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### The Republic With Castro.

Finding it impossible to get along on good terms with President Castro of Venezuela, the United States decided in a dignified way to pull it and drop the acquaintance. Without agitating the merits of the dispute between citizens of this country and Venezuela it can be said without bias that the government at Washington has handled the case from the start with extreme patience and moderation. But Castro sticks and declares that he regards the princes, potentates and powers of the world, the United States included, as a quadruple lot, while he is a martyr whose passing would be a calamity to the liberty of the South American nations.

Venezuela more than any other South American state has reason to be grateful to the United States. In her boundary quarrel with England in 1895 and in her more recent clash with England and Germany this country has stood by to insist upon the principle of arbitration for the sole purpose of giving Venezuela a square deal. In the present case Castro has been urged, without threats and without appealing to his government and to the principles involved by us to save Venezuela in the past. It is fair to say that the attitude of our government is one of uncertainty as to just where right lies. It is willing to abide by the decision of a court. With this position the American people are in sympathy. Steps tending toward the use of force would undoubtedly prove unpopular with the people of the American claims are not understood by the people at large, and much more information would be demanded before they would approve of warlike measures.

### The Two Handy Pistols.

Police chiefs must know what they are talking about when they declare that we need a law restricting the sale and use of deadly weapons. The police have to handle the shooting cases and often have to search for the guilty ones who want to be sold them. Now it has been shown in cities where the dealers in pistols are licensed and compelled to keep records of sales that persons guilty of serious shooting are often brought to book through the records furnished by the shopkeepers. Naturally a person who has submitted to cross examination when buying a pistol may think twice before taking the chances of using it wrongfully and being caught. Few are desperate enough to buy a gun with intent to kill under circumstances which can legally be brought out and will prove the intent. Recently a number of women have used pistols with deadly effect upon men whom they accused of wronging them. Perhaps they did not care to conceal their purpose beyond effecting a surprise of the victims. Yet a slight check will sometimes lead to a better thought. But pistol owning and pistol carrying are far too common. There are too many pistols which reach the hands of the irresponsible. That is the long and short of it. The citizen who has legitimate use for a pistol can easily prove it, and the citizen or alien who has no legitimate use for one should be brought up with a round turn by a very rigorous law if found having one in possession.

### The Honest Ballot.

Although the recount of the mayoralty vote in New York city showed that there had not been extensive frauds committed in favor of the candidate who was declared the victor, the result of the recount was enough to cause the belief that our ballot and election system is in need of improvement. In hundreds of cases it was difficult to tell offhand what the intention of the voter had been. This uncertainty threw out many ballots and perhaps led to the misplacing of as many more. And yet the election for the municipal officers in 1907 was closely guarded by several rival interests.

Many of the measures suggested for the reform of the ballot are opposed by the people on the ground that they interfere with the right of the voter. This relates more particularly to the reform of ballot which call for a higher degree of intelligence in the voter to express his will. The simpler the ballot the easier it is to deposit illegal votes. It means that a certain amount of corrupt and illegal voting will take place anyway. To improve the ballot the honest and the intelligent voter should be extra zealous about placing his own ballot where he wants it to count. If all the clean votes is polled it may still be possible to detect a clean majority in spite of the ignorance of a few and the dishonesty of many.

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### The Army Reserve.

The idea of having the military troops a permanent reserve for the regular army has taken definite shape. If the plan outlined by the assistant secretary of war is carried through, all the available military strength of the country will be under a single system and the confusion of the past done away with. Opinions will differ as to the advisability of having state troops independent of national control. The fact is that, while a few states have in recent years maintained fairly efficient establishments, the general status of the militia has been on a par with the general military development of the country.

It is difficult to keep up the proper spirit in militia. One soldier equaled and undergoes training in the belief that he is to have a chance to defend the nation in time of war. But when war comes he finds a majority of the regiment disposed to take advantage of the militia law and refuse to take up arms except in defense of the state. Again, the opportunity to keep up to date in the matter of drill, camp training and equipment has not been equal for all the regiments in a given state. An earnest young man does not care to be the name of being a soldier unless he can show himself the equal of the best or nearly equal and improving. This type of militiamen is the one to foster, for when the need of a re-enforcement to the regular army is upon us that the ready reserve was made up of material lacking in soldierly qualities. The fact that the militia was instructed by regular army officers stimulated the spirit of the men, for occasionally it brought them in touch with thorough soldiers. The opportunity to train in camps with regulars and to be measured by the standards set for regulars will bring to the ranks of the state volunteers the best raw material in the land, and there will be no mistaking of disappointment when the reserve is called out for action.

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### When the Germans Line Up.

Talk about the isolation of Germany by the alliance of France, Russia and England has some point when the mind is carried through all the possibilities within the present limits of the empire ruled by the Kaiser. But the Germans do not consider themselves destined to a lack seat on the ear of progress. In the eyes of expansion they naturally give the world Germany a range to include all territory where the mass of the people are of the German race and speak the German tongue. In this sense Germany includes large slices of territory under the rule of Russia, a portion of Austria and the whole of Switzerland proper—in fact, a clearly outlined and natural division of the earth stretching from the Baltic to the Adriatic and actually cutting Europe in two.

All the traditions of Austria are German. When it comes to a lineup of the ancient greatness when all Germany was under one head. The hour of change is near for Austria, for the emperor, who has been on the throne sixty years, will soon pass away. It is possible that shortly before the visit of King Edward to the czar the German emperor made a remarkable call, in company with the princes of the states of the empire, upon Francis Joseph II. This visit was set apart from all other ceremonies connected with the celebration of the anniversary of the accession of the Austrian emperor to the throne. It was a meeting of the German princes to do honor to the Austrian emperor, who is of German blood, a sort of family reunion of the German crowned heads.

German enterprise and the spirit of business have filled the small countries south and east of Austria with Germans. Their business talent, the fame of their systems of education and the position of the military might of the German Empire give Germany a leadership wherever numbers of them assemble, and this means about every seaport and trading center on the southern coast and every capital of the smaller states wedged in between the political positions of the German and the Turk. As they are scattered today among several countries and divided in their political ideas, the Germans may well take alarm at the thought of France, Russia and England leagued against them. But if they all get together and line up to isolation, physically France and Russia may be separated by Germany, if all the German people in Europe get about it. And isolation for Germany would not be a calamity if it proved to be that splendid isolation which is synonymous with power to go it alone.

### The Laborer and the Job.

If Secretary Straus can supply the demand for labor in the largest factory by the effort recently set in motion for the distribution of immigrants he will perform a service to labor and to commerce. Under the name of a division of information in the bureau of immigration a government intelligence office has been established to do the work of an agent between the immigrant and the man who wishes to employ labor. This is the first organized effort, either public or private, to meet the demand for labor in different localities in different seasons of the year.

The congestion of the unemployed is largely a result of the fact that the laborer will be acting wholly for the welfare of the public in distributing immigration so that the man and the job will meet. Very many of the immigrants who come to the American seaboard cities are as anxious to get into the interior as the farmers of the interior are to employ them. According to official figures, 80 per cent of all immigrants from Europe and 60 per cent of those from southern Europe are farm laborers. A bureau has been established in Chicago, and effort will be concentrated the next few months in supplying the demand for harvest in every section where the farmers are found unable to get sufficient help from around home.

The customary Japanese spy was discovered taking sketches of the defenses of New York harbor during recent military maneuvers. No war game is complete now in this country unless a Jap spy or two get next to it to find space in the news dispatches.

That husky New Orleans Italian who "killed" the other day and all the four Black Hand ruffians who demanded his money and jewels deserves a Carnegie medal of the first class.

Every now and then the conscience fund gets a contribution so large as to suggest that there may have been big boxes put in the treasury by looters who failed to report.

Steel bars may not be so "strong" as they were, according to Wall street ratings, but their tensile strength is just as great.

Castro might go in for an anti-American alliance with little Japan and see whether that will scare anybody.

## The Truth In Fiction.

The author of a recent book treating of the materials and methods of fiction takes the strange ground that fiction survives in the great struggle between literary forces because it is a means of telling the truth and telling it in the most acceptable way. The great heroes of fiction, this writer, who is Mr. Clayton Hamilton and a newcomer in the field of criticism, says, really live more truly than do the living people of today who admire them. And from this it follows that "the great people of fiction are more real than many of the actual people of a bygone age whose deeds are chronicled in dusty histories."

In support of his general contention Mr. Hamilton cites James Russell Lowell as declaring that Hawthorne's "House of Seven Gables" is the "most valuable contribution to New England history that has yet been made." Pursuing this theme, he says that the fictitious portrayals of historical characters are often truer than the historical accounts. The Marston Brutus of Shakespeare and the Richefeu of Dumas are given as instances where the fictitious character is stronger and truer to life than the original. In fact, the author goes on to wander from his true beat because we do not know the facts about the real Brutus and the real Richefeu.

Right at home we know that we have Washington the higher they climb in the admiration of posterity. Our kind of the Washington of Valley Forge, of Yorktown and of the Farewell Address loses nothing in the light of new revelations which tell us that he covered slaves, played cards, was vain in dress and bet on the races. And so in the long run it has been said that where the currents of life run deep fact is found in present fact. We admit that the things men do are greater than any one would have supposed that mere men could do.

### Cattle in China.

Perhaps the long wished for opportunity for American enterprise in China is open. Consul Gracey of Tangtau reports that there are no cattle ranches there and in general the conditions are such as to permit the production of butter and milk are behind the times. Cattle are not grown by the Chinese to any extent, each farmer raising what he may need. There is a foreign demand at present for shipment, and the owners are easily tempted by a cash offer.

Cows are not used for milk in China, according to the consul, but are used for manure and draft animals, like oxen. Wherever milk is produced the better class of Chinese take to it, and the market among foreigners residing there is sufficient to make this a profitable industry. The native cows are small, but their milk yields double the quantity of butter fat found in the milk of this country. It produces excellent butter, but a very little waste, and requires but a small expenditure of labor. Cattle native to China seem immune from the local diseases, but foreign importations quickly succumb. This has prevented the introduction of the choice breeds of cows and may account in part for the lagging cattle industry among the Celestials. Another check is the bar upon individual enterprise. A Chinaman inherits the right to do just so much business, and to branch out would infringe on the rights of others. He cannot extend his milk route or his butter trade nor sell meat in the market belonging to other men.

Wealthy families in China who have marriageable daughters whom they desire to keep at home advertise for desirable sons-in-law. The son-in-law thus secured does not take his bride away, but merely brings up his traps in his wife's home and becomes one of the family.

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