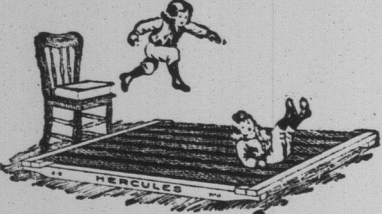


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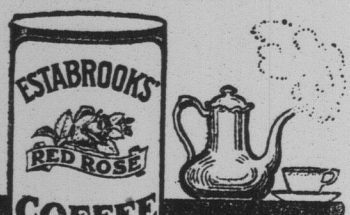
Breastplates of Pure Gold.

Breastplates of pure beaten gold have been recovered from Lake Guatavita, the largest and most important of the five lakes of the Chibcha Kingdom, in the Colombian Andes, and the scene, in prehistoric times, of many religious ceremonies. These heathen rites took place about twice a year, when the chiefs, with their high priests, threw rich offerings of gold and precious stones into the lake, and the people congregated around its banks deposited smaller contributions of the same kind, to propitiate the divinity inhabiting its waters.

Many attempts have been made to recover some of the treasure hidden at the bottom of the lake, but with little success. An English company has now succeeded in draining the waters, and is engaged in removing the mud which covers what is hoped to prove a mine of treasure. All the gold ornaments, as well as the great mass of pottery which has been recovered, are of the true Chibcha type, and extremely interesting as examples of the arts and crafts of the Indians before the arrival of the Spaniards in South America.

The pottery is supposed to have been made almost exclusively for the reception of the gold dust, ornaments and precious stones which were thrown into the lake as offerings, and it is quite different in character from the vessels found in the burial places of the surrounding country.

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On A Moose's Horns.

A decidedly exciting and quite unexpected journey was that taken by Mr. William O'Keefe, of Chatham, N. B. Mr. O'Keefe was on his way along the road to his brother's home when he saw a moose in the woods close at hand. This seemed an opportunity too good to be missed and Mr. O'Keefe at once hastened to the house, procured his brother's gun, and returning, shot the moose, as he supposed, wounding it fatally. He then walked up to inspect his trophy, when, to his great surprise, the animal which

was very much alive, jumped up, and in a second had caught the unfortunate man between its horns. Off they started through the woods, and it was not until after travelling some distance that the moose felt Mr. O'Keefe was able to free himself from his uncomfortable position. Once again, however, the moose made an attack, and it was only after much difficulty that Mr. O'Keefe was able to get into a tree, where he had to remain until the moose, who, although so lively, was badly wounded died. Apart from being somewhat bruised and badly shaken up, Mr. O'Keefe suffered no serious injury from his novel experience. - Rod and Gun.

SEA POWER COUNTS

Hague Conferences May Count Later On, Meantime Sea Power is Safest to Lean On.

It is sea power that counts, and not Hague Conferences. Sea power is not only as essential to British security as ever it was, but it is more important than at any former period. The widely severed portions of the Empire are linked for defensive purposes by the Navy, and the Mother Country depends largely upon supplies of food coming by sea routes, which the Navy protects. Were our fleets destroyed, the Empire would be broken up and Great Britain would run the risk of starvation. Predominance in sea power is thus a condition of national and imperial existence.

The cost of keeping up an invincible Navy is admittedly a serious burden in these times, when battleships are far more costly than ever before, and when all the leading Powers are building Dreadnoughts and thus raising the two-Power standard which is as long been our object to maintain. Attempts have been made to reduce the cost by proposals for a general limitation of armaments, by Hague Conferences for encouraging arbitration in international disputes, and by general movements for promoting a more friendly feeling between the inhabitants of different countries.

Nova Scotia's Generous Gov. nor

(New Glasgow Enterprise)

New Glasgow ought to be proud that it gave to the province two Governors, we looked with admiration at Lieutenant Governor McGregor as he came to formally open the new Academy of Music on Monday. Here is a gentleman some years over the "th-ee score and ten" limit. He has worked hard all his life, and the ordinary man would think that after a long, active, useful life in which he accumulated wealth, he would seek rest and repose, ease and recreation. But the governor is a very busy man, and in his public capacity goes all over the province, attending official public functions, while in the city of Halifax he is called very often for the service. Already in New Glasgow the governor has come and presided at Y. M. C. A. openings, Salvation Army gatherings, at Church meetings and Church duties. All these gatherings and functions entail a lot of travelling, late hours, stuffy, ill ventilated meeting places, and are all therefore exhausting, but Governor McGregor stands the strain well and never looked better. He is also a public spirited man and while he has made money he is a generous and good giver. No later than last week he gave to Dalhousie College \$5,000. Last summer he gave \$5,000 to the Aberdeen Hospital, and in every movement where money is needed for good purposes or public uplift he is always ready to do his part. In both respects, that is, in giving his time and talents at his age to the service of his country and constant generous contributions to public objects, he is true to the best interests and traditions of the British race. There are some other wealthy men in town who might take a leaf from his books.

A Joint Victory

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Liberals or the Unionists. Although he sat on the Liberal benches he was a Russellite, a party consisting of himself alone. For his services to Unionism Lord Salisbury gave him the Parliamentary Secretaryship of the Local Government Board, which, with its \$6000 a year, he held for five years. But the fruits of office were bitter to the lifelong agitator, and the routine of conventional duties galled him.

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French Thrift

To a certain extent, economy on the part of the French householder is compulsory as well as instinctive. Salaries and earnings, particularly those of the official and professional classes, are less than in Britain, taxation is on the whole higher, and commodities are dearer all round. With coal at 50s per ton, as in Paris, a good bright fire is something of a luxury, and the national custom of using paper spills instead of matches wherever a fire or gas jet is available is explained by the comparative dearth of matches owing to the State monopoly.

This trait of thriftiness characterizes the French in almost every department of life. As one of their own writers has said, they are not apt at spending. Here, he says, they must go to school to the Anglo-Saxon. In the matter of hospitality and entertaining they are more careful than of a home, for instance, is done in France once and for all. Another writer has said that British middle-class folks will spend more upon the homes in twelve months than French folks of the same standing throughout the entire course of their married lives.

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The NE TEMERE decree as it affects Canadian marriages should not be easily misunderstood, for it has been discussed in Parliament and in the press, and Archbishop Bruchesi has explained the Church of Rome's position on the matter. The question has also been on a stated case referred to the courts, and will eventually reach the Privy Council in Britain, and there, perhaps, be finally settled. In the meantime, half a dozen lawyers are to be engaged for the Dominion Government and one or two for each Provincial Government, so that the legal profession will have a good share of the fees, if not of the honors. - Tor. Globe.

The motion proposed in the Canadian Senate a few days ago to repeal the navy act received only two votes, after the government leader, Hon. Mr. Longheed had explained the governments position.

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THE HERBERT MARRIAGE CASE in Montreal has been decided in favor of Mrs. Hebert, thus rendering the ne temere decree invalid in Quebec. A few years ago Mr. and Mrs. Hebert, both Roman Catholics, were married by a Methodist clergyman. Several years after marriage, and when a child was born to Mr. Hebert applied to the Roman Catholic Church for a dissolution of the marriage because they had not been married by a priest. The Church gave the order of dissolution, and a civil court in Quebec confirmed the dissolution. Against this the wife has appealed, and the court has decided the marriage legal, the child legitimate, the Church and the lower court both wrong in dissolving the marriage, and has added further that the ne temere decree, on which the dissolution had been based, had no effect on Quebec's marriage laws. It is understood that Mr. Hebert will appeal against the decision. - Tor. Globe.

ITALY HAS BOULDLY ANNOUNCED by a solemn act of her Parliament, that henceforth Tripoli, a former valuable African colony of Turkey, has been annexed to the Italian Kingdom. The meaning of this is that any European power which might desire to negotiate peace between Italy and Turkey now knows that such peace can only be arranged by recognizing Italy's claim to the annexed territory. The rumor of another rising in Albania against Turkey is a far more serious matter than the loss of Tripoli. Albania is in Europe, and Austria, Greece, Italy and Russia might be involved in a struggle for the "bone" at any moment. - Tor. Globe.

The armored battleship Penelope, which is one of the earliest ironclads built for the British navy, and which took part in the bombardment of Alexandria, is ordered to be sold. The Penelope is lying at the Cape of Good Hope, where she has been stationed for some years, first as a depot ship. During the war on the Transvaal a number of Boer prisoners were interned in the Penelope. Built as the steam yacht Hiaiwatha for the Earl of Dalhousie, and purchased for the naval service in the early part of 1888 for the sum of £6,000, the special service Undine which flies the flag of Admiral S. R. Poore, Commander in chief at the Nile, is ordered to be paid out of commission for sale.

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