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The greatest improvements the antebellum visitor will notice are in the streets, squares and parks. The menace of yellow fever having been removed (no death having been reported from this cause in many months), the visitor may abandon himself to the enjoyment of the many places of recreation afforded in the city and its suburbs. The most prominent feature of Havana's recreative system is, of course, the Prado, the strip of verdure, adorned with palms, statues, music stands, and overflowing with a wealth of tropical vegetation.

It was thought perfect many years ago; it certainly has nearly reached perfection since our engineers opened it out to the shore, and bestowed upon the Havana the blessings of the "Malacon," which overlooks the harbor entrance, the Morro, and the open sea. "Reconstruido en 1902," is the inscription on a plate of bronze set up near the Central Square, or "Parque Isabel," and "reconstruido," renovated, regenerated, might truthfully be said of all parts of the city, touched by the magic wand of the farsighted, self-sacrificing "Americanos." Many of the sacrifices made by Americans may have been (probably were) unintentional; but the fact remains that, while individual enterprises have failed, and personal endeavor has been inadequately rewarded, the Cubans have benefited from the push and energy of their neighbors from the United States.—New York Evening Post.

**A Famous Bird of War.**

"Old Abe," Wisconsin's famous war eagle, is now only a memory. In the fire which recently swept through the Capitol building at Madison, the historic relic was reduced to ashes. Grand Army men all over the country are telling stories of the bird, which led the Eighth Wisconsin Infantry into thirty-six battles from Fredericks-town to Hurricane Creek.

"Old Abe" was captured on the Flambeau River, between Ashland and Price counties, Wisconsin, in 1861, by Chief Sky, a Chippewa Indian, son of Thunder of Bees, chief of the Flambeau band of the tribe. Chief Sky caught the young bird after a climb to the top of a gigantic hemlock tree, and a week later realized on his adventure by selling his captive for a bushel of corn. The bird was carried to Eau Claire, just as Company C was being mustered in. The lumbermen from the pine woods voted in the eagle as a volunteer, and after a surgeon's examination, it was added to the list of recruits and began its course from obscurity to fame.

When the company marched into Camp Randall at Madison in 1861, a salute was fired in honor of the bird, which became the mascot of the whole regiment. It went through the war, carried into battle aloft on a perch, from which it rose screaming to the length of its cord. At the end of the war the war bird was placed on exhibition once in Chicago. Its value had risen from the original bushel of corn to \$5 for each feather that fell from its plume, while P. T. Barnum offered \$20,000 for permission to place it in his circus.—Chicago Record-Herald.

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**No Trade.**

Two Rockland men were negotiating to swap horses the other day when suddenly the younger man paused, scratched his head as if to recall something, and said, quizzically: "Didn't I go to your place once when I was a boy to buy a horse, and didn't you try to induce me to buy one whose knees were so badly sprung that each foreleg almost made a right angle?"

"Believe you did," replied the other.

"Yes, I now recall it distinctly," said the younger man. "You told me that the knee springing was caused by feeding the horse from too high a manger, didn't you—and that if I took the horse home and fed him from the floor that the knees would spring back?"

"Believe I did," answered the other. "Then I guess I won't swap horses with you. G'lang."—Lewiston Journal.

**Not the Same.**

A fat woman moved down the aisle of the sleeping car just as the porter gave the "first call for breakfast in the dining car," and poked with her umbrella at upper berth 10.

"Kitty!" she shouted. "Where are you? Is that you up there?"

There was no response.

The fat woman beat a tattoo on the brass curtain and shouted again. "Kitty, Kitty! Why don't you answer me? Kitty, breakfast is ready! Kitty, I say, Kitty! are you there?"

A large red face, with long, flowing whiskers on the lower half appeared at the opening between the curtains of upper 10, and a deep husky voice, said:

"My name is George."  
The fat woman fled.—Baltimore Sun.

**"Buffalo Bill's" Story.**

Col. William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) has always a story to tell, and he told this one yesterday of an Irishman whom he employed on his ranch in Wyoming: "Pat has been only a few months in this country, and of course, he is as green as King through the streets of Wyoming City one day recently with a fellow workman on the ranch, he noticed in the window of a store a sign with the words, 'Shoes blackened inside.' Pat stared at the notice and exclaimed: 'That the devil do people want with the inside of their boots blackened.'"

**Out of the Ordinary.**

"The pies my mother used to make," began the young husband, "were—"

"That will do, sir," interrupted the fair bride, who had manufactured a pie all by herself. "Comparisons are odious."

"Were mud pies," calmly continued the young man, "and they were the only kind she ever tried to make."

**Will He Do This Later?**



She—When we have the wireless telegraphy, what will those poor birds do who stand out there on the wire?  
He—They'll do as I do now, dear.  
She—How is that?  
He—Hang on your words, dear.

**A Bad Combination.**

"I'm a lightning calculator," said the applicant for the bookkeeping position.  
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