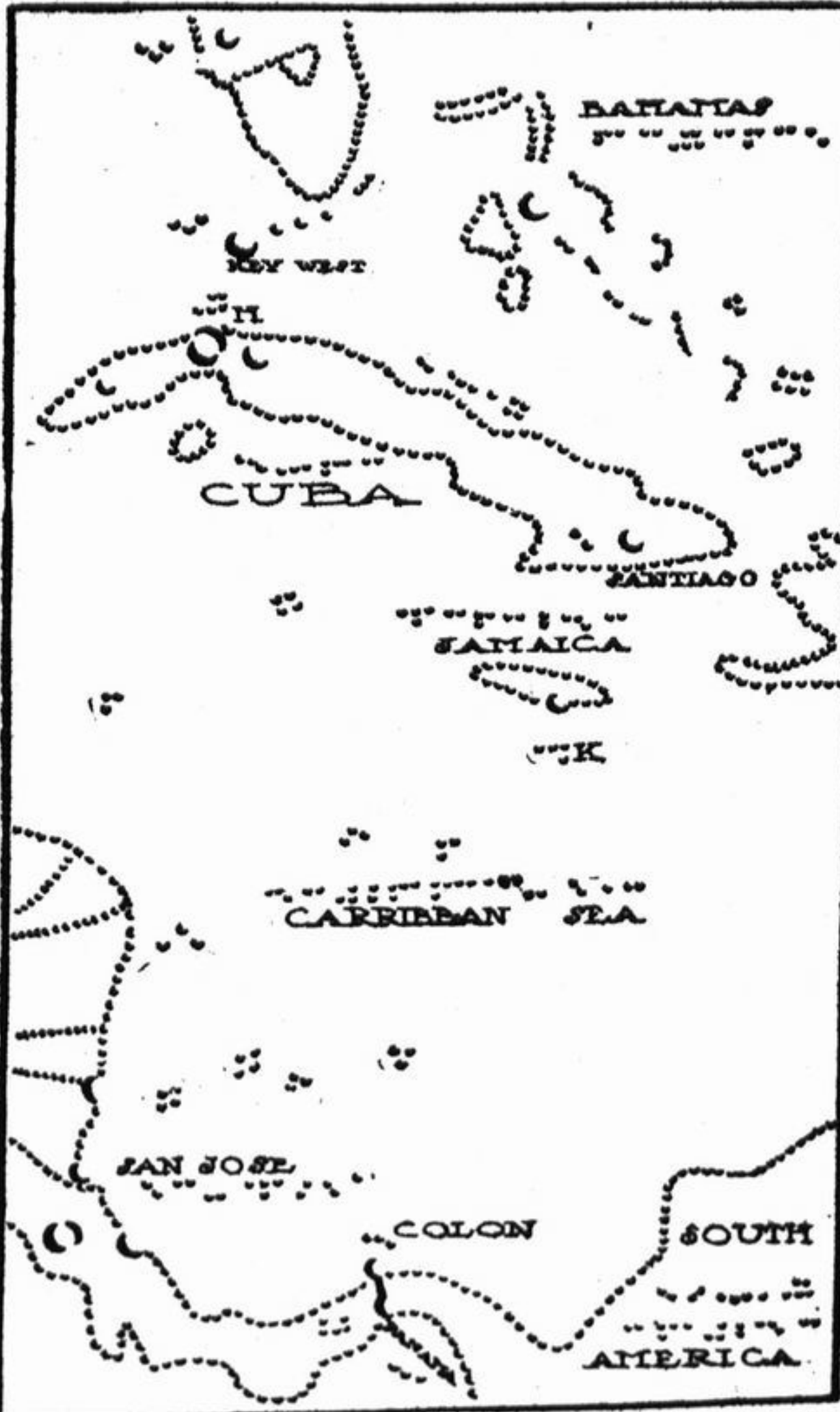


THE BLIND NOW HAVE A MAGAZINE THROUGH RICH WOMAN'S BENEVOLENCE.



HOW THE BLIND WILL STUDY THE PANAMA CANAL.

The first magazine for the blind ever made is about ready to be sent out to the sightless thousands of America through the benevolent provision of Mrs. William Ziegler, who has donated the funds for the enterprise. It is estimated that the cost to the world of the millionaire baking powder man will be between \$60,000 and \$70,000 a year. Pages of the new magazine are about 12x13 inches in size. The number of pages will vary from month to month, the first number containing about fifty sheets. Compared with other magazines it is bulky, and each one will weigh about one pound. The articles will be of all sorts, stories, news, achievements of the blind, poetry, a sheet of popular music, and some instructive articles. The moral tone will be high, although it will not be religious in any way.

The first number goes to about 6,000 blind readers among the general public. This figure does not include 4,500 students now in schools for the blind. A sufficient number of copies will be sent to the schools for these, and the magazine will go to the students at their homes during vacation, through Mrs. Ziegler's kindness. This first number is the largest edition of anything ever printed for the blind. Great care has been used in the character of matter. For instance, many beautiful songs and poems would be out of place for blind readers. Allusions to moonbeams, starlight, rainbows and clouds are not printed, as they serve to emphasize to the readers the sense of their affliction.

Above is one of the "illustrations" in the new magazine. A map is shown in raised dots. Underneath the map are the following words: "Map showing southern Florida, the Bahamas, Cuba, Jamaica, Panama and adjacent land and sea." Some of the points on the map are marked with only the dots representing the first letter of the name, but in the margin the name is spelled out. The first number of the magazine contains, besides minor contributions and maps, the following:

President Roosevelt's letter to Mrs. Ziegler. Helen Keller's letter to Mrs. Ziegler; first installment of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," which will run as a serial; a physical exercise for the blind; the Esperanto Hymn of Peace; comments on current news.

WOMEN ASSAIL COMMONS.

British Female Suffragists Storm Parliament House.

The women suffragists of London marched on Parliament recently and for six hours Westminster was like a building defended by troops against an attack from a mob. Policemen on foot in squads guarded every entrance. Policemen on horseback in platoons charged and recharged the serried ranks of the undaunted "suffragettes." Detectives in plain clothes struggled with isolated groups of daring invaders in petticoats. Women were knocked over, shaken, pulled, and hauled about. Some were almost trampled in the mud. Fifty seven of them were thrown into jail. Immense crowds of onlookers surrounded Parliament house and traffic was blocked for hours. The women finally were routed with

Then followed the aged Mrs. Despard, sister of Gen. French, whose great grief has been that the police refused to arrest her on the occasion of the last outbreak.

"The time for words is passing away," she said, "and the time for action has come."

These and similar speeches fired the enthusiasm of the women, and finally they decided to march to the House of Commons to demand votes. Many however, balked, and only about 200 joined the procession, which marched with arms linked, singing "John Brown's Body." The police, on the whole, were remarkably forbearing and good humored. Many of them seemed to enjoy the row.

Buried Treasure.

Pirate boards of Spanish doubloons are not the only buried wealth one may



EJECTING FIGHTING SUFFRAGISTS FROM HOUSE OF COMMONS.

many casualties, including some cuts, abrasions, contusions, and a great loss of millinery, hat pins, hair pins, and similar light impediments. The victorious police suffered some slight bodily injuries and the temporary loss of a few helmets.

It was to denounce the omission from the king's speech at the opening session of Parliament of any reference to the enfranchisement of women and to celebrate the first anniversary of the opening of the vote demanding campaign that several hundred women gathered at Caxton hall and listened to fiery speeches by their leaders.

"How can we sit in our seats," exclaimed one of these, "while the government ignores women? If all the women in this hall went to prison to-night we should have the franchise tomorrow. Do as you are bid. Fight for all you are worth, and before next week we shall have won the battle."

seek with spade and pick. A wonderful relic of the past has just been brought to light in Peterborough, England, in the discovery of a buried fortune. The London Chronicle gives an account of the discovery.

At a depth of seven feet have been found a number of oak-trees which have been covered for some two thousand years. Most of the trees are almost perfect in condition, and are being sold to furniture manufacturers and others.

Altogether about eighty trees have been raised, and hundreds more are left in the ground untouched, at a depth of five or six feet. In nearly all the trees the roots are found attached. The wood is extremely hard, and can be worked only by machinery, as it turns the edge of an ax.

Many a deaf person has sound opinions.

Baptist Ladies' Aid Societies
The sociable held by the ladies aid of the Baptist church on Tuesday evening in the parlor of the church was a great success. There was a large attendance, a fine program and very enjoyable refreshments. The whole of the program deserves special mention. However, there is not space for this. One number was quite unusual. Miss Hazel Saxton, of Chicago, formerly of Downers Grove, greatly delighted the audience with her pantomimic accompaniment of some of the old hymns. The original poem by Mrs. Allie Edwards opened the program and introduced the real idea of the "Scrap" social to the hearers. By request this is published in this number of the Reporter. We are certain the readers will greatly enjoy its possession. Those who had the affair in charge were greatly pleased with the results. The receipts of the evening were twenty-one dollars and fifty cents.

Below we print Mrs. Edwards' poem in full:

"SCRAPS."
One evening last week I was called to the phone,
And over the wire, in a sweet, plaintive tone
Came—"Hello!" (She! be quiet! now close that door!)
"Hello, there, I say; is this ten-eighty-four?"
To which I replied in a manner suave—
"This is ten-eighty-four. Now, what will you have?"
"Next Tuesday, you know, is our sociable night,
And the ladies' aid want to know if you will write
An original poem, with a moral there-to.
Why, you wouldn't refuse—we'll be grateful to you
For the favor conferred. Well, there, I must go;
We'll not take for your answer a positive no."
So up went the receiver and I off to bed;
I'm glad, though, that thoughts are sometimes left unaid,
But ere I lay head on my pillow had I knelt and said "Lord, keep our dear ladies' aid."

There comes times in our lives, yes, to me and to you,
When in some way we meet our own Waterloo.

I will give you a story from the Old Emerald Isle,
Just to bring out the point, I think it's worth while—
Pat Casey and Bridget lived down in the lane,
And Pat, as a "scraper," had won himself fame.

Midst the Dooleys and Reillys and Flannigans, too,
Not one of their ilk but what he "could do."
So one night when Pat had returned from his labor,
He made out a list, and the first was his neighbor,
Michael Dooley, a man just over the way.

For he thought in a scrimmage with pretty fair play
He could get in a blow that would knock Michael out.

He talked this about; Bridget turning about
Exclaimed: "Fatsy, plin's that that I just heard you say?
You could lick Michael Dooley?—well, any foine day

That you try with that man to wipe up the fire
I'll be a lone widow, with crape on our durn."

This Patrick resented and Bridget was sent
To call on the Dooleys on one errand bent.

That of asking sir Michael if he thought that her Pat
Could do him the honor of laying him flat.

To which Michael replied: "I believe I'm a man,
You go home and tell Pat I don't think that he can."

So off from the head of Pat's list came Mike's name—
"Why, of course, if he'd lick me, I'd have to die game."

So it is all through life we our air castles build,
And some dear cherished plan has but to be filled
When perhaps in a week, a month, or a day,
We see all we hoped for swept out and away.

Away until life seems of pleasure bereft,
And we're only a beautiful memory left.

Take it all 'round, our stay here is made up of "Scraps,"
And within our treasure box stored is, perhaps,
The rose which at one time you placed in her hair,
And which she seemed, oh, so delighted to wear;

Or a piece of your soldier boy's coat of dark blue,
Which shows where the death-dealing bullet passed through.

Maybe 'tis a bit of a letter from him,
And all you can read is: "Your loving boy, Jim."
Just a scrap of the gown she wore when a bride,
With a wee bit of ribbon in a lover's knot tied;

The baby's first shoes, all worn out at the toe;
A degenerate old, taken long years ago.

Just packed in our treasure box, full as 'twill hold,
And not for the wealth of a Croesus, his gold
Could not purchase one scrap we've kept all of these years
And stored them away with our love—midst our tears.

So there's "Scraps," and there's "Scraps," construe as you will,
Just as long as we live we each moment fill.

With good, or with bad—not one that goes free.
The good that we've done, Lord, we leave all to thee.
And the last prayer I'll say for aught in me bad—
Is, Master, forgive every "Scrap" that I've had.

Dr. Bacon, a New York clergyman of long ago, was reproached by a friend with some pronunciation which was not "according to Webster." Noah Webster lived in his parish, and the doughty old divine was not disposed to be snubbed with the dictionary. "What right has Webster to dictate my pronunciation?" he demanded haughtily. "He is one of my parishioners and ought to get his pronunciation from me and not from him."

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