

HORRIBLE PRACTICE.

Knife Duels Carry Off an Appreciable Number of Spaniards Annually. The frequency of knife duels in the cities of Southern Spain is appalling to foreigners. Among the lower classes every man carries a murderous knife, the blade of which is usually 12 or 14 inches long and of razor-like sharpness. It is called a *facca*. The entire man and boy population carry whistles. These are for the purpose of announcing that a street fight with knives is about to begin. Everybody within hearing when a whistle blows rushes to the scene and is sure to witness the serious maiming if not the killing of one or both combatants. Statistics indicate that for every 100,000 inhabitants there is an average of one death per day resulting from these knife duels. These duels seldom end before at least one of the combatants is dead, as they are always tied to each other, either leg to leg or left arm to left arm. The onlooking crowd gets furiously excited as the fight goes on, and often small fortunes are won and lost on the success or failure of the fighters. The law does not interfere.

PROOF OF THE GERM THEORY.

Consumptives Turned a Healthful Community into Weaklings. Forty years ago the inhabitants of Mentone and neighborhood were a healthy, happy race, of splendid physique, to whom consumption was absolutely unknown. Then Mentone became the Mecca of the consumptive. The peasants left their farms and their healthy lives to wait on the invalids. Farmers' wives and daughters became washerwomen, constantly handling clothing impregnated with the germs of consumption. Thousands of consumptives died there, impregnating the soil and the water of Mentone with the germs of the disease. As the result, the earth, air and water of Mentone are infested with the tubercle bacillus, and the once healthy peasantry are consumptives almost to a man and a woman. No more complete or startling proof of the truth of the once derided germ theory of disease could well be imagined than this.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

All railway tourists are personally conducted. Fools never rush in where theatrical angels fear to tread. The cyclone can raise anything on a farm except the mortgage. A diamond of the first water is one that has never been in "soak." Nothing goes as far with a woman as a little masculine remorse. It's a poor poultry yard that doesn't contain more than three feet. Some men have such happy dispositions that they never amount to much. It's a poor baseball player that doesn't make a change of base occasionally. Advice is about the only thing you can offer some people that they won't take. Two men trying to entertain one woman is a pretty good example of a silent majority. About the only difference between a doctor and a physician is in the size of their bills. Dinner in a prison is usually served in three courses—course bread, rice meat and coarse vegetables. The wise man seeks a woman with an independent fortune rather than a fortune with an independent woman attached.

PINCHING FLOWERS.

A peculiar species of climbing plant from Brazil has lately been introduced in the south of England, where it grows freely in the open air. Its flowers are provided with flat, horny plates situated above the nectar cups in the centre of the blossom, and which are called "pinching-bodies." When an insect thrusts its proboscis into the nectar, the plates pinch it fast, and on its departure the insect must either bury off the pollen masses of the flower, or leave its proboscis behind. In the former case, the pollen is likely to reach and fertilize another flower; in the latter, the unfortunate insect, deprived of its proboscis, dies. Sometimes the legs, as well as the noses, of insects are found sticking in the flowers. Only the humbebee appears to be strong enough always to escape amputation.

ADVICE.

Young man, said the veteran, learn to say— "I know what you are going to tell me, said the high-browed youth who wore a uniform; you are going to advise me to learn to say no. Not at all. I was about to advise you to learn to say nothing."

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AS PANTS THE HEART, ETC.

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A VENGEFUL THOUGHT.

In some future year, said the citizen with a powerful imagination, "the human race will find the sun extinct. That once glowing orb will cease to shed its rays upon our world. Then what'll we do. What will we do? echoed the morose man, who was grinning for the first time in weeks. That isn't the question. What'll the ice man do?"

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