has been employed for five years as clerk in the tax redemption department of the County Clerk's office of Cook County.

He was born a slave at Alexandria, Va., in 1859. He received his first military training in 1874, when he graduated with high honors from a school at Alexandria, and received a free course in a State military academy on account of superiority in scholarship.

According to the statement of the ten-year-old daughter of a Massachusetts clergyman, there are ways of making an old sermon seem almost new. "Molly," said one of the friends of this young critic, "does your father ever preach the same sermon twice?" "I think perhaps he does," returned Molly cautiously, "but I think he talks loud and soft in different places the second time, so it doesn't sound the same at all."

The Chief Burgess of Milesburg, Pa., says DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pills he ever used in his family during forty years of house-keeping. They cure constipation, sick headache and stomach and liver troubles. Small in size but great in results. Evans Pharmacy.

"Well, Johnny, what are you thankful for," asked the invited guest. "Natin'," said the boy. "I ain't had any luck this year. Only had one cold all fall, 'n that wasn't bad enough to keep me out of school more'n a day. My chum's had the mumps and didn't have to go for over three weeks."

E. C. Blanks, of Lewisville, Texas, writes that one box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve was worth \$50.00 to him. It cured his piles of ten years standing. He advises others to try it. It also cures eczema, skin diseases and obstinate sores. Evans Pharmacy.

— The Greeks observe Monday, the Persians Tuesday, the Assyrians Wednesday, the Egyptians Thursday, the Turks Friday, the Jews Saturday, the Christians Sunday, thus there is a perpetual Sabbath being celebrated on earth.

"I think DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is the finest preparation on the market for piles." So writes John C. Dunn, of Wheeling, W. Va. Try it and you will think the same. It also cures eczema and all skin diseases. Evans Pharmacy.

— One good way to keep things moving and to lessen the talk of hard times is for every man to pay his debts so far as possible. Be honest in the matter, and don't say you cannot pay when you have not tried to do so. You pay and somebody else will thereby be enabled to pay.

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