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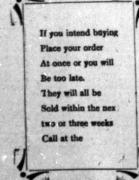
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THE LISTENER.

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Porfessor Baron of Benn, who drew up
the German civil code and was a well
known lecturer on the pandects, is dead.

The Marquis of Salisbury has been in
public life since 1854. He is the only
bearded prime minister since the days of
Queen Elizabeth.

The recent death of Li Hung Chang's
father-in-law, General Yang, recalls the
fact that that official was condemned to
death some years ago for peculation on a
large scale.

O'Donovan Rossa, the well known Irish

large scale.

O'Donovan Rossa, the well known Irish agitator, has been appointed by Mayor Van Wyck as inspector of weights and measures of the borough of Richmond at a salary of \$1,800.

Mr. Bonny, who did such gallant service as the leader of the rear guard of Stanley's latest African expedition, has been neglected and is dying of consumption in a workhouse infirmary.

Malcolm Mellwraith, who succeeds Sir Malcolm Mellwraith, who succeeds Sir

Malcolm Mellwraith, who succeeds Sir jehn Scott as conseller judiciare to the khedive of Egypt, is an authority on co-lonial, international and constitutional law and an accomplished linguist.

William J. Bryan of Nebraska has given \$250 to the University of Texas, the interest of which is to be used as an annual prize for the student producing the best essay on government. The gift has been accested.

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Lerd Charles Beresford is bound that parliament shall know something about the navy. He took 200 members of the house of commons to Portsmeuth on a special train and made them inspect the dookyards, soting as guide himself.

Joseph Hardy Phippen of Salem, Mass., entered the Mercantile bank of his town as messenger when he was 10 years old. In 1852 he was elected cashier, which place held 40 years. He has just observed the ninety-first anniversary of his birth and has been made cashier emeritus.

Naval Constructor Hobson gave an order to a press clipping bureau last November for clippings of all newspaper mention of him, and from that time until he salled with Sampson's fleet only 40 such clippings were collected. Now they are collected at the rate of about 400 at ay.

Robert T. Lincoln, Norman B. Ream are collected at the rate of about 400 a day.
Robert T. Lincoln, Norman B. Ream
and Marshall Field are credited with being the triumvirate which at present decides the policy of the Pullman company.
The two former are the executors of the
late George M. Pullman, whose large
holdings of stock in the company he founded are intact in the hands of his representatives.

SPANISH FLOUNCES.

—Washington Star.

It doesn't leok now as though Spain will be able to furnish enough fleets to, good now now navy more than three rear at mires. —Milwauke Schutnel.

The Spaniards are said to be in deadly fear of dynamits. They may well be. They saw enough of its effects when they used it upon the Maine.—New York Tribune.

Is must be admitted that there is a tiresome sameness in all the war news up to
date. Mowever, the tiresomeness has been
principally onerous to Spain.—Indianapolis Journal.

Madrid newspaper dispatches regarding
the war in Cuba read something like this:
"We were victorious, but inanaged to
escape with our lives.—Clucinnatt Commercial Tribune.

There is nothing which Commodore

mercial Tribune.

There is nothing which Commodore Watson's fiest will meet on the coast of Spain either afloat or ashore that can save Spain from a terrible punishment. It will be the beginning of the end when Watson gets there, if indeed the end does not come through the collapse of Spain morally and materially before that time.—Boston Poet.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Some men overwork themselves trying to live without work. Elderly gentlemen seem to have a pen-chant for youngerly ladies.

THE ARMY MULE.

SEVERE PENALTY

What Reduction Means Naval Officer.

Finish of One Who Lost His Rating-latemperance Ruined a Suc-cessful Scholar.

ently dwelling upon the time when was hast "rejouced" probably renever perceives any humor in his duction. It is usually a sad and bit-ter business for him. A reduced non-from the rank of non-commissioned officers in the American army ,or from the rate of petry or chief petry efficers in the American navy, do not desert their service any more Trequently than do men in foreign military and naval services who undergo the same humiliation, but they desert in num-bers, nevertheless. In truth, a good many of them arte expected to desert when they are reduced—"broke" it is called in the army, and "busted" in the navy. Commanding officers do not the navy. Commanding officers do not reduce enlisted misn for the sake of having them desert, but when reduced men de desert commanding officers are not surprised. "Busted" petty officers in the navy are rather expected by their mates up forward to "jump ship" at the first opportunity, and the soldiers in the outfit of a "broke" non-com, look upon the reduced man as a fellow of little spirit if he does not forthwith turn himself loose from military service.

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Reduced men occaionally stay on in both services when they receive a tip from the right source that they are soon to be reinstated in their former ranks. (These are man who have been reluctantly reduced by commanding officers, for the purpose of setting the right example to bluejackets and private soldiers, and after a while they are "made" again, There are not many such mowadays. Both services have too many good men in line waiting for berth involuntarily vasaited by men of unsteady conduct.

There have been many tragic outcomes of reductions in the American army and navy. (The linish of a case of this sort happened less than a year of this sort happened less than a year of this sort happened less than a year of this wildness, at the top of his vildness, at the top of his vildness to the property of the property

it will do. Dumbar nibbled at any kind of fluid aboard ship, and it was this sort of business that brought him to his asval finish.

POOR DUNBAR'S FINISH.

Apothecary Dunbar's ship was on a surveying expedition off the west coast of Central America, and one day, while the apothecary was ashore; the surgeon, with whom Dunbar hadn't got along so well as he had with former surgeons, had occasion to use some alcohol. He went to the medical storeroum and took down one of the gallon alcohol jars. It didn't smell like alcohol and the surgeon was surprised. He tried to light it but it didn't light. It was water. There were 15 other gallon jars surposed to be filled wish alcohol on the shelves, and the surgeon tried all of these. There was nothing but water in any of them. The surgeon went to the cabin and reported these facts to the commanding officer, a man who is not notable for overdoing generosity to enlisted men, questioned him.

"What became of that alcohol!" he asked the apothecary.

"Id drank it, sir," replied Dunbar.

"All of it?"

"Yes, sir."

"What was your idea in doing this?"

"No idea, except to drink it, sir,"

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"As the sick bay of this ship was situated away aft, next to the wardroom, the skipper's prohibition of the after part of the ship practically meant the apothecary's disratement. An apothecary is a chief prehibition of the after part of the ship practically meant the apothecary's disratement. An apothecary is a chief prehibition of the after part of the ship practically meant the apothecary's disratement. An apothecary is a chief prehibition of the after part of the ship practically meant th

LIQUOR? DRUG HABITS

Francisco, the a othecary was summarily court-martialed and sentenced to dishonnorable discharge. It cannot be reasonably srid that the man was abused by his commanding officer, but for several years he had been brave, faithful and unselfish in handling the sick on the vessels to which he was attached, and this way of getting him out of the service seemed a rather dismal fusiness to the men of the crew. Dunbar went over the side at San Francisco with only the clothes he had on his back—his chief petty officer's uniform—for he declined to take any of his gear along. He said he wouldn't need it. Before starting on his last cruise he had married a very beautiful woman, a teacher in a private school in San Francisco. Dunbar had had her initials tattooed in small letters on his shoulder for several years before hemarried her, and it had been the woman's idea to reform an unmistakably brilliant and accomplished man. The exapothecary paid a short visit to his wife when he was beached in San Francisco, and then he walked out and shot himself. There was a fragmenof paper found in his blouse with this penciled line:

"They may beach me, but they can't make me stay on the beach. I have succeeded admirably in making a colossal bush of my life. D—n all hands, fore and aft."—New York Sun. speedily cured.

Who Driak to Excess.

"Drunkenness to day is deemed disreputable in the very quarters where only a litte while ago it was looked upon simply as a misfortune," writes Edward W. Bok, in the Ladios' Home Journal, "Every line of business shuts its doors absolutely to the drunkard. It has no use for him. Business competition has become so keen that only the man of the steadiest habits can find employment. This fact the habitual-indulger in alcoholics has found out, and the different 'cure' establishments for drunkenness—and Godsends they are, too, to humanity—are to-day filled with mon who have come to a realization of the changed conditions. The man of steady habits is the man of the hour, and the drunkard realizes this. In the social world the same thing is true. The excessive indulgence of even a few years ago would not be tolerated at any dinner to-day. Seelety has become intolerant of the behavior which inevitably results from excessive indulgence in drinking, and men realize this. It is had manners to-day to drink to excess. Good tasts is spreading, and moderation is necessarily following."

Getting Matrimonially Planted.

"A large percentage of what is ordinarily called love is about as safe a guide in the choice of a companion as a firefly would be trustworthy illumination in the intricacies of a deep forest on a dark night," writes the Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst, B.D., in the Ladies' Home Journal. "I am well aware that it is much easier to reason about these things in the abstract than it is to keep one's head cool and,one's temperature regulated in a season of severe exposure; but so much of the success or failure of a young man's after life depends on the way in which he gets matrimonalily planted that it seems well worth while to precupit the ground with one much rational consideration as possible. If a man has accustomed himself to canvass the ground with some surfousness before the susceptible moment arrives there will be more likelihood of his being able to ride the storm when it breaks without the loss of ship, cargo and crew."

A medical authority says: "Those who are in the habit of indulging in raw onions may be consoled for the social disadvantages which ensue by the fact that onions are about the best nervine known. No medicine is really so efficacious in cases of nervous prostration, and they tone up a worn-out system in a very short time. Their absorbent powers are also most valuable, especially in times of epidemic, it has been repeatedly observed that an onion patch in the immediate vicinity of a house acts as a shield against the pestilence, which is very apt to pass over the immstes of that house. Sliced onions in a sick room absorb all the germs and prevent contagion."

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