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AS ROOSEVELT SEES AFRICA

Errors in English Government That the United States May Easily Avoid.

Ex-President Roosevelt pauses for a moment in his stories of the chase in Scribner's magazine to discuss African politics, commenting in interesting fashion on the plight of the white man in the dark continent, and looking to the future development of the race. Just and of the white man, Col. Roosevelt is sure that English rule has been of invaluable benefit to the Africans themselves. He believes, indeed, that Africa is better off in most instances where the government of the people has passed to European powers, even in the face of many mistakes, proceeding at least as often, he says, from zeal to accomplish too much in the way of beneficence as from a desire to exploit the native.

Col. Roosevelt is convinced that the British error, if any, in Africa generally has been in dealing with its savage peoples, but in interfering too little with their tribal customs and practices, often immoral and repulsive. Which may be argued perhaps for this policy, he says, funny and ill-considered benevolence being more certain to awaken resentment than cruelty itself, he is confident that more can be done than is being done in pushing the African tribes upward. The slow pace, however, he traces to British policy, not to the men in power. These he finds in every way worthy.

Though under the most jealous scrutiny from settlers and government officials only too willing to criticise every sin of omission or commission, Col. Roosevelt declares that the missionaries in Africa, as a class, are doing a splendid work of uplift. He is sure, however, that industrial training and a gradual elevation of the mind and character of the natives must precede the spread of any Christianity worth the name. Much has been done, such remains to be done, and common sense and disinterestedness on the part of the missionaries, he finds, are absolutely necessary.

Not for Us.

There is a peculiar estimate of the hunger of the United States for more islands in the report that Russia hopes to sell its northern half of the island of Saghalien to this country. The story is that Russia finds that bleak and inaccessible remnant that it rescued from the wreck of the Japanese war of no value and not worth the expense of keeping. Wherefore it puts the property on the market, with the expectation that we will buy it.

Let it not be that flattering unction to lie soul. There is every reason to believe that the apetite of this nation for islands was satisfied ten years ago. We find much more valuable possessions than Saghalien only a bother and expense. Even the neighboring islands of the Caribbean group are not looked upon as worth the trouble of colonizing of the century. So remote and valueless are our real estates in northern Saghalien we would not accept as a gift.

If Russia wishes to get rid of that property let her offer it to Japan for what it is worth—which is close to nothing at all.

See Danger in Over Heats.

There is a strong movement to amend and change the Sherman law, and it is greatly to be feared that once commenced the agitation for such changes may go to the effect of deprivin it of all power and vitality. It lay dormant so long that nobody gave it attention, much less did any treat fear it, but since it has proven to be a live wire there is great anxiety to get rid of it. If it could be so amended as to forbid, under heavy penalties, combinations and contracts for the purpose of stifling competition, so that every improper and injurious method for controlling the markets be made illegal, and every proper agency of free competition encouraged, all would be well, but the evil influences that demand a change are more numerous and more powerful than are the good, and, therefore, there is a great risk in attempting any change.—New Orleans Picayune.

Take Care of Naval Reserve.

Until now the militia has been looked on chiefly with regard to its possibilities as a reserve for the regular army. Important as this is, the naval militia is also of great importance, and it is yearly getting to be more so. Every great northern lake battle ships are authorized and numerous smaller craft. The scarcity of good men to man them is a source of constant trouble for the navy officers. In time of war the lack of trained material would be much more trouble-some. It might cost us a fleet. The value of a trained man over a raw one on such a complicated piece of machinery as a battle ship is apparent.

Where Burglars Are Unknown.

Consul Edward J. Norton of Malaga cannot encourage American safe makers to attempt the building up of a trade in that district of southern Spain. He writes as follows: Not over half a dozen American-made safes could be found in the whole consular district, and the outlook for the development of the safe trade is not encouraging one. The demand for safes practically is nonexistent. Many business men possess nothing in the way of a safe for the protection of valuables or books. The annual fire loss is insignificant and burglars or safe blowers are unknown, so there is no actual necessity for the purchase of a fireproof, burglar-proof safe.

The Senate and House of Lords.

Of course, the house of the senate and of the house of lords, in their respective constitutional features, is not alike in many particulars, and in such issue as now divides the British voters could possibly arise in this country is precisely the same way. The action which both the house and the senate have taken in providing the closer relationship between congress and the executive in matters affecting expenditures has been taken without any serious debate as to the readjustment of balance within the government, and the change certainly implies but the fact remains that, historically, the senate is the house of representatives, in the intention of the fathers, and was supposed to initiate legislation affecting both the originating and the distribution of the public revenue.

Said Uncle Silas.

"How many times a day do you ever attend that a bunch of folks didn't whisper: I wonder why she threw herself away on him?"

Best Milk Record.

The 4½ years old Guernsey cow, Missy of the Glen, 18,290, Adv. R. No. 926, owned by H. A. C. Taylor, Newport, R. I., has just completed her 4th year's record, giving 14,591.7 pounds of milk, which contained 814.76 pounds of butter-fat, which is equivalent to 1,100 pounds of butter, and is the highest year's record made by any cow in the world in connection with an advanced register.

HIS ARTISTIC EFFORT

Dinner was over and Enderby had lighted his cigar, but had not settled down for the evening.

"Suppose you chuck that work basket for once and we go over to mother," he said to his wife. "We haven't been there in two weeks."

"I know it," she answered. "I can't con-tight. Somebody has to stay with the baby, and Augusta's going out."

"Augusta's going out! That has a familiar sound."

"Don't be unreasonable, dear. You know we never have the least trouble with Augusta when we engage our evenings ahead."

Enderby indulged in a mild snort. "Engage your evenings! Well, if I come to this, it's time we made a strike for liberty."

Mrs. Enderby dropped her embroidery in consternation. "If you should do anything to make Augusta leave—" she began.

"Don't you worry. If I should act, it would be done so artistically she'd never know it happened."

He took up his newspaper and Mrs. Enderby thought he had forgotten all about it. However, next morning, just as Augusta was bringing in the breakfast, he turned to his wife and said:

"Don't forget the reception to-night, Dorothy. We ought to take the 8:40 train."

Augusta went out with a perceptible cloud on her face and Enderby chuckled.

"What do you mean?" his wife demanded.

"I mean we're going over to mother's to spend the evening. It is necessary to invent important engagements, I can do it."

Enderby came home early that night, and Mrs. Enderby frankly supposed that he put in his extra quarter of an hour opening the crate of fresh eggs that had just come from Wisconsin. Augusta appeared to be in her own room at the time and when Enderby came down the library he was carrying, with furtive glee, a paper bag containing a dozen fresh eggs.

"I just happened to think it would be nice to take these over to mother," he said.

"That's so; I'm glad you thought of it. I'll put them in a basket," Mrs. Enderby added, remembering the evening's preparation. "How would it look to Augusta if we started to a reception with a bag of eggs?"

"Why do you suppose I sneaked 'em in here now, if not to guard against that very thing?"

"Well, what are you going to do with them, now that you have them?"

With a masterful stride Enderby walked to the waste basket and buried the eggs beneath the contents. He stalked out of the kitchen at the triumphant look on his face.

"But I'm afraid she'll see us when we start," she suggested. "And now another complication—we'll have to invent a reception just to go over to your mother."

"Well, I might," he answered. "I'll be a treat to the folks to see us in our good clothes for once."

Augusta put the baby to bed that night and then came to the library for a final direction to her employers, who was just getting into her evening clothes. Enderby, with a paper in his hand, was impatiently awaiting Augusta's departure, when suddenly he, if prompted by some imp of darkness, jumped up and crossed the room and picked up the waste basket.

"I forgot to empty this to-day," she apologized.

"Oh, never mind!" Enderby and his wife gasped in duet, but Augusta, with unprecedented swiftness already was disappearing through the doorway.

"There!" said Mrs. Enderby, turning on her crest-fallen husband. "Now what shall we do? Your mother and you may get out of it the best way you can. I shall be here when she comes back!" She disappeared into the bedroom just as Augusta's footsteps were heard approaching.

Augusta pushed aside the portiere and halted, holding at arm's length the paper bag. "Sugar!" she announced. "I found 'em in the waste basket!"

"In the waste basket? How very singular," Enderby exclaimed. Then he raised his voice in craven tones. "Dorothy!" he called out, "what do you know about a bag of eggs in the waste basket?"

There was a half-minute of dead silence, but just as Enderby was wondering what to try next a trustle sounded and Mrs. Enderby swept regally into the room.

"I know that a bag of eggs ought to be here on this table," she answered, coolly. "I thought we'd have time before the 8:40 train to have them at your mother." If you've finished the pass, George, that you absent-mindedly drop a bag of eggs into a waste basket, you need a guardian. Put them on the table, Augusta."

"With a plying look at her hair-brained employer Augusta obeyed. Enderby waited just long enough to let her get out of sight before he took two long steps across the floor to his wife and silently, but warmly, expressed his appreciation.

"As soon as she could, however, she held him off with both hands. "George Herbert Enderby," she said, trying not to laugh, "your behavior was simply yellow! And that's the last artistic effort I shall ever help you out of—so beware!"

ROUGH AND READY FEED RACK

Hay and Other Feed Stacked Against Corral on Cold Sides so Animals Can Easily Reach It.

I use a stable for the north side of my corral. The other three sides are of boards over feed high, standing on end close together. Hay and other

Cows Can Reach Through.

feed is stacked against the corral on the cold sides and a board taken off of the stack can feed through. It is warm and handy, writes Fred A. Ellis in Missouri Valley Farmer.

The illustration shows a good method of arranging stanchions.

A Foolish Statement.

One of the Berlin newspapers says Taft and Knox are trying to make Nicaragua a vassal of the United States. O ye Gods! This is one of the greatest vassals it could find many better ones than Nicaragua could ever be.—Chicago Record-Herald.

What Novels Are.

Novels are sweets. All people with healthy appetites crave them (some, almost all women—a vast number of them, hard-headed men).—Thackeray. —From the compilation of his savings by Mrs. Charles Mason Fairbanks. Harper's.

Love's Young Dream.

"What is a tablespoon, ma?"

"A tablespoon is where people are so married that they hold hands while they are eating."

Freer Than Ever Before.

"The talk of aggression, or oppression, and the threat of Nicaragua and the suggestion that Secretary Knox and Mr. Taft are to visit Nicaragua or announced a dangerous and revolutionary policy, is the veriest nonsense. When matters have that direction in Nicaragua the people of that republic will find themselves freer than ever they were.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

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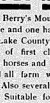

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