

SARGE PLUNKETT'S LETTER.

Some Good Advice to the Young People About Marrying During War Times.

Atlanta Constitution.

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A few years ago I wrote of a young Arkansas soldier by the name of Archie, who died in Griffin after the surrender...

But whether we will ever have such women as the old confederates were remains to be seen...

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Return of Toral's Army.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Arrangements were practically concluded by the government...

The contract was awarded to the Spanish Trans-Atlantic company, represented by J. M. Ceballos & Co., of New York...

At one time during the existence of the Southern Confederacy, the government became impressed with the importance of having these engagements fulfilled...

The award provides, also, that the company shall have five ships at Santiago in nine days from to-morrow...

This reminds me of a marriage that took place during General Sherman's visit that I venture will have nothing like it in the present war nor in the world...

Two days ago Col. Hecker, in charge of the transportation of the troops in the quartermaster general's department of the army, went to New York to consult with shipping companies...

Colonel Hecker returned to Washington this evening. To-night he had a conference at the war department with Secretary Alger, Quartermaster General Ludington, Adjutant General Corbin...

The bids of the several companies were considered, that of the Spanish Trans-Atlantic company finally being accepted...

The marriage had just taken place and the couple were receiving the congratulations of their friends when they wildly rushed in from the negro quarters an old woman exclaiming: "Yankees, yankees, yankees."

John had to flee or be made a prisoner, and so he left his bride of an hour and never returned again.

It was remarked to-night as one of the curious developments of the war, that the United States government should enter into a friendly contract with a company, many of whose vessels are auxiliaries to the Spanish navy...

"I think DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is the finest preparation on the market for piles."

— Mexico has had 55 presidents during the past 75 years. Thousands of persons have been cured of piles by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve...

— First the distiller, then the doctor, then the undertaker.

Bob Moore, of LaFayette, Ind., says that for constipation he has found DeWitt's Little Early Risers to be perfect.

Standard Size Bales. All Sorts of Paragraphs. Misery in Spain.

MR. EDITOR: We take the liberty of calling your attention to the importance of exerting all your efforts in favor of the adoption of the standard size cotton bale...

The complaints made by the transportation companies and the foreign mills, about the difficulties of stowing different size bales, and the damaged condition in which the American cotton is received...

After a number of experiments with bales of all the different sizes it was found that the best results could be had from those made in press-boxes 24 inches wide by 54 inches long...

This size (24x54) was found to press to a greater density, and when pressed at the compress, the bagging usually placed on a bale of cotton would then cover the bale completely and prevent any damage.

It is well understood that the more cotton that can be stowed in a steamer, the less the freight and, consequently, the more the cotton grower will receive for his crop.

— Mrs. Radle, a Michigan widow of 64, is learning to ride a bicycle. As another illustration of American pluck and perseverance the Spaniards should make a note of this.

— "Pa," said the youngest of seven, "why don't you go to the war?" "I have all that I can do to keep the reconcentrados in this house from starving," replied the parent, sadly.

— Among the supplies for the Cuban reconcentrados is 60,000 pounds of soap. But the Cubans are not Russians; they don't eat soap, and a good many of them haven't any other use for it.

— Kansas is devoting her attention now to cultivating something besides hair and reformers. Her wheat crop this year is estimated at from 30,000,000 to 40,000,000 bushels more than last year.

— A young widow was asked why she was going to get married so soon after the death of her first husband. "Oh, la!" she said, "I do it to prevent fretting myself to death on account of dear Tom."

— There are 30 cats on the payroll of the United States army. These cats guard stores in government warehouses against rats, mice, etc., and save the government thousands of dollars yearly.

— There is a continual warfare going on between the good and the bad in man's nature. He who indulges in drink to excess weakens the defences which religion and morality erects against the assaults of evil.

Very few persons walk well. The little girl of six summers, with her pretty new dress on, walks as straight and elegantly as ever she will. Her little feet are thrown forward with an elasticity peculiar to that age...

Yours very truly, J. H. STON, Augusta, Ga., July 18, 1898.

— Charles Warren Stoddard says that, when he and other white men went to the Hawaiian Islands thirty years ago, the native girls ran and climbed trees, looking down upon them in amusement and amazement because they thought the white men had been peeled.

— Newspapers are telling this bit of truth: "Never judge a person by his outward appearance. A shabby old coat may enwrap a newspaper publisher, while a man wearing a high plug hat and sporting a gold-headed cane may be a delinquent subscriber."

— Mr. C. B. Bush, president of the Gilmer county court, tells briefly his experience with an epidemic of bloody flux in his family. He writes under date of October 8, 1896, at Auburn, W. Va.:

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' Carminative. We found great relief from the first bottle. Pitts' Carminative acts promptly and cures permanently..."

— The best way to make a name is to have an aim. — Character cannot be bought for less than a life. — Health and happiness, only, will keep an old man young.

— In New Zealand two persons working together constitute a factory. — No men living are more worthy to be trusted than those who toil up from poverty.

— A woman never becomes so rich that she can resist the temptation to wear calico shirt waists.

— It is estimated that since the beginning of the historical era, 13,000,000 persons have perished in earthquakes.

— The International Postal Congress elicited the fact that two-thirds of the mail of the world is addressed in English.

— Persistency is the road to success. The only known exception to this rule is the case of a hen sitting on a china egg.

— We are commanded to let our light shine before men; the man with the red nose keeps his light shining before himself.

— In France 148,808 families have claimed exemption from certain taxes this year on account of having seven or more children.

— It costs an average of \$2,724 to bury United States senators, but this isn't the only reason why they stay alive as long as they can.

— The pneumatic tube was originally introduced in London in 1858.

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It is impossible to convey an adequate idea of the misery and want which the ill-starred masses have to endure in order that this or that minister may retain his plate and play his role.

The Spaniard is a very temperate and much-enduring individual, who can eke out a living under conditions which would appal not only an Englishman, but even a German.

He can live and thrive on a species of coarse peas (garbanzos) and dry bread and olives, without meat or vegetables. This Spartan fare cost next to nothing.

When, therefore, he is said to be in actual want, what is really meant is that he is dying of hunger. And such at present is, unfortunately, the condition of large numbers of the working classes.

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GOLD DUST Washing Powder advertisement featuring a circular logo with hands holding a dust particle and text: "Grimy finger marks seem to grow on the woodwork about the house. They come easily and they stick, too—unless you get rid of them with GOLD DUST Washing Powder. It makes all cleaning easy."

THE FARMERS LOAN AND TRUST CO. advertisement: "Is Now Ready for Business. Money to Lend at Reasonable Rates. Interest Paid on Deposits. The Farmers Loan and Trust Co. will act as Executor, Administrator or Trustee of Estates and Guardian for Minors."

O. D. ANDERSON & BRO. advertisement: "WANTED CASH. Got to have it. Roll 'em out—Short Profits. Seed Oats, Corn, Timothy Hay, Bran, Molasses, in Car Lots. Can fill any size order—compare prices."

Southern Railway advertisement: "We Want Your Business, Large or Small. WANTED at once, 1,000 bushels Molasses Cane Seed, and all your Peas, Raw Hides, green and dry, Tallow, Beeswax, Eggs, &c. Pay you spot cash."

Southern Railway advertisement: "Vestibuled Limited Trains. DOUBLE DAILY SERVICE. TO ATLANTA, CHARLOTTE, WILMINGTON, NEW ORLEANS AND BOSTON, RICHMOND, WASHINGTON, NORFOLK, PORTSMOUTH. SCHEDULE IN EFFECT MAY 8, 1898."

Condensed Schedule in Effect June 25, 1898. Table with columns for STATIONS, Ex. Sun., Daily, No. 11, No. 12, and times for various routes including Lv. Charleston, Lv. Columbia, Lv. Aiken, etc.

Doctors Can't Cure It! Contagious blood poison is absolutely beyond the skill of the doctors. They may dose a patient for years on their mercurial and potash remedies, but he will never be rid of the disease; on the other hand, his condition will grow steadily worse...

S.S.S. For the Blood advertisement featuring a portrait of a man and text: "I was afflicted with Blood Poison, and the best doctors did me no good, though I took their treatment fully. In fact, I seemed to get worse all the while. I took almost every so-called blood remedy, but they did not seem to reach the disease, and had no effect whatever. I was disheartened, for it seemed that I would never be cured. At the advice of a friend I then took S.S.S., and began to improve. I continued the medicine, and it cured me completely, building up my health and increasing my appetite. Although this was ten years ago, I have never yet had a sign of the disease to return."

DR. J. C. WALKER, DENTIST. Office in the Sadler Block, WILLIAMSTON, S. C. Advertisement for dental services.

Condensed Schedule. Table showing train times between Charleston and Columbia, S.C. with columns for GOING WEST and GOING EAST, and specific stations like Charleston, Batesburg, Columbia, etc.