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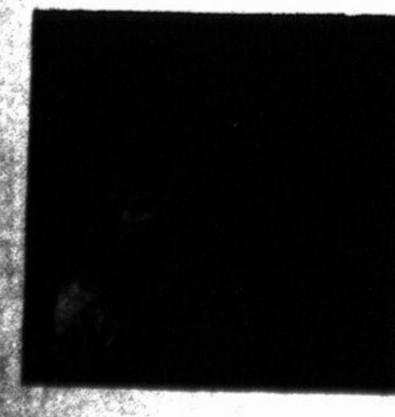
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In Bavaria every girl is expected to get married. Ask a Bavarian, and he will tell you that it is impossible for a portionless maiden to find a husband. If a girl has no money for a dowry, therefore, she sets berself at work to save one.

Marriage in Germany is nearly entirely a matter of business. The father of the girl announces the sum which is to go with her, while the papa of the prospective busband holds out for more. That is the first stage of the negotiations. Little by little each yields to the other. Finally, often after months of delay, the contract is drawn up with minute specifications by a notary, and then the lovemaking may begin. The courtship is very circumscribed and is probably not altogether satisfactory, for the German maiden is a romantic creature, and the opportunities she has for getting acquainted with her husband before marriage are very meager.

The parental supervision is so inbred in the nation that even the governmen takes a hand in it with its servants. German army officer is a splendid creature to the eye, but his pay is very small, ranging from a matter of \$5 a week for a lieutenant to \$50 a week for a full fledged general. In order to prevent the possibility of seediness in appearance or style of living the government forbids an officer to marry unless he deposits a certain sum-it is \$20,000 for a lieutenant and becomes gradually less for each higher gradewith the authorities, the income of which is doled out to him semiannual-the man, because the greater number can get the money required only from

The money which a wife brings to notarial stipulation to the contrary, becomes absolutely the husband's property. Woman in the eye of the law has practically no rights except such as her husband may allow her. He treats her very often as merely a piece of live stock. If the woman rebels, which she does very rarely, he displays a very short temper and an aptness for wielding a poker or a walking stick in a use for which they were never meant.

In a German newspaper one may always find a column devoted to matrimonial announcements. There is no romance in these advertisements. The man tells bow much money he has and how much he wants. The woman names her dowry to the very pfennig. Very often the man has no money at all and expresses his desire to marry into a business, but the woman knows that it is useless to advertise at all unless she has some money, if it amounts only to \$100 or so, which may be regarded as the lowest sum worthy of consideration as a mitgift.

On the other hand, it is the woman's privilege to name the calling which she prefers the man should follow. She usually chooses an official cierk or porter, a policeman or a car conductor, all of whom have tenure of office and an old age pension. She has more of an eye to stability than to ambition. It is in the so called higher classes of

society that one finds the baldest and | United States not only never oppressed most businesslike matrimonial transactions. There are few young men of this class who have either money or any prospect of making any otherwise than by a wealthy marriage. When they inherit fortunes, it is the fashion to dissipate them, and when they don't inherit it is against the prejudices of their education and training to seek employment or to engage in any kind of business.

Therefore most of them enter the army while waiting for a rich bride. Daughters of rich brewers and merchants are acceptable to these gentlemen, but their great and persistent dream is to capture an American heiress. They confess the matter frankly to any one and every one who will lis-

Traveling American heiresses are not so plentiful in Germany as in France and Italy; till, they are to be found. It would seem, however, that notwithstanding the fact that German titles are at least a little more valuable than those of the Latin countries they do not possess the same glamour in feminine eyes, because the German title captures the American bag of gold comparatively rarely. Perhaps it is because the Teutonic wooing is more arrogant and supercilious than insinuating.

Of all countries Germany is perhaps that in which romanticism flourishes most. It is instinct in its traditions, in its history and its literature. Yet in the affairs of daily life and pre-emi- the charges made against the institunently in its matrimonial affairs militarism rises to the plane of worship .-New York Sun.

A Blind Sale. An exchange tells of a novel plan adopted by an English hostess to secure funds for a charity in which she was interested. She gave a dance, introducing in the cotillon an auction figure. In this the favors were for sale. the evidence to convict him. He had A table was spread with them, from even commenced the pursuit of the which selections were made. After criminal, who is a fugitive, and Kerzthe choice the purchaser found the price affixed on the reverse side. This might be a penny or a pound, the limit of cost, and was set without any regard to the apparent value of the article to which it was attached. The most trifling article perhaps had the topmost mark, and vice versa, making choice so to pay, have anything to do with it?

THE STUFF HE'S MADE OF. What the Chicago Chronicle Has to fay a

Governor Yates. The Democratic Chicago Chronicle is the first Democratic newspaper to fire on Governor Yates. It says he is a "cipher" and complains that he is not "aggressive" like governor Tanner. When one comes to think of it, this was one of the chief charges in the Democratic indictment against Tanner. He was entirely too aggressive and dictatorial to suit these Democratic papers. But let's see what manner of man the Chronicle charges with being a cipher.

With absolutely no machine behind him, with a following of personal friends only, this man goes to the state convention as a candidate for governor, with a handful of instructed delegates, there to be met and opposed by two of the strongest political organizations ever formed in the state. By force of his own indomitable will, great powers of organization and personal magnetism, his nomination followed with a demonstration such as was never before witnessed in the history of popular conventions. His wonderful canvass of the state, his successful campaigning methods, his powerful and eloquent speeches and his triumphant election were such as to attract wide attention and to make him a national character. All this he has done unaided by a machine, and untrammeled by pledges or promises. And what of him since his election?

He is the only man in forty years who has been big enough to keep out of all factions. Here is the man who was broad enough to ignore the temptation to be U. S. senator at forty years of age. Here is the man who was pure enough to resist every inducement to dictate the nomination of senator. Here is the man who had nerve enough to invite the antagonism | And works off the cold. Laxative Broate, by telling them they were in the wrong when using their brief arbitrary power. Here is the man whom Speaker Sherman assured he would not be a Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. candidate for speaker if he (Yates) had a candidate. Here is the man who went modestly to California for rest and quiet, when he might have been dictating the state organization. Here is the man who could, if he wanted to, absolutely dominated both state senate and speaker and house, and could have been U. S. senator or named the U.S. senator, receiving as his reward limitless federal patronage. and any amount of cold cash he might have demanded.. And forsooth the Chicago Chronicle call him cipher! Verily the Chronicle is a "Daniel come to judgment!" What dis erimination! What discretion! What a fine sense the Chronicle has! What a magnificent judge of men it is!

Some Plain Truths. Some very plain and obvious truths need frequent repetition these days. when crooked counsels and diseased sentiment are prevalent. The Boston Herald, discussing the capture of Aguinaldo, utters some of these plain truths: "There is no aid even in sympathy remaining for the Filipinos to invoke from the outside world. There has never been a nation to afford them hope of support in their efforts at resistence to American authority. If there were nations who had a fellowfeeling for oppressed peoples-and there are not many of them in the world-they could not be made to manifest it for the people of the Philtopine islands, for there has never been any reason to suppose that the United States ment to bring oppression into operation there. The United States, in point of fact, came to relieve them from oppression-from the oppression of Spain. If that was not its avowed object in the purchase of the fisands, it was not the less clear that such would be its effect. The a subject people-it never had a aubject people in the sense that the world has been in the habit of considering people so conditioned. The nature of its government forbids that it should have any dependency of this charac ter. Never in the history of the world has there been a nation whose yoke was so easy and whose burden was so light as is the case with our nation. It was a boon, not a burden, to the Filipinos that came from our possession of these isainds. The world universally so regards it." The Herald says that the Filipinos have made their protest, that it is unavailing and injurious to themselves and the nation they unavailingly resist, and hopes it will now cease. This is the practical view. Any further effort to resist Asmerican authority will only prolong disorder and bring no benefit; and the American pessimists who have been supporting the insurrection may as well understand it as the Filipinos.

Called the Bluff.

The democratic minority in the Illinois legislature made a great clamor about some alleged crookedness in the affairs of the Southern Illinois penitentiary. The Republicans very promptly asked for a committee to investigate these charges, and one was appointed by the Speaker Sherman. There was no delay about it, or any disposition anywhere to defer action. The committee visited the institution and before the work had got well under way the two Democratic members flew the track and abandoned the matter. Before they left, however, Chairman Miller obtained from them all tion, and these charges were thoroughly investigated. It was found that there had been absolutely but one crooked transaction under the Republican rule and that in the stone department, where one Kerzdorfer was found to be short \$450. Governor Yates had been fully informed as to Kerzdorfer's criminality long before a general investigation had been thought of, and had in his possession dorfer will doubtless be in custody before this reaches our readers. Why did all the democratic members of the committee skip out before the investigation was completed? Did the fact that this investigation developed more fully than ever that there was still an Atgeld deficiency, the result of a democratic steal of \$12,000, which a Republican administration would have

In speaking of the appointments made by Governor Yates the Mt. Vernon Journal says: "Thus far the governor has done well and we have faith in his judgment and his desire to place good, honest men in places of trust and importance at his disposal. While we may not be always pleased and would very much rather be would cast his eyes over the list of some one down in this 'neck of the woods' and notify them of their appointment, yet, we realize that the party which elected the governor has so many hundreds of worthy, able, competent men in its ranks that he may fail to recognize all of our good, sound Republicans, who have sought recognition at his

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