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A FAMOUS LITTLE

The One Described in History as the "Victory of Victories." The battle which is known in history as the "Victory of Victories" took place at Nehavend, in Ecbatana, and was fought between the new Median power in 607 and the empire of Persia, then one of the most powerful of the eastern monarchies. It was one of the most absolutely decisive battles in the history of war, and it was all the more amazing by reason of the fact that it was won by a people who twenty years before had been unknown barbarians, lost in the deserts of Arabia.

AN ARMY AND A MOB.

It's Discipline That Marks the Difference Between Them. An army is not an army, but a mob, unless every item in it can be trusted to do the same thing at the same moment at the word of command. So obedience is not a virtue in a soldier, but a necessity, for, unless he learns it, he cannot attain to the military virtues. It has been proved, for instance, again and again that obedience is the way to courage.

NOBEL'S GREAT GIFT.

Yearly Prizes That Come From the Fund He Left to Posterity. Alfred B. Nobel, the Swedish scientist and inventor of dynamite, died in 1896, leaving his fortune, which was estimated at \$600,000, to the founding of a fund of which the interest should be yearly given as prizes to those persons who had during the year contributed most to the good of humanity. The interest is divided in five equal shares, awarded as follows:

The Seven Seas.

The phrase "the seven seas" has been current for some time—was so current when Kipling universalized it twenty years ago—to denote all the great waters of the earth. Its use divides into three parts: the "triplicate ocean" (the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian oceans), the "north and south Pacific," the "north and south Atlantic," the "north and south Arctic," the "north and south Antarctic." It is interesting to note that the chain of salt lagoons about the mouth of the Po, separated from the Adriatic by strips of sand or embankments. The lagoons were in ancient days much more extensive than now, and the "Septem Maris" afforded a continuous means of inland navigation from its veins to Altinum—New York Times.

Deep Sea Diving.

Diving with the aid of artificial mechanism is at least 1,000 years older than the Christian religion. Homer compared the fall of Hector's charioteer to the descent of an oyster diver. Aristotle mentioned a diving apparatus, and while Alexander the Great had no submarines, still he ordered divers to destroy the underwater defenses of Tyre. Later on Livy told about treasures being recovered from sunken ships by divers. So it appears that our old world has made but slight progress in penetrating the depths of the sea, which in some places is six miles deep.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Regulating Bread Prices.

A simple plan for the regulation of bread prices was in vogue in England from the time of Henry III. to the beginning of the nineteenth century. The "assize of bread" was set every week by the authorities of every borough and town, when the price of the best wheat, the margin of reasonable profit being left to the baker and miller. Departure from the official price was heavily punished.—London Mirror.

The Ruling Passion.

"Fore" yelled the goffer. But the lady never moved. For she was thinking of a coming shopping tour. He should have called \$3.48 to have attracted her attention.—Philadelphia Ledger.

By Hook or by Crook.

The phrase "by hook or by crook" originated with the Irish defenders of Amerigo, who had to defend two chapels, the Hook and the Crook, from English attacks.—Exchange.