

DREAMER AND SCHEMER.

When Thought He Could Win New Glory In Mexico.

Mr. Cornelius Stevenson contributes an article entitled "An Imperial Dream" to the Century. It deals with the French intervention in Mexico. Mr. Stevenson

When the Mexican empire was planned, civil war had been raging for nearly years. From the standpoint of the French rulers, the moment seemed auspicious for France to interfere in American affairs. The establishment of a great Latin empire, founded under French protection and developed in the interest of France, must necessarily derive the principal benefit of the stupendous wealth which Napoleon held ready to pour into the lap of the French capitalists—an empire which would not only put a limit to the supremacy of the United States, as well as counterbalance the British supremacy in the West, thus opposing a formidable check to the encroachments of the Anglo-Saxon race in the interest of the Latin nations—this was Napoleon's plan, and I have been told by one who was close to the imperial project at that time that the emperor himself regarded it as "the conception of his reign."

Napoleon III labored under the disadvantage of reigning beneath the shadow of a great personality which, consciously or unconsciously, he ever strove to emulate. But however clever he may be, the man who, anxious to appear or even to be, forces fate and creates impossible situations that he may act a leading part in the world is only a schemer. This was the character of Napoleon III in his failures. He looked far away dreamed of universal achievements, but at home, at his very door, were the burning issues he should have mastered. The story is told of him that one day at the Tuileries, when the imperial party were playing games, chance brought to the emperor the question, "What is your favorite occupation?" to which he answered, "To seek the solution of insoluble problems." It is also related that in his younger days a favorite game of his was, "Follow the ideas of the future, they carry you along; struggle with them, they overcome you; precede them, they support you." True enough, only on condition that you will not make the shrill chorus of a few interested courtiers and speculators for the sake of your time, nor imagine that you are your generation because you stand before the dream of faraway glory and others told him his dreams were

OFFICIAL RECORD BLUNDER.

of Hamilton's Duel and Death Entered Erroneously.

It is a curious fact that the only official record of the death of Alexander Hamilton in the bureau of vital statistics is wrong and gives the date of his death as July 11 and the date of his duel with Burr as July 9. All histories give the date of the duel as July 11 and the date of Hamilton's death as July 12. The date is inscribed on Hamilton's tomb in Trinity churchyard and on each record perpetuating this blunder is the name of the official who entered it. This volume is now in the custody of the registrar of vital statistics in the board of health. This volume is one that was sent down from the old city inspector's office and until recently was supposed to be trustworthy, although not consecutive for the years of 1800 and 1802 following the record of Hamilton's death in 1804. All the entries except that of Hamilton appear to have been written by the same hand. His is written with much care and heads the list of H's. It is Alexander Hamilton, born in Santa Clara, N. J., died July 11; disease, casual, Trinity church cemetery, Trinity church sexton." Under the heading "remarks" in the margin is written "Fall in a duel with Col. Aaron Burr, Westfield, N. Jersey, on the morning of the 11th of July. Interred at the expense of the city of New York."—New York Journal.

Letters Sent Up Stairs In Flats.

It is a common letter lift is to be found in the larger buildings in Geneva. It is a compartment for each of the flats, and the deposit of a single letter is made by an electric contact, which does not require any attention until the letter is taken out. At the same time it opens the faucet of the water on the roof of the house, which causes water to flow into the cylinder of the counterweight of the letter lift until the weight is heavier than the weight of the letter and the water ceases simultaneously. As the letter passes each story the corresponding faucet for it—letters, papers and packages—falls into boxes on the floor of that floor. The ejection is performed by a small spring at the bottom of the compartment in the elevator, which, at a moment, and the release of the letter, causes a single piece of paper to fall into a post card into the station provided for its reception. When the letter has passed the uppermost floor, the letter lift with water strikes a bolt at the bottom, which allows the letter to flow out and by its own weight descends to its place on the ground. Should by any mischance a single piece of paper have remained in the elevator striking the bottom it will fall through the same series of faucets as the letter before it.

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An Artist's Slip.

Half a century ago, says a London paper, the late Sir John Gilbert was commissioned to illustrate a short story for a London weekly. When he had finished the work, the editor remarked, "Why, Mr. Gilbert, the story says an escort of infantry soldiers, and here on the block you have given us mounted ones." "Dear me, so I have," responded the artist, "but I haven't time to do another drawing now. Can't you make an alteration in the story to make it fit in?" The "copy" was handed to a subordinate to make the requisite alteration, but that gentleman forgot to delete the chapter describing how the soldiers had gained the summit of a steep mountain, parts of which they were obliged to scale with ladders. Horses could not have been got there unless by the assistance of a crane. Afterward shoals of letters from subscribers wished to know how the cavalry got there.

FRILLS OF FASHION.

The English bride's traveling dress is invariably gray lined with heliotrope silk.

Long boas are fastened at the neck and belt with jeweled pins in the form of a clasp.

It is the proper thing this season to have your hat match your gown, or the coat you wear with it.

White cloth skirts are considered very chic to wear with the fancy blouse waist for semi-evening dress.

Narrow ruches of lace are superseding the black chiffon frills used to edge collars, epanlets and revers.

Aluminium gray, red plum and abbeis violet, which is a mixture of blue and violet, are the fashionable colors.

Fans decrease in size as they increase in price, and the newest of these dainty trifles is beautifully painted on both sides. It is so small that it may be worn on a chateleine or tucked into the pocket.

Fancy belts are all the rage, and all kinds of metal, real and imitation jewels, make up the glittering array displayed in the shops. There are belts of gold canvas which resembles leather, combinations of jet, silver and steel and suede leather and velvet ribbon belts with buckles and ornaments at intervals all the way around.

Bonnets are not worn by women much under 60. Large hats, toques, and the boat shaped variety are the favorite styles, with here and there a poke for the few who can wear it. Feathers are put on to slant back from the face and fall a little over the hair. Miroir velvet has the preference for millinery, and glaze silk and satin are both used. Anything glossy is in style.

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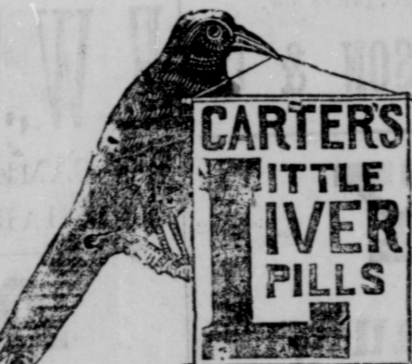
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Every man is valued in this world as he shows by his conduct that he wishes to be valued.—Bruyere.

No man can be provident of his time who is not prudent in the choice of his company.—Jeremy Taylor.

Doing is the great thing, for if resolutely people do what is right in time they come to like doing it.—Ruskin.

Hearts may be attracted by assumed qualities, but the affections can only be fixed and retained by those that are real.—De Moy.

Never forget what a man has said to you when he was angry. If he has charged you with anything, you had better look it up.—H. W. Beecher.

It is continued temperance which sustains the body for the longest period of time and which most surely preserves it free from sickness.—W. Humboldt.

Providence has nothing good or high in store for one who does not resolutely put up with something high or good. A pur-

LETTERS STOPPED IN TIME.

People Saved by Postmasters From the Result of Hasty Action.

"The tears were streaming from her eyes like spray from the Yerkes fountain," said a clerk in the inquiry division of the postoffice, laughing at the memory of the stout, florid woman who rushed in one hot afternoon with the plaintive wail: "Stop my letter. Give me my letter to the old country!"

"That letter," the man went on, "was dropped somewhere within the city limits and was mixed in with some 2,000,000 other letters, yet she wanted us to get it for her quick—seemed to think that I would bounce out of my chair like a rubber ball out of a tennis racket, snatch up that particular epistle and come running back breathless and hand it to her. Now, the facts are that the government does not permit the stopping of a letter that has left the writer's hands unless it is important that it should be done. It makes an enormous amount of extra work. Here is a blank that must be filled out, stating the box in which the letter was dropped, the time, the address and the reason why the request for the recovery is made. That reason sometimes discloses some very interesting and romantic facts; but, of course, most of the letters are stopped for the business houses about town. When we asked the red faced Niobe what her reason was, she boohooed, 'Me an my man had some troubles, an I wrote to my fader for moneys to go home, but my man an me have made up, an I would not have that letter go for a t'ousand dollar.' We got that letter for her.

"There was another, a young woman who rushed in here during the opera season, and when she had caught a little breath she said she wanted a letter she had addressed to Peoria, Ills. There were some \$5 opera tickets in it that she wanted to use that night. She had had a letter written to her family, and, thinking there might be a postscript to add, had not sealed it. She bought her seats to 'Tannhauser' and left the window with her purse, her letter and her tickets in her hand. The open envelope was so inviting a place for the tickets that she thought she would carry them there, but just as soon as she saw a letter box it was like a red rag to a bull. She sealed the envelope and posted it, tickets and all, and it was hours before she remembered what she had done and then came down to us for help. We got her tickets too.

"Young women who have 'reconsidered' a proposal or who regret a hasty note, like the men, blushingly confide their troubles to us, and we have prevented more than one broken heart.

"Sometimes the letters have left our hands and we have to telegraph to catch them, which is done at the person's expense. We have more than once cabled to Berlin and St. Petersburg to head off a billet doux or some request from an impatient and petulant son for a check. A scion of a noble German house came in here to inquire us to prevent the delivery of a demand for money, written, I fancy, in a tone that, in the light of recent remittances, would endanger his inheritance. There is some mighty interesting reading among the blanks requesting letters stopped, all of which are sent on to Washington."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

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