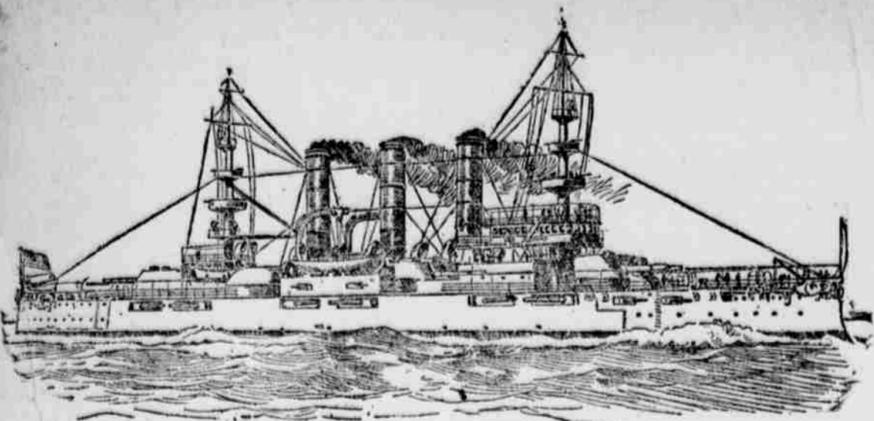


# THE NEW BATTLESHIP PENNSYLVANIA.



ONE OF FIVE TO BE BUILT FROM IDENTICAL PLANS AND FOR WHICH BIDS HAVE BEEN ASKED.

## The Future Home in Belgium of Ex-President Kruger

As soon as ex-President Kruger reaches Belgium he will find his future home all ready for him. Thanks to the generosity of Oswald d'Aumerie, a Boer sympathizer in Belgium, the Chateau d'Anderlecht has been put at the disposal of the refugee ex-President by its owner. M. d'Aumerie has owned this chateau only two years, and when he bought it it was exceedingly run down, but he spent money on it liberally, and made it look as if it really were an ancestral seat.

M. d'Aumerie has had great sympathy with the Boers all along, not because of any special hostility to England, but because he believed in observing inviolate the sanctity of small nations. So, when it became known that Kruger was on his way to Bel-

A rifle pit hardly realizes one's ideal of what a subterranean dwelling ought



QUIET CHAT IN A RIFLE PIT.

to be, even when hollowed out and enlarged into quite a respectable bomb-proof, like that shown in the accom-

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CENTENNIAL

Description of the Memento Fabricated by the United States Mint in Philadelphia. The medal to be struck in commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of the day upon which the District of Columbia became the seat of the United States Government was received in Washington December 1. It was made at the United States Mint in Philadelphia, and in point of workmanship, as well as excellence of design, is one of the most expensive of the sort ever issued.



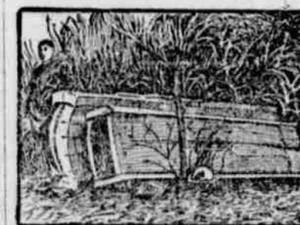
MEDAL COMMEMORATIVE OF THE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The bronze used is of rich dark color. The medal is one and three-fourths inches in diameter. The obverse side carries the heads of John Adams and William McKinley in profile, with the following inscriptions encircling the heads: "John Adams, 1800;" "William McKinley, 1900."

On the reverse side, across the center is a panel with the inscription "Commemorative of the establishment of the National Government at Washington." Above this panel is a view of the Capitol building as it is to-day, over which is inscribed "United States Capitol, 1900." Below the tablet is a view of the Capitol building as it appeared 100 years ago, over which is inscribed "United States Capitol, 1800."

The metal used in the manufacture is from the old portion of the Capitol building, and some that was used at the White House.

## Chinese Coffins in a Field.



A common sight in China is the exposed coffin or casket containing, of course, the corpse of some departed Celestial, without any covering of earth or inclosing tomb.

The first and highest ambition of every Chinaman is to have a splendid coffin, and he will half starve himself and family for years in order to acquire the coveted casket. The buying of it does not depend at all upon the state of his health, but of his finances, and in this connection many will recall the statement that Li Hung Chang, when he made his tour of the United States, took his coffin with him.

When the coffin is purchased, it is given the place of honor in the house and is looked upon as the most valuable piece of furniture in it. As no Chinese family of any pretensions would seem lacking in respect for its head, dead or alive, the Chinese son will deprive himself of comforts for half his life that he may be able to present his father with a fine coffin on his sixty-first birthday, and when his revered parent dies he will give a gorgeous "send off" at the funeral, even if he has to wait many moons to do so.

With the deaf mute actions always speak louder than words.

## HOUSEHOLD HINTS



### Mustin Divan Pillows.

Brocades and velvets as sofa pillow-covers have had a long day. But they are giving place this season to covering of fine muslin, beautifully worked in raised hand embroidery and bordered with hemstitched frills. The pillows are covered first with some bright tinted silk which harmonizes with prevailing tones of the room.

### Flowers in the Sickroom.

A great deal of nonsense has been talked in regard to the injurious effect of flowers in the sick room. Flowers with a strong odor are disagreeable to many people in health, and are much more so when their nerves have become supersensitive by illness. The presence of flowers with a delicate odor, or of those without fragrance, is generally beneficial. Certain colors are said to act favorably on the nervous system. Red blossoms are said to be stimulating, and delicate blue ones to be soothing. The presence of growing plants is generally disapproved of by physicians because it has been found that the earth in which they are grown often throws out malarial germs.

### Do Your Own Marketing.

In nothing more than marketing does the old truism, "If you want anything done well do it yourself," apply. The woman who buys her own provisions is mistress of the situation in more ways than one. The butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker all try to please the patron who knows what she wants, and refuses to be pleased with anything short of it. A little woman was heard to say to a reliable butcher the other day: "I have just moved into the neighborhood, and want a butcher that I can trust to give me the worth of my money, and to advise me about the best and most economical cuts of meat. I do not want to pay for fancy cuts, but I want the best of everything." "That," said the butcher, as the woman left, is the kind of customer that an honest man likes. But we betide the dishonest dealer who tries to get the better of her. She is too wise to be fooled.

### A Lotion for Chapped Hands.

A lotion which will keep the hands free from chapping in the coldest weather is the following. It can be put up at home by purchasing half a pint of rosewater, the same amount of glycerine, and three ounces of citric acid. Mix the ingredients together in a quart bottle, and pour a few drops over the hands after washing dishes or using coarse laundry soap, or after exposing the wet hands in the cold. Dry the lotion into the hands.

When the hands have become chapped, heal them with either almond cream or camphor ice. To make camphor ice, melt three-quarters of an ounce of spermaceti and one ounce of gum camphor broken into bits in four ounces of almond oil by putting the ingredients in a cup set in a pan of boiling water. Stir the mixture repeatedly until the camphor, as well as the spermaceti, is finally dissolved, and then strain the camphor ice into little jars of the proper size.

## HOUSEHOLD RECIPES

**Vitos Muffins (new)**—One cup of steamed vitos, one cup of flour, one scant half-cup of sweet cream, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, whites of four eggs, and one-half teaspoonful of salt. Bake in hot oven 20 minutes. Use whites left from maple cream.

**Pickled Cauliflower**—Boil the cauliflower in salted water (do not let it get too soft); then drain and break into small tufts; put them into a wide-necked quart bottle, with six or eight bay leaves, the same of tarragon, a dozen peppercorns and a inch of bruised horseradish; pour over hot, strong vinegar, and cork up.

**Fried Parsley**—Fried parsley is an attractive garnish for croquettes, fish cutlets, sweetbreads, etc. The fresh, bright, green curled parsley should be used. Put it, perfectly dry, into a frying basket, and immerse it for 30 seconds in a kettle of deep fat, which is hot enough to brown a piece of bread in 60 seconds. Let it drain on brown paper.

**Compote of Oranges**—To prepare a compote of oranges, pare, slice and remove the seeds from six large oranges. Put these in alternate layers of two tablespoonfuls of water in a large dish, and stand in a cool place for three hours. At the end of that time, drain off the syrup from the fruit and put it in a saucepan. Add to it the juice of one lemon, and boil the mixture slowly for ten minutes. When it is cool turn it over the fruit.

**Apple Dowdy**—Line the bottom and sides of a buttered pudding dish with slices of buttered bread with crust removed; fill the dish with peeled and sliced tart apples and a tablespoonful of shaved candied ginger. Mix a half-cupful each of water and molasses together, and pour over the apples; sprinkle over this a half a cupful of brown sugar, and cover with more buttered bread; place a tin plate on, and bake in a moderate oven two hours; loosen the edges with a knife and turn onto a dish. Serve hot, with whipped cream sweetened. Good, and inexpensive.

## LEARNING HOW TO WORK.

### The Poor of Pittsburgh Are Being Taught Many Useful Lessons.

In such societies as the Domestic Arts Association, of Pittsburgh, one discovers a movement in the direction toward teaching woman how better to conduct the kingdom which is indisputably hers.

The object of the association is to establish such a school where young women may be thoroughly trained in the home making arts. The originators of the plan believe that, by establishing such a school, household work may be raised, as nursing has been in a similar manner, from the rank of menial labor to a profession which capable and competent young women will enter.

The association's work this year has been divided into four departments. The department of foods has opened cooking clubs in the tenement districts of Pittsburgh, teaching the housekeepers of that district how to buy and cook food so as to obtain the best results possible from their small incomes. This work has been most successful, the women having shown a great interest in it, and an eager desire to learn as much as possible.

The department of clothing has devoted its efforts to teaching poor women how to make their clothes and keep them in order, and has met with such success that the present equipment in the way of machines, etc., is insufficient.

The junior department, devoted to the interests of the children, has done a variety of things. There has been classes in cooking and sewing, and the difficulty has been, not in securing pupils, but in providing a sufficient number of teachers. This department has also established a penny savings bank for the children. It has started also a circulating library, the books having been sent by the Carnegie Library.

The fourth and last department is known as the department of service, or employment bureau. Three of these were opened in different parts of Pittsburgh. The head of this department states in her report that she thinks it impossible to do much, if anything, for employer or employed until the time arrives when a training school for domestic service can be opened.

A member of the society said recently: "In all these efforts to improve the conditions of home life we find that the greatest need of needy people is the need of knowing how to work."—New York Tribune.

## WORDS OF WISDOM.

In noble souls valor does not wait for years.—Caroline.

Nothing is so dangerous as an ignorant friend.—La Fontaine.

Knavery and flattery are blood relations.—Abraham Lincoln.

Humility is the true cure for many a needless headache.—Montaigne.

To give up interest for duty is the alphabet of morals.—James Hinton.

The freedom of the mind is the highest form of independence.—G. B. Fisk.

Whilst we are considering where to begin it is often too late to act.—Quintilian.

The end and aim of all education is the development of character.—F. W. Parker.

We are ashamed of our fear; for we know that a righteous man would not suspect danger nor incur any. Wherever a man feels fear there is an avenger.—Thoreau.

To acknowledge our faults when we are blamed is modesty; to discover them to one's friends in ingenuousness is confidence; but to preach them to all the world, if one does not take care, is pride.—Confucius.

The wise man has his follies, no less than the fool; but it has been said that herein lies the difference: The follies of the fool are known to the world, but are hidden from himself; the follies of the wise are known to himself, but hidden from the world.—Colton.

Half the difficulty of fighting any severe battle or accomplishing any hard task vanishes when a man feels that he has comrades at his side fighting in the same cause, or that the eyes of those he loves are upon him, and their hearts praying for his victory.—C. J. Perry.

To get good is animal, to do good is human, to be good is divine. The true use of a man's possessions is to help his work; and the best end of all his work is to show us what he is. The noblest workers of our world bequeath us nothing so great as the image of themselves.—James Martineau.

### A Lesson in Perseverance.

One of the drollest of anecdotes possessing what might be termed an "animal subject" was told recently by Lord Ribblesdale at a meeting of Progressives in London. To cheer them who were about to enter the electoral fight, he narrated this fable, which it is no exaggeration to call unmatched even in the pages of the great Aesop himself: Two frogs fell into a bowl of cream. One was an optimist and one a pessimist. The pessimist frog, at once growing hopeless at the general look of his surroundings, let himself sink, to rise no more. Not so, however, the optimist frog. He reflected that he had never been in any such situation before, but that he should do his best to get out of it. And so he swam and swam, and though he soon became convinced that he could not possibly emerge from the bowl, he at length grew assured that the fluid through which he paddled was getting thicker. He did not at all understand this state of things, but continued to paddle about, here and there, till at last, lo, he was enthroned securely on a pat of butter which he himself had unwittingly created!

## OUR BUDGET OF HUMOR

### LAUGHTER-PROVOKING STORIES FOR LOVERS OF FUN.

**The Quality of Fams — Art and Nature — Not a Perfect Round Up — Her Threat in Retaliation — The Marches, Perhaps — Witchery of Woman, Etc., Etc.**

What is fame? The mounting up Through years of toil and want and woe, And, finally, to hear men say, As if 'twere to your credit, they Were schoolmates you had long ago. —Chicago Times-Herald.

**Art and Nature.**  
"Was the country lovely, Marie?"  
"Oh, just lovely; it looked for all the world like a landscape painted by somebody."—Indianapolis Journal.

**Not a Perfect Round Up.**  
"There are no editors on that list of America's most famous men."  
"Is that so? Well, then, it isn't a list of America's most famous men."—Indianapolis Journal.

**Her Threat in Retaliation.**  
"When we're married, dear, you won't be always threatening to go home to your mother, will you?"  
"No; I'll threaten to have mother come and live with us."

**The Marches, Perhaps.**  
Mrs. Prondlegh—"Yes, my daughter plays the piano by ear entirely."  
Mrs. Nixdough—"Indeed? Sometimes it sounds as if she were using her foot."—Baltimore American.

**Witchery of Woman.**  
"What makes you avoid that girl so, even if you do not intend to propose to her?"  
"I'm afraid she'll take a notion to make me propose."—Chicago Record.

**Moderated.**  
"I would be your devoted servant forever!" he pleaded.  
"That sounds so old-fashioned!" laughed she.  
"Well, your devoted help, then?" exclaimed the youth.—Detroit Journal.

**Why She Could Do It.**  
"How can you marry that wretched man, Blanche? He is a mere nothing."  
"My dear, he is six nothings, with a figure one and a dollar mark in front of them. That's why."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Great Scheme.**  
Tom—"Your father has been following us around all evening. Can we stop the embarrassment?"  
Ida—"Yes; I will drop a quarter and paw will keep his foot on it until the company have all gone."—Chicago News.

**Family Pride.**  
Miles—"My grandfather celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of his birth one day last week."  
Giles—"That's nothing. If my great-grandfather were alive to-day he would be 152 years old."—Chicago News.

**The Fleeting Hour.**  
"They say that girl visiting Mrs. Jipp is homely enough to stop a clock."  
"Nonsense; I found her so attractive and entertaining that while she was singing for me I sneaked up and stopped the clock myself."—Detroit Free Press.

**"Up-to-Date" Specialist.**  
Doctor—"I put mirrors in my waiting-room instead of magazines."  
Friend—"How does it work?"  
Doctor—"Fine. People are so fond of looking at themselves that they come early so as to have a chance to wait."—Town Topics.

**Annoyances of Wealth.**  
Wrest—"Tell you, friend, the rich have their troubles."  
Dawson—"Not your life I do. Oust when I had two pairs of pants, I found the labor of changing them from one set of pockets to the other set of pockets almost more'n I could stand."

**Starting Admission.**  
"I was surprised when Mrs. Braggadocio called my attention to the brightness of the stars the other night."  
"Why?"  
"From past conversations, I didn't think anything was bright except that little boy of hers."—Indianapolis Sun.

**The Fickle Thermometer.**  
"Here, young man," said the old lady with fire in her eye; "I've brung back this thermometer you sold me."  
"What's the matter with it?" asked the clerk.

"It ain't reliable. One time ye look at it it says one thing, and the next time it says another."—Catholic Standard and Times.

**Wifely Assistance.**  
"Yes," said the poet, "my first book of poems was dedicated to my wife."  
"And to whom was your second book dedicated?"  
"My wife."

"Now you are getting out a third. Who is it to be dedicated to?"  
"I dunno. When I spoke to my wife about it she said she'd think the matter over if I would give her a list of the people I hate worst."—Chicago Times-Herald.

**An Artist's Candor.**  
"I suppose you would rather play Hamlet than eat," said the admiring young woman, who is given to colloquialisms.

"Well," answered Mr. Stormington Barnes, "I never put it in just that way. But your remark suggests the alternative that usually presents itself."—Washington Star.

**An Educational Difficulty.**  
"This is the great and glorious land where education is not denied to any youth."  
"Yes," answered the cold-blooded cynic, "the only trouble is that they put in too much time translating Latin poetry when they ought to be learning not to say 'I seen it' and 'I done it.'"—Washington Star.



CHATEAU D'ANDERLECHT, WHERE KRUGER WILL LIVE.

gium, the Belgian got together several of his friends and fellow countrymen who believed in the Boer cause, and proposed to them that he give up his chateau to the use of the refugee. They were willing, of course, and so the scheme was brought about.

Anderlecht is a pretty suburb southeast of Brussels and consists of handsome mansions dotted about in grounds of limited extent on the slopes of the undulating country. The chateau is reached by a drawbridge crossing a narrow moat, and the road leads directly to the colonnades which form the front of the mansion. The main gate is flanked by two colossal busts, which formerly belonged to the Castle of Gravesande. On the right of the vestibule is Mr. Kruger's antechamber, which is furnished in Gothic style. Here the ex-President will find a large Bible, of which book he is said to be so fond. It is more than seven inches thick, and was printed in 1772. The grounds have an area of ten acres, laid out by M. d'Aumerie, who also drew the sketch of the chateau and its surroundings accompanying this article.

There are two odd coincidences con-

panying illustration. But the pit served its purpose admirably from the Boer point of view, and many a gallant Britisher came to an untimely end through the Boers' persistent use of this ingenious hiding place on the velvets and kopjes of South Africa.

Singly ensconced in their bottle-shaped retreats, with spirituous refreshments contained in vessels also bottle-shaped, at hand, their guns tightly grasped and a companion ever alert for the enemy's approach, the Boers were continually on the watch for a chance to "snipe" the foe, while the shells whistled and screeched overhead and the battle waged fiercely around them.

It is claimed that the art of digging rifle pits, or "sniping" or sharpshooting and the use of sand bags in defensive earthworks were all derived from observation of American methods.

### Everything Made of Irish Peat.

A large Dublin manufacturer has a room entirely furnished with Irish peat. The carpets on the floors, the curtains at the windows and the paper on the wall are made from this substance. For years he has experimented with the material, which is now very largely exported as fuel, and he has discovered that from it it is possible to produce almost any kind of fabric. The process is simple—the fibres which are strong and tough, being extracted and woven like cotton or silk. The fabrics have the toughness of linen and the warmth of wool. Blankets made of them are found to excel in warmth and lightness anything yet discovered.

### Newspapers of Regiments.

Most of the British regiments have their own newspapers, published once a month. The news consists chiefly of matters pertaining to the officers and men of the regiment and their families, but the papers also devote regular columns to sporting news, humor, poetry or other departments. All contributions are from members of the regiment. These papers are much in favor among the officers and soldiers, and many of them are very well edited.

A number of Scottish grouse have been imported by the Canadian Government from the highlands of Scotland for the purpose of stocking the provincial parks.



RIFLE PITS LOOK LIKE.

his gift. Catholic monks three centuries ago, will shelter the ex-President's republican, who is a Huguenot. Besides this once occupied gold I, who slept in the which is assigned to