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TURK FIGHTS WITH FISTS

Story of a Gallipoli "Scrap" That Speaks Well for the "Unspeakable."

There is a tale of Gallipoli that deals with a fight in the open and exhibits the "unspeakable" Turk as a fair and worthy enemy. This is the story

A young English officer, doing observation work alone, was suddenly confronted by a Turkish officer, similarly engaged. The Turk was as surprised as the Briton, but came forward revolver in hand. The Englishman had no revolvers. He stood his ground, his hands in the large pockets of his tunic.

Seeing that his adversary was unarmed, the Turk, much to the surprise of the Briton, threw down his gun and put up his fists in approved prize ring style. The Englishman put himself on guard, and the next moment the Turk flung himself on him, and the pair began to fight desperately.

The men were about the same age, the same weight and had adequate knowledge of the art of boxing. They fought without stopping for about ten minutes. By that time each was exhausted, and then paused for a brief rest, only to continue their little private accounting when they had found their breath.

Round after round the fight went on, while out in the Gulf of Saros the ships fired automatically, and back of each of them the field artillery thundered. Neither seemed to be able to get any decisive advantage over the other, and at last Turk and Englishman rolled over on the ground and laughed and laughed.

Just then the Englishman's hand touched something. It was the Turk's pistol. He picked it up and handed it to his enemy. Then the two young men shook hands and each returned to his own lines.

WORK OF OLD MEN IN WAR

Geniuses Who Did Not "Lag Superfluous on the Stage" During the Present Conflict.

"Old men for counsel," is the saying; "young men for war." But this war rather falsifies the old adage. At seventy-seven Clemenceau of France remains so energetic that he still deserves his cognomen of the "tiger." Joffre was an old man when he won the battle of the Marne. Lloyd George is not exactly young. Woodrow Wilson is past sixty. But none of them seems to require the Osler method of being chloroformed out of existence, says the Spokane Spokesman Review. These veterans do not "lag superfluous on the stage." Cato learned Greek at eighty. Chaucer composed his "Canterbury Tales" at sixty. Goethe toiled to the end and his "Faust" was not completed till he had overlived eighty. Simonides won a prize for poetry and Sophocles wrote "Oedipus" when each had passed fourscore. Theophrastus outdid them all, for he was ninety when he commenced his "Characters of Men."

Spy System Originated by Italian.

Secret service organizations and spy systems, as well as detective bureaus as part of municipal police forces, were originated by the Marquis D'Argenson, a native of Venice who went to France in 1637 and became head of the police department.

D'Argenson first achieved fame as a state secret agent in Venice. In Paris he organized a municipal secret agency that would now be called a detective bureau. After he had transformed the Paris police force from a disorderly band into a highly efficient body of gendarmes, he turned his attention to international affairs and inaugurated a system of espionage in foreign nations likely to be at war with France.

Carl Stieber organized the Prussian spy system on the model furnished by D'Argenson's force and sent thousands of men into Austria and France before the wars against those countries.

Of Course.

A young author said to William Dean Howells at a reception in the latter's honor in Miami:

"That was Astorbilt who just asked you for your autograph, sir. You don't seem much impressed."

"I can never understand," said Mr. Howells, "why people should be impressed by millionaires. My own experience has been that whenever you lunch with them they always let you pay."

The young author laughed gaily.

"That, of course, is how they become millionaires, isn't it?" he said.

Up in the Air.

Corporal (name deleted by censor) is the champion optimist in the (deleted by censor) regiment. On his first visit to Paris an air raid was in progress, and as he observed the Parisians, all intent on the Taubes, he said to his companion:

"There's one fine thing about this air stuff."

"And that is—?"

"It keeps you looking up."

"(Reply deleted by censor.)"—Cartoons Magazine.

Cleaning the Money.

A "money laundry" is to be installed in the Minneapolis federal reserve bank as a part of the conservation policy of the times. From $9,000,000 to $10,000,000 in torn and dirty federal reserve bank notes is now chopped up annually and reissued. It is proposed to save a large proportion of this reissue by the chemical cleaning process that will be installed.

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The Chautauqua Reading Hour

Cigarette smoking has recently received a new impetus among boys. But, of course, it is the war that has brought to the front the use of tobacco in connection with heroism.

Surely nobody can object to that which stiffens the warrior's courage, helps fellowship among the lonely, is an anodyne to the wounded. But concerning boys it is different. They have not earner the right to smoke.

The physical harm to the growing organism is beyond question. Dr. Beorge J. Fisher and Prof. Elmer Berry have just completed a study of the effects of the use of tobacco upon a selected group of young college men, between 21 and 25, either non-smokers or moderate smokers. Their results can only be summarized. They found that in an astonishing proportion of cases the use of a single cigar raised the heart rate and blood pressure, delayed the return of the heart rate to normal, and seriously impaired accuracy in such muscular exercises as lunging at a target with the javelin or pitching a baseball. These youths were reaching maturity, but how much more seriously must be the result upon the immature, the weak or the nervous organism.

Keene Fitzpatrick, the Princeton trainer, says "Stop smoking. The boys who use tobacco are heavily handicapped."

"I take it for granted," says Dr. A. C. Kraenzlein, "that any boy in athletics knows that tobacco and alcohol are tabooed. No matter how strong you may be, you cannot summon all your strength in the time of need if your throat and lungs are irritated with tobacco smoke or if your stomach and intestines are irritated by alcohol. Let tobacco and drink alone. They are the biggest handicaps that an athlete can put on himself."

Business men understand these things better than boys do. An office manager will cheerfully subscribe to soldiers' smoke fund and during the same day fire an office boy for having yellow finger-ends.

The difficulty in trying to keep boys from smoking is that the incentive to use tobacco has nothing whatever to do with its physical effects. The initiation into the habit is usually most unpleasant. But tobacco is and always has been a symbol of manhood. As long as manly men use tobacco, boys will.

A good analogy happens to be handy. For two generations physicians had proclaimed the evils of tight lacing to girls, but without effect. Almost overnight their mothers substituted girdles for corsets, and their daughters followed the example. Such is the potency of fashion.

Cigarettes are a fashion more than a habit. A boy smokes chiefly to be seen of men. Wherever they have been given up by men, boys no longer care for them.

It is hard to make home action effective if cigarettes are every where offered for sale. In most of our states the laws are explicit upon the subject. Often the sale is prohibited by local ordinances. A local campaign may be timely. Few merchants care for the tobacco-trade of immature boys. It brings to their stores youngsters who are a nuisance and who drive away customers. Many of them feel some responsibility to the boys themselves. Let us back them up by tabooing the cigarette as a body-destroyer to the half-grown boys of our town.

—Dr. William Byron Forbush, Editor.

Soldier Pays His Debt

A $100 Liberty Bond, received by Delaware College, several days ago, tells a story of sacrifices made by a soldier fighting in France to repay a debt incurred while a student at the Suer, and the money to buy the bond Suer, and the moey to buy the bond was saved from his monthly pay as a private in Uncle Sam's Army.

Suer was born in Russia, where his parents still live. Two years ago he walked to Wilmington from New York and got work on a farm near the former city. He was ambitious and anxious to obtain a college education. He entered Delaware College in September, 1917. He was short of funds and borrowed $100 from the Students' Loan Fund to help him through his first year. Later he was called in the draft and sent to Camp Dix. He was unable to repay the money at that time but gave his promise to do so. He has kept his promise.

The Happiest Person

The happiest person you can find in this world is the man who is content with what he has got. No matter if his back yard fence joins on a rich man's lot, his nature is a recompense for what he hasn't got. No matter if the day is dark, you never hear him whine; he's ready for a bigger lark when the sun does shine. If the weather man cuts off a slice of weather that is hot, this funny man lets on it's nice, although he knows it's not. Here's the way he figures it out and it's a wise way, too, if the weather man wanted your advice, I guess he would come and ask you, and why not take things as they come, like rain or shine or dew. Don't let cold weather spoil your fun, or rain drops worry you. There never was a happier place than this old world of ours, if we but run a rain-drop race, and dance between showers; and leave our troubles behind, leave them and linger not, be like the man of happy mind, content with what you've got.

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Eastern City of Mosul Not a Place in Which Westerners Care to Make a Long Stay.

Mosul, the modern Nineveh, is a picturesque but not altogether attractive city. The houses are built of irregular blocks of stone laid in thick mortar. They are usually covered with a white stucco, made by burning the local gypsum rock.

The roofs, of the same material as the walls, are usually flat, with a waist-high parapet, but are not infrequently domed. Doorways are often made of slabs of the easily carved gypsum.

The streets are narrow and aimless, forming a maze of tangled lanes. As there is no system of sewerage whatever, they serve as repositories for all the filth of the houses that border on them. They are rarely so wide that more than two men can walk abreast.

As a result of the fine dust, the filth and the glare of the sun on the white walls, ophthalmia and lung diseases abound. The flies, which breed in the open refuse heaps in astonishing numbers, swarm over everything. They cause the button, common also in Aleppo and Bagdad, an ailment that resembles a carbuncle and persists for several months and leaves an ugly scar.

Opposite Mosul, across the river, are the last vestiges of Nineveh, capital of the second of the world's great empires. In places, great walls of the ancient city, built of tremendous masses of sun-dried brick laid on a high broad wall of cut stone, are still traceable. The city was further protected by a moat into which the waters of a small river could be conducted. It was hewn to a depth of 20 feet and a width of 50 yards, and, like the walls, is in evidence today.

TRUMPET NOT IN HIS LINE

Master of Organ a Distinct Failure When He Essayed to Play Another Musical Instrument.

There is an amusing story told about Sir Frederick Bridge, the famous organist of Westminster abbey, and of how he was once guilty of making a "row" within the edifice. It was at the time of the coronation of King George V. One of the rehearsals to take place was that of the state trumpeters, who practiced their fanfares within the building. During their temporary absence Sir Frederick Bridge thought he would see what kind of a fanfare he could produce, and, borrowing one of the trumpets, set about making such discordant sounds that the clerk of the works came up and expostulated: "If that row continues," he said, "my workmen threaten to go on strike, and if they do the coronation will have to be postponed." Sir Frederick hurriedly put down the trumpet, and soothed the workmen by playing a selection on the organ.

Varying Length of Life in Fishes.

The length of life of fishes is variable in the extreme. When we think of the great number of enemies to which any fish is exposed, such as other predatory fishes, parasitic worms and crustacea and other parasites (which are usually harmless to man but destructive to the fish) crabs, sea birds, bacterial diseases, etc., we easily see that to live in the water and escape all these dangers requires many protections which at best can preserve only a very small number of fishes beyond the spawning time.

Such protections to fishes are speed of swimming, defensive spines and fins, the ability to distend themselves like the puffer to prevent being swallowed, teeth, electric organs, heavy corselets of scales which easily slip from the skin and a high state of resistance against disease.

Thus, if a fish is well protected, out of a large number of its kind a few may live to reach unusually large sizes. There are records of very large fishes of most known varieties.

Value of Introspection.

To do anything worth while we must be something worth while, and we cannot be if we take it all out in talking. The mind must receive impressions before it can give them, the heart must feel before it can make others feel, the soul must be filled before it can overflow.

If people would only live more, if they would only think more, if they would only sit in silence alone with their souls now and then, the words they gave out would mean so much more. But alas and alack, the art of conversation is not lost, it is flowing on and on until one longs for silence with a great and overwhelming longing that only silence may satisfy.—Exchange.

Looked Like Lincoln's Slayer.

A curious footnote to history is found in Simon Wolf's "Presidents I Have Known." Mr. Wolf, a Washington lawyer, a loyal Unionist and a friend of President Lincoln, was yet also acquainted with John Wilkes Booth and resembled him in appearance. He says concerning the assassination of Lincoln: "After the tragedy I was compelled to remain in my house until after Booth's capture, for unfortunately I resembled him very much in feature—so much so that Theodore Kaufman, the historical painter, asked me to sit for him for his famous painting of 'The Assassination of President Lincoln.'"—The Outlook.

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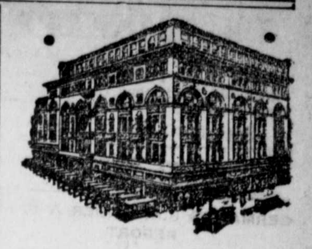
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