



One great advantage the Turks have in the present war appears from the statements of a German officer, who has been a witness to the military movements of the two nations. The Turkish infantry, he says, carries a firearm decidedly superior to that of the Greek soldiers.

The period longest for by the advocates of peace, when savars are to be beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks, does not seem to have arrived in the passing hours of the nineteenth century. Since 1890 the world has witnessed an almost uninterrupted scene of carnage.

We, the Humanitarians, States commissioners of education, a student of social science, think that under modern conditions fewer farmers are necessary and more people are wanted in the cities to handle machinery; that the health of urban populations is not a disease which calls a cure, but the natural result of scientific invention.

England has several old women who were born before Victoria and carry their years well. Mrs. Gladstone is still the oldest living stateswoman; the Baroness Baden-Powell is her next older, and Lady Louisa Tigne, who was present at the ball on the eve of Waterloo, and is still half and lively, was a girl of 15 when Victoria was born.

According to the latest census of Scotland there are now 1,000,000 inhabitants of 100 years of age or more.

The city is getting too large to continue in those good old Connecticut ways of eating nothing but cold victuals and bread, and the people there have gone to eating for street car service on the first day of the week. Walking to church is becoming too much like labor.

There is a popular idea that Fun is the favorite moth for women and that the young woman who loves romance and who wishes fortune to smile upon her materials in every way must choose this as her mate. Gold and armfuls fast, however, it is true that the three most popular marriage months are October, November and December. Fifty years' show this to be true, and also demonstrate the fact that the most unpopular months are January, February and March.

The British government now has undertaken a plan for the reduction of its army and navy, and the mind of man ever conceived. It provides for a passage-way, to be lighted by electric lights, beneath the Irish sea or North Channel, as it is called, from a point in Scotland to a point in Ireland just west of Carrickfergus and several miles north of the arm of the sea stretching up to Belfast which is known as Belfast lake. The total estimated cost is \$55,000,000.

FAR from diminishing the consumption of tea, the government monopoly of tea in India seems ready to have increased its revenue among the subjects of the crown. For, whereas formerly the authorities frowned upon the drain and favored the establishment of tea plantations and establishments, the contrary is now the case, since it has been found that the popularity and vogue of the tea shops affect injuriously the revenue derived by the state from its monopoly of the sale of spirits.

ALUMINUM violins are said to have a rich tone, and that those made of them are the best in the world. They have been found in aluminum a latest property, consisting of a tendency of the fundamental to outweigh the upper partial tones, and this has been employed to introduce and regulate the partial tones to suit the tastes of the individual player. Notwithstanding the strong popular feeling in favor of wooden instruments, aluminum instruments are steadily gaining their way in musical circles.

The greater number of trained soldiers in the world come from India. Although the standing army numbers only 27,000 men each state has to support its own militia, and should it become necessary, upward of 7,500,000 men could assist. The British government is the only one that independently of the states. To defend the coast there would be a navy of some 70 ships, with 10,000 men. Of these France, the number of men in the active army and its reserves is 2,500,000.

This great fortress in the world is Gibraltar. The height of the rock is over 1,400 feet, and this stupendous precipice is pierced by miles of galleries in the solid stone, portholes for gunpowder, magazines, and tunnels for magazines. The rock is perfectly impregnable to the shot of an enemy, and, by means of the great elevation, a pluming fire can be directed from an enormous distance to a distance of two-thirds up the rock one tier after another of cannon is presented to the enemy.

In addition to the cardom, which, in accordance with arrangements already made, the queen is to confer upon Mr. Gladstone, a youthful grandee, the royal order of the Garter, which his grand parents are only life tenents—it is asserted that her majesty will further signalize the sixtieth anniversary of her reign by conferring upon the grand and man a Knight of the Garter. Mr. Gladstone has until now refused all titular honors on the ground that he wishes to go down to posterity under his own name and as a great com-

## GREECE WILL COMPLY.

She Is Ready to Accept the Demands of the Powers.

A Note Urging Requesting Redaction—Autonomy for Crete Will Be Accepted—Turkey's Terms of Peace Demand indemnity.

Athens, May 11.—It is stated that the government has drafted a note to the powers, accepting the demands of the conditions imposed upon Germany, the chief of which is that Greece shall give her formal consent to the principle of autonomy for Crete will be accepted by the Greek government. The note of the powers, which is to be sent to the government, has been drawn and is to the following effect: Upon a formal declaration by Greece that she will release her troops and agree to such an autonomous regime for Crete as the powers in their wisdom shall determine, the powers will withdraw the counsels of the powers, they will intervene in the interests of peace. The note will probably be presented to-day after the German minister has received final instructions. It is understood that Greece will reply as soon as possible to all of these conditions.

Bulwer Is Resigned.

The recall of the forces from Crete has been received with resignation by the public. The Delyman organs attack him as the only one who has done the greatest wrong to Europe, but most of the papers accept this as inevitable, and violently attack the Ethnico-Hellenic, asking it to take account of its action.

London, May 11.—After a week of peace negotiations the principal feature of the eastern situation is that Turkey is pressing reinforcements forward and preparing for a rapid advance. Under the pressure of the Greeks quickly moving to settle the Greeks, the Turks are likely to suffer further disasters.

The exact disposition of the Greek army is uncertain, but roughly speaking, the first of defense extends from Almyros to the Souda, the second from Thermopylae to the frontier, and the third is drawn at Thermopylae. Fighting is probable within the next few days unless the powers intervene.

King George's Terms of Peace.

Vienna, May 11.—It is reported here that Turkey's terms of peace with Greece includes payment of an indemnity of £3,000,000 (\$15,000,000), a rearrangement of the Greek frontier, the annulment of the treaty favoring the Greek cause, the cessation of the Greek fleet in Turkey and the settlement of the Cretan question.

Sultan Sorry for King George.

London, May 11.—Private advices received in London from the Balkans declare that the sultan has expressed deep sympathy for King George and the Greek government, whose hands, in his opinion, were forced by revolutionary agents at Athens and Almyros.

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Larnaca, May 11.—The Greek fleet has left Venet, but the French, Italian and British guard ships remain. The town is quiet, and has been occupied by the Turks. The latter have taken up positions on the surrounding heights. The bulk of the Ottoman army, however, has been withdrawn, and is marching in another direction. The Turkish officers complain of the non-resistance of the Greeks, and decide it is not war, but merely a military maneuver.

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Hamburg, May 11.—A dispatch from the island of Helgoland announces that the Dutch steamer Firdene from Cagliari, island of Sardinia, for Stockholm, Norway and Copenhagen, the Norwegian bark Hordvik. Both vessels are supposed to have founded. It is reported that 13 men of the crew have been saved and that the drowned are largely in excess of that number.

British Consular Service.

New York, May 10.—Victor F. President Adair L. Stevenson, Gen. C. J. Payne and United States Senator E. C. Colton, who were recently appointed by President McKinley to represent the governments relative to the holding of an international bimetallic conference, sailed for Havre on the French liner La Touraine Saturday.

Awarded \$10,000.

Chicago, May 10.—Miss Lucia B. Griffin, an employee of the Illinois Central, Inc., was awarded \$10,000 against the Illinois Central Railway company Saturday in the appellate court. Miss Griffin was seriously injured at Madison Wis. in 1894, by a heavy door, which fell upon her head. She had been having legal proceedings for the transfer of some baggage.

Overcome by Gas.

Bedford, S. D., May 11.—Frank Hurz, his two sons and his brother, Chris Hurz, proprietor of the Franklin Manufacturing Company, a small oil mill on their farm near Grobe, this county, Monday morning. Each was overcome by gas as they descended into the well to rescue the others.

Sold to Be Short \$20,000.

Columbus, O., May 11.—Experts estimate the value of the building of the Ohio Barge Canal preparatory to completion with the Fourth national, have found errors. Charles Henry Daniels, since 1863 the trusted head bookkeeper, is alleged to be short \$20,000 or more.

Wisconsin Grows a lot.

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Dan & Co. to the Chinese Government in Their Note.

New York, May 8.—R. G. Dan & Co. in their weekly review of trade, say:

"Nearly all will be astonished to learn in such like as April by leading houses in such like as April by leading houses in cities east of the Rocky mountains average 10 per cent less than in April 1892, the year of the great famine in Argentina, and were 6 per cent more than in the same month of 1893. The average summary of 80 reports each covering acts of buying and selling in 100 cities, especially encouraging in view of the great uncertainty in the market for the five years and with exceptional food and living influences this year." While spending and does not swell clearing house returns, as in previous years, the volume of legitimate trade has increased 10 per cent, and the Marconi system of falling prices has brought about a general decrease in nearly every branch of business, even by the amount of 10 per cent, largely due to the fall of 10 per cent in the price of cotton, although failures of five New England mills last year, 60 per cent larger than in 1892, and 10 per cent larger than 1893, have not been equalled.

Washington, May 5.—The Senate finance committee reported the tariff bill to the senate yesterday. The new bill is very different from the Dingley bill previously introduced, almost to another measure. The bill would free homes on the public lands as the free homestead bill was passed. The Marconi system again again was over. The amendment was considered, but was not adopted.

Washington, May 6.—The senate yesterday by a vote of 43 to 29 refused to ratify the general arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain, signed at Washington, June 26, 1893.

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# THE STORY TELLER

## BESIEGED IN A CRATER.

By H. ALAN CLARKE,

The adventure I am about to relate occurred in the summer of 1880, a time when the Apaches—those vindictive savages of the southwest—still dominated the lives and happiness of pioneers in that section. In July of the year mentioned, a party of five—Harrington, Joe Baker, Harry Hinman, Jeff Hinman, and myself, left the Rio Grande valley bound on a prospecting trip into the Zuni country, of whose extensive mineral wealth we had heard some dazzling rumors.

Baked beans and water.

By the time we started Winston and Hinman were Texans—but splendid specimens of the modern frontiersmen. They were crack shots with rifle and pistol; could ride "anything" that growed in the ground; were veritable Indians in their ways; and we clung up the steep hills with glee.

He did not wait for us to ask for an explanation of his call. "Paw," he said, "the Indians are here." And the Indian was glorified the single word: "Look!"

Leading us to observe and draw our own conclusions from what we saw.

"Indians!—and a big bunch of 'em!" cried Baker, who was the first to glance in the indicated direction.

"They are hostiles and discover us—" "Discover us!" interrupted Hinman.

"How can they help discoverin' us when they'll strike our 'sign' the minute they start down?"

"They have just seen our 'sign' they couldn't very well make that bunch of Indians horses stand at the foot of the hill," said Winston, arising and starting down the path at a rapid pace.

"We can't afford to stop now," said Harrington, "and we must look out for ourselves." "So well—just lead the horses to the bottom of the crater, and find standin' room for 'em on the inside."

The suggestion was adopted. Making a horse trail, we reached the bottom of a deep and almost circular rocky basin, the sides of which were so precipitous that there was only one place down which a horseman could descend.

The bottom of the lake, he explained, was covered with a crust of salt, from six to eight inches thick.

"But the queerest part of it all is the crater. It stands at one side of the lake, an' forms a part of the shore. When you get to the rim of it you find yourself standin' on the edge of a big funnel-shaped hole about 200 feet deep, and right down at the bottom of that is a little lake, so deep nobody has ever found a bottom to it."

Our curiosity was strongly excited, and before we turned in for the night it was determined to make a short visit to the strange place.

Sunrise found us in the saddle, and a fullsome ride of two hours' duration brought us to the object of our search.

Weird and ghastly are the only terms which properly describe the scene that greeted us as we rode into our hunting horses. At our feet lay an enormous basin of perhaps 1,000 acres, in extent, some 70 or 80 feet in depth, its precipitous sides garnished with masses of volcanic rock; some of them so grotesque in shape as to appear almost like the caricatured features of Indians and occupying a greater part of its area, slumbered a lake of dazzling whiteness, its shores encrusted with curious formations of salt, from which the sun's rays were reflected in glittering light.

On the eastern shore, about a half-mile from where we stood, an enormous mound, in shape like an inverted wash-bowl, towered to a height of 200 feet or more; and this we at once recognized as the crater of which Winston had spoken. Dark and forbidding, it reared its pitchy, sharp, like an offering from the infernal regions; its grim aspect seeming to accentuate the awful silence that brooded over the scene.

"They say the Apaches, Navajos and Zunis have a superstition about the crater," whispered Winston, and into something like awe-struck admiration the picture of desolation spread out before me. "They imagine an evil spirit lives in the little lake at the bottom; and that he emits thunder and lightning when he gets mad at anybody. I've heard they won't kill even a white man in the basin."

Guided by Winston, we rode down the steep trail that led to the bottom of the basin, and established our camp near a little stream that ran out of the crater opposite the center. There was only fresh water in the vicinity, but there were no signs to indicate that it had lately been visited by man or beast. Filling our canteens and watering for horses, we were ready to commence the ascent of the crater.

As we started, however, we realized that Winston's reception had not been overswelled. At our feet gaped a great funnel-shaped hole, at the bottom of which twinkled a miniature lake of bright emerald contrasting with the dark scoria of the crater's sides.

With many turns and twists, and much unavoidable sliding, we descended to the shore of the lake, and seating ourselves on fragments of lava, spent half an hour in endeavoring to account for the presence of such a jewel in so inhospitable a setting.

"They say the water is so thick with salt that a feller can sink in it," remarked Winston.

"Did you ever test it?" I asked.

"I've swum in it a good many times. It's so swimmin' in such a hole as that. I'd be afraid that a feller'd grab me by the feet and pull me down. There's never been no bottom found in the center."

The rest of us had not such scruples, however, and, doffing our clothes, we were soon splashing about in the briny element.

"It gave me a gresome feeling to

swim across the fatherless shore in the center of a basin that was said to be a sort of incubator, where, when the sun shone, the heat below the surface suggested the ravenous jaws and gaping maw of a monster of the Cyclopedian world, lying in wait for whatever unwary creature might venture to enter its domain.

I caught my breath, and, after a moment's consideration, I decided that the crater diverted my thoughts into a more sensible channel. My aquatic sports for a few minutes Winston had ascended to the crest of the mound, where I now caught sight of him lying flat on the inner edge of the crater naked, and gesturing to us. To be sensible into one's clothes was the work of a few moments, and we climbed up the steep to his side.

He did not wait for us to knock at his door, but, as far as I can learn, he had no idea of his fate.

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## A KNIGHT'S EXPERIENCE.

BY JENNY WREN.

**C**O-D-B-Y, then, Rate, if you will let me go, that last moment I heartily wish you would. I do not feel at all comforted at the thought of leaving you alone, even for a single night!" So suddenly went, as she stood ready for her journey to her country home.

"My train had stopped and waited with her; but I had insisted upon remaining until the next day to attend to the last things necessary, and she had given consent very reluctantly, and, even at this late moment, seemed repenting. But I laughed it off, as I knew she would.

"You forgot, aunt, Claude is to spend the evening with me, so I will not have time to feel lonely; and, as for fear, it would be a sensation so novel and exciting! I would quite fancy myself—possibly, you may say, or three or four of the servants, and I do not know that your absolute presence would scare away any intruders." But she shook her head with rather an unbecoming air, and the last look she gave me before she left was full of anxiety. Her mind, indeed, was one of loving anxiety. But on my own face was no shadow of care, as I glanced for a moment at its reflection in the long mirror in the drawing-room. A glad delight was dissolved in the secret thoughts of the evening's anticipated pleasure, for was not Claude coming, and was not that name synonymous with all life and concentrated sweetness? Had not he been with me once every day since his return? And to be sure to be sure that I might remain another day under plea of usefulness? What practical test had never given that I could be useful?

When Claude came I laughingly recounted to him his former fondness for me, and, after a thoughtful pause, we came to losing these few precious hours; but somehow, for the first time, his laugh failed to echo mine, and when the clock upon the mantel chimed eleven silver strokes, and he rose to go, he said, very earnestly:

"I believe, Kate, your aunt was right, and almost wish you had gone with her."

"That is all very well to say now," I answered, "when the time has come really to bid good-bye! If you had let me make your wishes this morning, I should have endeavored to comply with them."

"My selfishness forbade my giving them room, and, besides, it is a mere temporary infatuation. (With such a hand to hold, who can be without a formidable protection, and, after all, Kate (growing serious), I leave my darling in the good God's hands. Only, dear, I shall be very glad when the time comes that I can offer her a husband's protection."

He kissed her cheeks into which the scarlet blood had rushed at his words, he held me for one moment with a new earnestness clasped to his heart, uttered a last good-night and left me.

"See that everything is in order for me to go to bed," he said to the old butler whose eyes were already half closed, and then slowly mounted the stairs. Usually I drew them as a bird, and Claude's words had filled me with happy thoughts, but it seemed as though some power from heaven had snatched me with its white wings, and I must make no hurried movement, lest it should fly away. I entered my room, closed and bolted my door, and sambined into a chair before my dressing bureau. My windows opened upon a little balcony, and the cool air from the south and the cool breeze which came laden with the scent of the flowers I had trained upon it. I seemed filled with a delicious languor, and it required some effort to pull myself to my feet, and, as I prepared myself to go to bed, I heard the steps of the spy again.

I undressed the jewels from my ears. They were family heirlooms of great value my aunt had given me on my eighteenth birthday. Their light gleamed like fire, and, as I placed them in my pocket, I heard the old butler whose eyes were already half closed, and then slowly mounted the stairs. Usually I drew them as a bird, and Claude's words had filled me with happy thoughts, but it seemed as though some power from heaven had snatched me with its white wings, and I must make no hurried movement, lest it should fly away. I entered my room, closed and bolted my door, and sambined into a chair before my dressing bureau. My windows opened upon a little balcony, and the cool air from the south and the cool breeze which came laden with the scent of the flowers I had trained upon it. I seemed filled with a delicious languor, and it required some effort to pull myself to my feet, and, as I prepared myself to go to bed, I heard the steps of the spy again.

"THREW IT AT HIS FEET."

I took possession of me, "For Claude's sake," for Claude's sake! This I said, and again and again to myself, living on the transient calm until it might bring. Should I go to the door, unlock and unbolt it? I knew he would suspect, and that my trembling fingers had failed at last as the foot world-shaker had done. I knew he would suspect, and then? The servants were in a remote part of the house, and the butler, who had been in my aunt's service some 20 years, was no match for a muscular opponent.

The same impulse to leap to the street—anything to escape that horrid presence which seemed to fill my room; but I abandoned that, unless as a more natural means of ending my life than by suicide, to the fearful things still immovable. What were his thoughts? Where was he? Watching mine? I wondered—exulting with Sammie glee over the poor, trapped victim who had fallen into his net? Suppose he had come to see me off? Suppose he had followed me from audience? This I realized as I rose to my feet and yawned aloud. Had I not screamed instead? No; there was no movement of the foot.

Sammy, however, exclaimed aloud, and my voice sounded as though it had come from a distant place. Then, standing for a moment by the open window, I stepped out upon the open balcony. The night winds seemed to greet me; the winds which had been trapped so tightly about my heart were loosened, the hot weight pressing on my brain lifted.

The street was silent and deserted. His disappearance. His family knew that he had been captured, but believed him to be a traitor, and that he had been captured by the Confederates. In 1863, Mrs. Kenney left Pennsylvania and removed to Dwight, Ill., where she has resided ever since. Two sons, Alexander and John, now grow to sturdy manhood, live in Chicago.

Two years ago they made an attempt to obtain a pension for their mother, but failed, because the department records at Washington did not show that the missing spy of 1863 had been regularly enlisted, and there was no record of his capture. However, Congressman Woodward of this city, found in the war department an unofficial reference to the execution of a northern spy named Kenney at Tallahoma, Tenn., February 15, 1863. This record was received as sufficient, and a pension has just been granted to the widow in Dwight.

Recently Alexander Kenney and his brother John went to Tennessee to discover if possible any further facts about their mother.

They found Tallahoma and were most hospitably received by the town officials. It was suggested by the mayor that an aged woman who had lived in the place ever since the war might know something about the death of their mother.

There were only four men killed in Tallahoma during the war," she said, positively. "Three of them were Confederates and they were buried in the town cemetery. The fourth was a spy who had been caught by Bragg's men. I saw them take him out of the jail and put him into a wagon and send him sitting on a coffin. They drove away with him and I heard that he had been shot."

"But you remember the name of that spy?" asked one of the Chicagoans.

"Kenney," she replied, slowly, "his name was Kenney."

But this seemed to be as far as the search could be carried. There were no town records which would throw light



THE SPY HAD BEEN FOUND.

upon the master and no additional facts could be learned. Returning to the railway station, the two Chicagoans went into conversation with the railway agent, Archibald Smith, and incidentally mentioned their mission while waiting for a train.

"Well boys, I'm sorry for you," he said, "but I guess I can help you some. I saw your father hanged. I was only 12 years old then, but I still remember him well, and my mind still haunts me. He was scared nearly to death. Besides, the body was buried on my father's farm, and for many years afterward I used to shudder and run as fast as I could when I heard the sound of the spot."

The train left the station quickly, passed through the little town, and into the outside suburbs, on the north-western side, a half was past.

"They hanged your father to that eyecanore tree by the spring," said the guide. "His body was buried about the hill that hill over there and the grave wasn't marked. You'll never find it now."

But the two Chicagoans went over every foot of the hillside, over every rock and undermost the hill, but the rugged edge gave way beneath the feet of Alexander Kenney, and he saw protruding from the bank the two lower leg bones of a skeleton. The spy who had appeared 24 years ago had been found—Frank S. Pixley, in Chicago. Times-Herald.

A Lincoln Spy.

When President Lincoln heard of the confederate raid at Fairfax, in which a brigadier general and a number of horses were captured, he gravely remarked,

"Well, I am sorry on account of the horses."

"Sorry for the horses!" exclaimed the secretary of war, in astonishment. "Yes," replied Lincoln. "I can make a brigadier general in five minutes, but it is not an easy matter to replace 100 horses."

It is all he claimed—*inysay!*—N. Y. Ledger.

## WAR REMINISCENCES.

### THE STORY OF A SPY.

Which It Has Taken History Thirty-six Years to Write.

At the beginning of the great civil war, James S. Negley, a young man by birth, was engaged in business in Pulaski, Tenn. He owned a farm of 221 acres near that place and had \$3,000 worth of cotton stored there. He was a strong union man, and the southerners took his cotton, and it is impossible to determine for him to live among them.

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A Southern Lady's Reminiscence of Gen. McClellan.

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