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CIVILIZED MAN HATES NOISE.

A Growing Appreciation of Silence As
compares Advancement of the Race.

To primitive man noise meant danger, says a writer in the *North American Review*. Therefore when the savage heard a noise, whether it was the roar of the tempest, the sweep of the avalanche, or the soft approach of the foe at night, he put himself on guard. Noise awakened all his energies; it had a quality of terror in it, and it still has this terror in it, and it still has this quality—for me. In the Chinese army the troops used to shout at the top of their lungs when they were attacked, in order to terrify their enemies; and when both sides yelled together the effect of the din has been described by Europeans as appalling.

It is true that civilized man is no longer so acutely affected by noise; but it still acts as an irritant, and the time will come when its deleterious effect will be recognized. Even in children—and children are supposed to enjoy noise of the most maddening kinds—I can see the growing appreciation of silence. A few months ago, when we escaped for a while from the din of the town to the quiet hamlet where I yearly recruit my noise-shattered nerves, my little girl of 7 said on our first evening in the country: "Isn't it nice to listen to the silence?" The advance of the savage toward civilization is marked by the statement of noise. The more savage the tribe the more noise it requires.

One of the great clock manufacturers of this country is said to make a cheap clock with a particularly loud and aggressive tick for export to the South Sea Islands. The natives will have no other kind—the louder the tick the better the clock. We are beyond that—some of us—but we do sanction an amount of noise that Paris or London would sternly suppress. From time to time there is a protest. I remember Webster for his rebuke to a gabbling barber who asked him how he would like to be shaved: "In silence," said the great man. But as a nation we tolerate an amount of senseless, aggravating din that we should have outgrown a century ago.

Our idea of a popular rejoicing and celebration is still the Chinese one—lots of noise. Our Fourth of July is made hideous by Chinese firecrackers and other exploding devices. Sensitive and sensible people shudder, and as becomes the most long-suffering nation on earth we allow it to go on year after year. Those who can, get away from civilization, so called, on that glorious day. Again, our fashion of ushering in the new year is to ring all the bells of the town for half an hour, let all the steam whistles screech, till steam runs low in the boilers and fire off any guns or pistols that may be handy.

Personnel of the Army and Navy.

An examination of the last "Army Register" reveals the interesting fact that there are now 518 officers who were born in the southern states, including the District of Columbia, out of a total of 2,152 commissioned officers.

It will thus be seen that the south is fully represented in the army, principally by officers who have been graduated from West Point since the civil war. The sons of the men who followed Grant, Sherman, Meade and Sheridan are now riding side by side and marching shoulder to shoulder with those who followed Lee, Jackson, Beauregard, Johnson, Stuart and Forrest.

The list of officers in the navy also shows a goodly number of younger officers who have been graduated from the naval academy at Annapolis whose standing and conduct in the service the people of the south, as well as the whole country, have just reason to be proud of. The west and east both have a full complement of fine officers among the older and younger men, and the services may now be said to be entirely national in personnel. — *Washington Post*.

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The Sharpness of Spiders.

Many of the spiders are mimics. In my garden I had yellow spiders that lived in the flowers of yellow nasturtiums; green ones that offered little contrast to the rose bush upon which they lay in wait for the helpless aphidae.

The most extraordinary attempt at defense it was ever my good fortune to observe on the part of a spider was one which the insect not only disguised, but rendered itself completely insensible. I was wandering through the bog cedar bush of one of the Florida Keys, sixty miles from Cuba, when I came upon a huge web that completely barred the way; the long cables extended as braces in every direction, while in the center poised a big yellow spider.

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