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An International Incident

A HOLIDAY celebration that will long be remembered in the American navy is the "Santa Claus dinner" given in the wardroom of one of Uncle Sam's gunboats of the Venezuelan coast. The plan had been to have the affair on Christmas night, but as the vessel was then at sea the event was postponed until New Year's. It was on this occasion that an Italian battleship commander, with warlike intentions toward the United States and all their inhabitants, was beguiled into peaceful thoughts by good American punch, which the American officers dealt out to him in such quantities that he finally said he would like to settle in the western hemisphere.

It happened that the Italian's man-of-war and the Yankee gunboat arrived in southern waters at about the same time. There was the usual interchange of courtesies. Then occurred the incident that aroused the Italian captain's ire. A South American newspaper printed a cartoon representing him as being blown out of the water by the United States gunboat. In this, of course, there was no sense whatever, as Italy and this country were on the friendliest terms, but the foreign skipper, being both excitable and suspicious, took the matter to heart. The Americans heard that he even accused them of inspiring the cartoon and that he had complained to his home government.

New Year's day came due while the gossip was at its height. For weeks the wardroom officers of the gunboat had been making preparations for a grand feast. They decided at the last minute to invite the Italian and his staff as guests of honor.

A refusal, of course, was out of the question, but when the guests arrived their attitude was cold and distant, especially that of the captain, who looked as though he expected to be thrown into irons. It was said afterward that he had ordered his vessel to be ready for immediate action in case of treachery. At any rate, he sat down at dinner without a smile for his hosts, and for awhile things looked gloomy.

Gradually, however, the younger officers of the gunboat succeeded in forcing the visitors to partake of the punch, and with each glass the suspicious captain grew less suspicious. In an hour he was affable. In another hour he was affectionate. By the time the real celebration began, while the coffee was being served, he had forgotten the cartoon and was drinking healths to the stars and stripes every thirty seconds. When the ceremonies, which had been carefully arranged, had been in progress a few minutes he was proposing a joint expedition by his and the gunboat's crews against the Venezuelan capital.

"DRINKING HEALTHS TO THE STARS AND STRIPES."

Even if the incident of the Italian's conversion had been lacking the dinner would have been an affair to be remembered. The first part of the closing celebration was the appearance of a Christmas tree, which of course should have been called a New Year's tree. It was a big tree, too, one that anybody might have envied, and the tars had made a trip ten miles inland to get it on the previous day. As it was borne into the wardroom it reached up into the dome-like window at the top. For this window, forming a sort of tower space to the wardroom, naval men have a technical name, but no landlubber could hope to get it right, so let it be called simply a window. The tree went all the way up, and from every branch there hung gifts for the merry diners.

Just as the New Year's tree was fastened into its place on the center of the table there appeared through the high window a real Santa Claus, with beard and furs and red coat of approved cut. Down the chimney-like opening he crawled, finally leaping upon the table with such force that half a dozen glasses went crashing to the floor. Amid the appalause of the now hilarious party he proceeded to award the presents, calling each name in a gruff voice from beneath his white whiskers. When he came to the Italian captain he addressed him as "Your most powerful excellency Signor Captain ——," by which high sounding appellation the signor captain was so flattered that he bowed until his forehead bumped into what was left of a saucer of ice cream.—New York Times.

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FORMS OF INSANITY.

Premonitory Symptoms by Which They May Be Detected.

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In paresis, which is claiming its victims in tremendous numbers, there are many physical signs that are almost incontrovertible.

The exaggerated twitching of the facial muscles in conversation, the occasional tendency of the eye to turn outward, the weakness of the legs, the flabbiness of all muscles, are preliminary symptoms that give warning that a man is about to break down.

With the victim of mania—the maniac—the symptoms are often similar to those found in melancholia, though generally the disease gives the victim an appearance of great elation. The eyes are abnormally bright, the features are alert and tense and an air of tremendous excitement is apparent. This is from a constant fear that something is about to happen.

Another form of insanity is prevalent among younger persons. Excessive strain, continual worry or trouble, allied to a weakened physical system, are the causes. It manifests itself through the gradual loss of some faculty that has been all right till now.

The loss of memory for details is an alarming symptom and one that should be given careful and immediate attention. The patient, if taken at the right time, may be cured, but not after the disease has get a firm hold on him.

Paranoia, which is a very prevalent type of insanity, is almost invariably indicated by a peculiarly self satisfied, conceited expression of countenance.

The patient poses, sneers contemptuously and in every way shows his tremendously "stage struck" condition. He is absolutely controlled by the "ego." Everything to him is "I, I, I." He is a monomaniac with one set idea, a single purpose.—Dr. Graeme M. Hammond in New York World.

A PROPOSAL IN JAPAN.

Quaint Custom of Placing a Plant in an Empty Flowerpot.

Old customs appear to be fast disappearing in Japan, a fact which cannot be wondered at considering the childishness which lay at the root of many of the most picturesque, but in some of the Japanese islands the quaintest marriage formalities are observed.

In houses wherein reside one or more daughters of a marriageable age an empty flowerpot of an ornamental character is encircled by a ring and suspended from the window or veranda by three light chains.

The Juliets of Japan are, of course, as attractive to the Romeos as those of other lands. But instead of serenades by moonlight and other delicate ways of making an impression it is etiquette for the Japanese lover to approach the dwelling of his lady bearing some choice plant in his hand, which he boldly, but, let us hope, reverently, proceeds to plant in the empty vase.

This takes place at a time when he is fully assured that both mother and daughter are at home, neither of whom, of course, is at all conscious that the young man is taking such a liberty with the flowerpot outside their window. This act of placing a pretty plant in the empty flowerpot is equivalent to a formal proposal to the young lady who dwells within.

The youthful gardener, having settled his plant to his mind, retires, and the lady is free to act as she pleases. If he is the right man she takes every care of the gift, waters it and tends it carefully with her own hands, that all the world may see the donor is accepted as a suitor. But if he is not a favorite or if stern parents object the poor plant is torn from the vase and the next morning lies limp and withered on the veranda or on the path below.—McCall's Magazine.

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