

JOB WOULD KEEP HIM BUSY

Greenhorn Sailer Realized the Captain Had Given Him a Big Contract.

In the height of the recent wheat boom, Broker Patton, discussing the government's wheat estimates with a reporter, said calmly:

"But some of the men the government takes its figures from are greenhorns. Perfect greenhorns. As bad as the Dutch sailor, you know. "The captain said to the sailor, when the ship came to port: "Take a boat, run ashore and buy two dollars' worth of vegetables."

"The sailor didn't know what vegetables were, so as soon as he struck land he said to a longshoreman: "What is vegetable?"

"Oh, dried peas, for instance," the longshoreman answered.

"So the Dutch sailor spent his two dollars on a huge sack of dried peas. When he drew near the ship again with his load the captain called him from the bridge:

"Well, have you got those vegetables?"

"Aye, aye, sir," said the sailor.

"Then," said the captain, "hand them up to cookle one at a time."

"Shiver my thimbers!" said the sailor. "I've got a job before me now, and no mistake!"

SORE EYES CURED.

Eye-Balls and Lids Became Terribly Inflamed—Was Unable to Go About—All Other Treatments Failed, But Cuticura Proved Successful.

"About two years ago my eyes got in such a condition that I was unable to go about. They were terribly inflamed, both the balls and lids. I tried some remedy without relief. Then I decided to go to my family physician, but he didn't help them. Then I tried two more of our most prominent physicians, but my eyes grew continually worse. At this time a friend of mine advised me to try Cuticura Ointment, and after using it about one week my eyes were considerably improved, and in two weeks they were almost well. They have never given me any trouble since and I am now sixty-five years old. I shall always praise Cuticura. G. B. Halsey, Mother of Wilson, Va., Apr. 4, 1906. Foster Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

Great Improvement. The patient told the doctor all his symptoms. At the end of the recital the medical man looked severe.

"My dear sir," he said, "you must gradually give up whisky and soda."

Some months later he met the patient and inquired whether the advice had been followed.

"To the letter," replied the patient, beaming. "Why, I've already given up soda completely!"

THIRD OPERATION PREVENTED

By Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Chicago, Ill. "I want to tell you what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound did for me. I was so sick that two of the best doctors in Chicago said I would die if I did not have an operation. I had one, but I had already had two operations, and they wanted me to go through a third one. I suffered day and night from inflammation and a small tumor, and never thought of getting a well day again. A friend told me how Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound had helped her, and I tried it, and after the third bottle was cured." Mrs. A. V. S. Smith, 1214 Washington Street, Chicago, Ill.

If you are ill do not linger along at home or in your place of employment until an operation is necessary, but build up the failing system and remove the cause of those distressing aches and pains by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It cures the roots and helps.

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WASHINGTON GOSSIP

National Museum Nearing Completion



WASHINGTON—The National museum, which is being constructed at a cost of \$2,500,000, will be completed within the next six months. It will be occupied by both the National museum and the Smithsonian Institution.

The greatest museum building is so crowded that many of the most interesting collections that have been acquired by the government in recent years cannot be exhibited.

Work on the new museum was started about three years ago. The plans were prepared by a firm of well-known Washington architects.

Mr. Marshall and W. H. Holmes, the curator of the museum, spent months in inspecting the celebrated museums of Europe with a view to profiting by the advantages of the foreign museum buildings and avoiding the mistakes of their construction.

The building is of white granite, with a massive dome, somewhat similar to that of the Congressional library.

The chambers are large and severely plain, as the plans do not provide for an elaborate decorative scheme.

It will be the largest and most complete building in the world devoted solely to museum purposes. The British museum consists of two buildings, but the greater portion of its space is devoted to the library. The National museum is devoted principally to the natural history and Indian history of the United States. It also contains exhibits illustrative of the various surveys from the early Indian trails down to the geological survey of the present time and the material results of those surveys.

The new building will be used almost entirely for the exhibits relating to natural arts and industry. The other exhibits will remain in the present building and with the Smithsonian Institution.

The site is at Tenth and B streets and in the park system known as "The Mall." That site was selected in accordance with the Burnham plan for the development of Washington, which contemplates the acquisition by the government of all of that section of the city between the capitol and White House grounds and between Pennsylvania avenue and the Potomac river.

Taft Again Eating Three Meals Daily



NO decision ever reached by the cabinet of a president created greater excitement than this pronouncement by President Taft a few days ago:

"The president wants the cook to stop sending a red apple and a shredded wheat biscuit for his luncheon. He wants substituted for it a meal worthy of a grown up man. There must in fact be a cup of soup, a bit of roast or fish, a vegetable or two, a seasonal apple desert or fruit, and a glass of red tea or buttermilk milk."

The members of Mr. Taft's cabinet who have been conforming to the "simple lunch" habit set by their boss in chorus of joyful thanksgiving. They

have all fallen into the practice of going over to the Metropolitan club, where they have their lunch and negotiating the entire bill of fare, from soup to cigars. Secretary of State Knox, who doesn't weigh much more than three ham sandwiches, has gained weight already, and Attorney General Wickersham, who was the only member of the cabinet that refused to adopt the simple life luncheon has the laugh on his associates who did.

The president inaugurated his new policy of taking three square meals a day for two reasons. First, he found that the cravings of the liner man were not satisfied with two and a half meals, and secondly, his system of exercise has kept his weight down and he thinks he can safely return to the old way of working off three square meals.

The president discovered some time ago that he could safely take care of three full meals by continuing his auto and horseback riding. Since Decoration day he has not missed a midday meal.

Famous Blunder of Blaine Recalled



HOW James G. Blaine might have been saved from the effects of the famous blunder by Dr. Burchard in the campaign of 1884 is a story revived in Washington by the news of the death in Brooklyn the other day of Andrew Devine, long a reporter of the house of representatives. Devine was a friend of Blaine and was assigned by the Associated Press to follow him in the campaign. He supervised Blaine's speeches and would furnish local data and make suggestion for replies to addresses of welcome.

On the morning of the "delegation" headed by Dr. Burchard called on Blaine. Devine was obliged to go to Brooklyn to attend the funeral of his wife's father. After the funeral, on returning to New York, he found Blaine at the Fifth Avenue hotel, Devine saw an account in the afternoon newspapers of Dr. Burchard's "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion" speech and

Blaine's reply to it had recalled that Blaine had made a full error. Upon arrival at the hotel, Devine sought Blaine and asked him about the speech, showing him the newspaper account.

"I don't know a thing about it," said Blaine. "Dr. Burchard says that he had heard how he had gone out on the landing of the stairway to see the delegation of ministers, headed by Dr. Burchard. Dr. Burchard, so Blaine said, read his speech in a loud, ringing voice, and Blaine, thinking of what he should say in reply, did not pay particular attention to it.

Blaine said also that he had been indignantly looked after up to that time by Devine that it never occurred to him that he was likely to make a fatal error in agreeing to what Dr. Burchard had to say, and he had not heard the fatal expression of Dr. Burchard until Devine called his attention to it in the newspapers.

"Of course, Mr. Devine," Blaine said, "we know what I would have said had that been called to my attention."

Blaine's friends here say he always attributed his defeat more to Dr. Burchard than to any other cause.

Sea Fighters Must Wait For Brides



"BIB BILI," Taft went to the mat with Dan Cupid in the White House the other day and in 13 minutes had the little love god beaten to a pulp. For 12 minutes Dan gave the big fellow a fair share of the thrashing he began to tell, and when the bigger man got a toe hold in a bunch of red tape it was easy to pin the kid's shoulders to the floor.

Old Matt, who refereed the bout, slapped Taft on the shoulder and called him a winner. "There was little cheating," a fine big stork which acted as second for Dan flew to the scene. This last blow by the stork, loudly screaming for "Bwana Pumbo," or some other esport.

Dan may get well, but he'll never look the same. It is feared that he is laid up through a few gymnastic exercises every morning, confessed the young man, fushing.

Taft weighed in at 310 pounds and Dan tipped the beam at 254. The big fellow looked fit and Dan was slightly nervous when he began.

In other words, President Taft formally signed the day's martial legislation which forbids midshipmen to marry within the six years of their cadet course. Hereafter the "midshipmen" were kept away from matrimony during their four years at Annapolis.

The two-year's sea service which follows the academic course was the undoing of many of the "midshipmen" and many became married men before they had had time to use a sailor's razor. The new regulation came up during the Roosevelt administration. The fearless one sidestepped and passed it to President Taft. He was game and walloped Cupid in spite of the suffragette vote.

"Poor Man's Gym." "Would you mind telling me," asked Mrs. Houtsford, glancing indignantly at the athletic shoulders of the prospective boarder, "how you keep in such a splendid physical condition?"

"I go through a few gymnastic exercises every morning," confessed the young man, fushing.

OLD BEAMS FOR ORGAN PIPES

Mellowed into Condition, Wood is Then Perfect for Producing Tonal Effect.

"Organ pipes," says a well-known builder, "are made of the best white pine and the older and better seasoned the wood, the better the quality of tone given out by the pipe.

In Germany and England, when an old pipe building, such as a church, town hall, or large structure of any kind is to be taken down, there is always an organ builder haunting the place to find out of what wood the roof and floor beams are made, and if he discovers that they are white pine, he is ready to pay almost any reasonable price for them, provided, of course, they are in good condition, without knots or nail holes. He knows that many of these churches and other buildings were erected 400 or 500 years ago, and that through 40 or 50 decades, the wood had been slowly drying and hardening until it has reached a condition which from the organ builders' point of view, is perfection. Then he takes the old beams home to his factory, covering them in transit with tarpaulins, cuts them into boards of the desired size, and makes his pipes with perfect confidence that the organ he is building will be a musical success.

"Most of the old organs of Europe, that is organs built from 100 to 300 years ago, have a mellowness of tone that distinguishes them from modern instruments, and although the skill of the toner is now lessening the difference between these new pipes and those that have been seasoned by long use, there is still a difference between the old organs and the new, just as there is between violins made now and those Cremona instruments that he mellowed with time.

"American organ builders spend no time looking for old beams, but they do keep their lumber seasoning and drying under shelter for several years until they have had time to season the toner to make up the difference.

Coming of the Butterfly.

And there is the first butterfly fluttering in the sun, and dodging and racing hither and thither, and doing not a thing but having a good time. It is just a little bunch of yellow wings beating the golden air and celebrating an escape from the prison of winter. We hope that little butterfly is not too restless, for it has received some secret information that the spring time has come to stay; no more frosts or snows or freezing breezes. What havoc these would play with those little wings if they would come now!

The presence of the butterfly has excited the cherry and peach buds so that they are really trying to get out into the sunlight, and it is not long before in a few days, if the butterfly has not allured them with false hopes. Still, we wouldn't trust the butterfly if we were the buds, but would nestle in our little cozy nooks and wait until the gentle North came up and settled in our midst for good—Columbus (O.) Journal.

Students at Oriental Universities.

It is with something of a shock that we learn that the number of Chinese in the Calcutta colleges is greater than that of Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and the University of Chicago combined, and that in addition to these 10,000 students there are over 20,000 boys numbered in the various high schools of the city.

Tokyo leads the globe so overwhelmingly in this direction that we could not give the entire population of the city of Los Angeles without relegating the student enrollment of the Japanese capital.

More than 100,000 students are numbered in the colleges of Tokyo, and the list represents practically every country of the orient. The most significant feature of the situation, however, is not the bulk of numbers, but the elements below the surface. Ten years ago there were only 100 Chinese in the schools of Tokyo. Today there are more than 5,000! China, beaten by the force of Japanese arms and cunning, is sitting at the feet of her conqueror in the effort to imbibed the secrets of her learning and power.—From Circles Magazine.

Won't Resign.

It was Justice Harlan, that rare old jurist, noted for dissenting opinions in such successful language, who, in the sentiment of the court upon the question of Secretary Wright's advancement, "Wright will hardly be appointed chief justice," he said, in an effort to tell a friend, "Fuller is not going to resign."

They passed to other topics, and the friend had said good night. "You know," called Justice Harlan, "I have just acted the other way. If he had forgotten it in the first instance, "Fuller and I have decided that we'll let them take us off, feet foremost. Good night!"—Baltimore Sun.

Vocal Rivals.

First Study—It never can keep my mind on what the professor is saying in economics lecture.

Second Study—Why not? What's the trouble?

Third Study—Because the fellow who sits back me talks in his sleep.—Yale Record.

Bomb Difference. Howell—How did you come to sell your automobile? Powell—An automobile hasn't any horse sense. Did you ever know a horse to stop on the way home and refuse to budge because his stomach was empty?—Judge.

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