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OVER IN SPAIN

We are apt to think that the country of Spain has settled into dry rot. But it is no comic opera performance of brigands that young King Alfonso has to deal with. He makes a pathetic figure in all the trouble and those who have found much to admire in this young fellow who has had so much misfortune wonder if his stars are not against him.

The trouble which he has on his hands is of so multifold a nature that he will have proved his right to rule if he pulls through.

In the first instance he has the war with the Moors, which not only is a source of trouble in itself but is the irritating point of most of the other trouble. The war was distinctly unpopular with the tax ridden populace because it is charged that it was strictly for the benefit of the Spanish speculators. It seemed that this trouble might have been allayed were it not for the ever present situation in Barcelona of discontent.

Not only has the Barcelona populace been clamoring for semi-independence, but it has been reluctantly to pay war assessments and complete its quota of soldiers during the Spanish-American war and before that in the long drawn out trouble in the Spanish colonies. Added to that, is the situation of imminent peril to monarchy of numbers of anarchistic socialists and malcontents of all sorts who have foregathered there.

The presence of these agitators in the wealthiest city in Spain makes it a slumbering volcano ready to erupt at the slightest occasion of trouble whether political or clerical.

This explains the anti-clerical riots which have destroyed much church property. And some of the same sources have given aid and comfort to Don Jaime the pretender.

So altogether it is a muddle which is worth considering.

The really serious situation apart from the Barcelona trouble and the war with the Moors is that the women of Spain are no longer willing to let their sons and husbands enlist for the royal defense. So many of their sons and sweethearts have been killed in the disastrous wars of so many years duration that they will not hear to enlistment in the army.

Sooner or later the whole thing will resolve itself into the actual hold that Alfonso has on the affections of the people of Spain.

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THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE AND THE PROHIBITION PARTY

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There, without doubt has been a conviction that the Anti-Saloon league has threatened state wide prohibition in 1912.

The Anti-Saloon league seems content with county local option. The prohibitionists do not seem to care much for it in some cases. We have in mind a life long member of the par-

ty who refused to sign a petition for county local option election on the ground that it was a compromise measure with liquor. We do not know how far this theoretical reasoning goes, but one thing is certain that the prohibitionist pure and simple sticks to his party and nothing can induce him to support another ticket no matter what measures it adopts.

LOST IN THE SHUFFLE

The last hope of provision for a Tariff Commission of experts faded away yesterday when the clause was further emasculated until it now reads:

"To secure information to assist the President in the discharge of the duties imposed upon him by this section and the officers of the government in the administration of the customs laws the President is hereby authorized to employ such persons as may be necessary."

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TWINKLES

(By Philander Johnson)

Talent Recognized.

"Jebbers doesn't appear to have the slightest idea of practical politics." "Yes," answered Senator Sorghum, "his assumption of ignorance on the subject proves him a most astute politician."

Research.

"De question befo' dis debatin' society," said Mr. Erastus Pinkley, "is whether de fust eggs come fum a chicken or whether de fu' chicken come fum de egg."

"I moves or amendment," interrupted Mr. Wilkins Marigold, carelessly hitching his thumb in the corner of his razor pocket. "What we is gwine to 'scuss for a few minutes is how dat'as chicken you-all had foh dinner come fum de coop."

Cumulative Gloom.

Each summer sings the same sad tune. To words of mournful meaning set. "July was far more hot than June, And August will be hotter yet!"

A Question of Taste.

"You are sure this was mabshonine whisky?" said the investigator. "Yes," answered the man from Tennessee.

Impression.

"That friend of yours never comes around unless he has an ax to grind," said one statesman.

"Worse than that," answered the other. "I not only have to turn the grindstone, but I have to lend him the ax."

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The Wifeless Husband.

From the Baltimore Sun—Pity the poor husband left wifeless in the town! While she is basking in the warm sunshine on the beach or enjoying the sweet delights of rusticity on the farm he is left alone in the crowded city, working his life out from four to six hours a day to pay for the luxuries of his unthinking and expensive family. In the city in the summer time there is nothing in the world to amuse a man except baseball games, roof gardens, parks, sails, highballs, vaudeville shows, cafes swept by electric fans, breezes, blond and brunette maidens, bands, poker parties, orchestras, beer, picnics, "joyrides" and mint juleps. Not another thing. Outside of these all is work.

Reviving the Signboard.

From the Raleigh News and Observer—

The King of Italy is the only vegetarian monarch.

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They were playing a game in which some one gives out the initial of some object in the room and the rest of them try to guess the object. So they tried to get the host's gray hair off it. But he held off.

"Sure," said he, "I'm a little bad in my spelling. I'd make no hand at such a game."

"Oh, come on" they pleaded. "You

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VER.—Many old things were good.

Some years ago in nearly every county

signboards were put up at cross-

roads so the traveler could find his

way and know how far to given

places. Most of them have gone down.

The Guilford county commissioners

have appropriated the money to re-

place the signboards. Other counties

will promote public convenience by

doing likewise.

A RUNAWAY AUTO

SMASHES A HOUSE

Woman Has a Wild Ride When

Machine Started to Run

Amuck.

HER COMPANION INJURED

FAST FLYING MACHINE FINALLY

ENDED ITS WILD CAREER BY

BUMPING HOUSE OFF OF ITS

FOUNDATIONS.

It is not growing, like a tree,

Or built both make man better be,

Or standing long an oak three hundred

years.

To fall a log at last, dry, bold and wear.

A lily of a day

Is fairer far in May.

Although it fair and die that night,

In small proportions we just beauties

see.

And in short measures life may perfect

be.

—Ben Jonson.

A BITTER DOSE.

An old negro man was riding on the train

and fell asleep with mouth wide open.

A mischievous drummer came along

and, having a convenient capsule of quinine in his pocket, he un-

locked it and sifted it well on to the

old negro's palate and the root of his

tongue. The old darky, awakening, be-

came much disturbed. He called for

the conductor and asked, "Boss, is

dere a doctor on dis here train?"

"I don't know," said the conductor.

"Are you sick?"

"Yes, sah; I sho' is sick. I sho' is

sick."

"What is the matter with you?"

"I dunno, sir, but it tastes like I

busted my gall."

DUSTY.

Alongside the secretary of state's

desk is a great globe, standing over

six feet high. One day Mr. Knox con-

sulted it to see if it were really true

that the sun never sets on our do-

minions nowadays or to learn some-

thing else of equal importance. The

Pennsylvanian is the pink of

neatness and was somewhat irritated

to find that the big revolving ball

had soiled his coat sleeve.

"William," he said sharply to the

messenger and laying his finger on the

globe, "there is dust there a foot

thick."

MADE THE DUKE FEEL CHEAP.

The second Duke of Wellington,

though far from being stingy, was in