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—“A PAPER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.”—

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FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM;

—OR—

The Boy Cavalry of Cuba.

BY GEORGE L. MERLIN.

CHAPT. 2.

BURYING THE DEAD.

For a few minutes Manual could not speak and the tears trickled down his cheeks. As soon as he recovered his speech he moaned, “Father and Mother both dead.” “But I swear to find out who the murderer’s are and hunt them down, and there was a deadly glitter in his eyes, his face at the same time assuming a fierce aspect. A groan came from where his father lay and so he knew that he must be still alive though perhaps fatally wounded. Springing to his father’s side he bent over him. “Father! Speak! I’m your son Manual,” the boy cried.

Manual’s father opened his eyes and gazed at his son and then speaking in a low tone said:

“Manual is it you?” A terrible thing has happened while you’ve

been gone.” “Tell me all father, as I shall hunt down the perpetrators of this crime.

Yes my boy I will, as I have only a few more moments to live. Your mother was sitting in the rocking chair sewing one of her dresses while I was repairing the large clock. Just as I had finished my task I heard a clatter of hoofs and glancing out of the window, I saw a large troop of Spanish cavalry riding up to the door. Stepping outside I asked them what they wanted and was somewhat startled at the reply, “You! you rebel” “Gentlemen I assure you I’m no rebel,” I answered. At this they all laughed, and their captain an ugly looking man with a scar acrossed his cheek which he no doubt received in some conflict, ordered several of his men to dismount and seize me.

“This is an outrage,” I cried, for I am a peaceful man. “Your pretty good at lying,” sneered the Captain. “We know that you have a son fighting under Gomez and that you are one of their sympathizers.” Of course I denied this but it did me no good. Your mother, who had seen all that had occurred, now came out and begged for my release. Her

pleadings were answered by a bullet which killed her instantly, fired by the villianous Captain. All the fury of my nature was aroused at this bloody deed and tearing loose from those who had hold of me, I sprang towards him with the intention of pulling him from his horse and strangling him. But he divined my purpose and shot me in the breast before I reached him. I fell unconscious to the ground and have remained in that state untill a few minutes ago. "What time this morning did this happen?" asked Manual. "About ten o'clock." "My son I want you to"—but then the rest of the sentence was not spoken, for with a gasp Mr Cortzo expired, Manual was so deeply engrossed with grief, that he did not hear the approach of footsteps, untill he heard the exclamation: "My dot vos yust horrible" and glancing around he beheld a short stout German leading a bony, and sleepy looking animal.

In the former he reconized a friend who had often helped his father.

"In my sorrow I'm glad to see you Mr. Sneider," said our hero arising from his kneeling position and shaking hands with the Tenton. My parents have been murdered by the Spaniards and I shall avenge their death. "Do you know who vos commanded them?" inquired Mr Sneider. "I do not know his name: but my father in his dying mom-

ents told me that he was an ugly looking fellow with a scar accrossed his cheek." "Ach, now I know who it is," cried the German. "He was one of der vorst villods dot half effer lived und robs und kills innocent pæple."

"His name vos Cnervo Pardrosso." An hour later they had constructed two rude coffins from some of the boards which had not been burned and buried the dead.

(To be continued)

Sky Scrapers OF CHICAGO.

BY ADOLPH BOEHM.

As this is to be a regular department of our paper, I will first give a short discription of the city.

In 1820 Chicago was a swamp and in 1830 it was a trading Post with 12 houses.

The last wild bear killed in Chicago was in 1833 Cor. Market and Jackson Sts.

The first devorse was granted in 1834

The City was incorporated in 1837 W. B. Ogden Mayor.

1848 First Railway Chicago and North western. 1868, Street Cars. 1871 Oct 8 Chicago destroyed by

the largest conflagration known to the world. 3,000 acres in ruin. 100 people rendered homeless, every minute a million dollars in property burned, every five minutes. One hundred thousand people homeless in a day. 18,000 buildings burned total loss \$200,000,000, Oct 9th. Chicago and in distress, humanity prevails. A thousand Cities spontaneously respond and train loads of supplies are on the way. Oct. 10th. "CHICAGO MUST RISE AGAIN." The smouldering ruins are being removed. Bookkeepers, Clerks, and shop keepers are now Carpenters, Brick layers and laborers. The brave hearts that built from the ruins made "CHICAGO OF TODAY."

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costs \$26,187 per day. It has 556 churches and 2518 Factories. The later employ 182,908 people has 800 miles of paved streets and 842 miles sewers.

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and marble trimmings.

There was 4,700 tons of steel 22,000 tons of terra-cotta used in its construction, there is 88 miles of electric wire and the plate glass would cover four acres.

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—AND ROOF GARDEN.—

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Two Scenic Theatatoriums, each 20x52 feet, have been constructed; these Bijou Edifices, beautiful in design and finish, are fully equipped and seated with elegant Opera Chairs. In one will be shown the mutations of "A Day in the Alps" where in many surprising and beautiful effects produced by Electric Lighting will be shown. The other represents a most wonderful and realistic reproduction in miniature

of the world-famed Grand Court of Honor of the World's Fair; the artistic master piece of the nineteenth century, showing with absolute fidelity the noble architecture that made the White City famous throughout the civilized world. The Prismatic and MacMonnies Fountains with real water effects, and the thousand other ever changing beauties of the never-to-be-forgotten scene.

The Stage performances are conducted with music especially arranged for the same.

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EDITORIALS.

Next month we will start three or four new departments, and will enlarge this paper to 12 pages and cover.

Good News readers! don't fail to get next No., as there will be something you will want to see.

The Editor would be pleased to hear from amateur authors.

If you want to get this paper

for 15c per year, you had better hurry up, as we will raise the price soon, but not before we enlarge.

HOW TO MAKE AND USE ELECTRICITY.

. HOW TO
MAKE AN ACCOUSTIC TELEPHONE.

Cut a hole in the bottom of a cigar box say $3\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Take a piece of sheepskin large enough to cover the hole with about an inch left over. Glue the sheepskin tightly over the hole (The tighter the skin is stretched the clearer the sound will be) on the inside. Puncture with a large needle, a hole large enough to admit the end of a piece of No. 18 wire be sure and have the hole exactly in the center. Make another phone the same as described, and now your phones are ready to set up. Now to proceed to set up your phones. Nail or screw your phones to a thin wall or partition, first bore a whole in your wall large enough to let your wire pass through without touching it. Now fasten the end of your wire to your phone, by inserting it through the hole in the center and fastening it there by means of a small bar of iron. Stretch your wire direct from one phone to the other, avoiding angles, fasten the end the same as the other, and now you have your phones ready to use. As to wire use no. 18 copper. Use pieces of sheep-

skin for insulators, this is simply done by running your wire through loops of sheepskin. If you have followed directions closely you will surely have success. Next month I will tell you how to make electric bells to signal with. I hope I have made everything plain wishing you success I will say adieu until next month.

OUR EXCHANGES.

The Searchlight, a monthly, four page amateur, published in Milwaukee, is advocated to annihilate fraudulent advertisers.

The March issue of The Little-Drummer is at hand. It contains nothing but advertisements.

The Bonanza is also devoted to advertisements.

The Diamond Philatelist is an interesting little sheet, published by, E. L. Shove, Unionville, N. Y.

Tid Bits is always a welcome visitor. It has been enlarged to eight pages though the subscription price is the same.

We have just received the first number of Evening Hours a sixteen page Chicago publication. It is well edited and printed, and is a credit to its publisher.

The Monthly Observer is a four page eight by twelve sheet, hailing from Myertown, Pa.

Frank De Jarnatt intends to make his paper "The Boys Globe" into a philatelic monthly.

GOLDEN DAYS CLUB CHAT.

....CONDUCTED BY....

....JAMES C. BRESNAHAN....

....153 Montgomery St....

....JERSEY CITY, N. J....

To whom all communications, intended for this dep't, should be addressed.....

—ANNOUNCEMENT.—

The pleasant duty of conducting this department of "CLUB HOURS" has been assigned to the writer, and while he has determined to make a herculean effort to make it interesting for those for whom it is intended, yet he has not that confidence he would have were he acquainted with the members and doings of this young and enterprising organization. He, however, feels sure that a request for assistance will not be made in vain; therefore, if the readers of this department will forward to him anything pertaining to the G. D. C. that would be interesting, he would be very grateful and endeavor to reciprocate at the first opportunity.

As you will notice "Club Hours" has a "Good News" and "Golden Hours" Clubs department also, conducted by two enterprising young men. Of course we want our column to be equally as entertaining as our rivals, and while we do not wish to have any ill will exist among these organizations, yet we

want to push our own to the front and then work hard to keep it there. To do this we must engergetic and take an interest in the welfare of the association Co-operation among the members is what we want and much can be accomplished through amateur papers.

Remember, a postal card is large enough to Contain the announcement of the formation of a new branch, a change of offices, a complaint or a suggestion, and the writer expects his fellow members to aid him in his endeavor to fill the space allotted him by the editor.

I would be pleased to receive numbers of Golden Days Club papers and anyone possessing copies of amateur papers, published in the interests of Golden Hours Clubs, previous to the aissension which occurred in that organization several years ago, and wishing to dispose of same, will please communicate with the editor of this dept.

Next month's chat will, we hope, be more lengthy and interesting if you will permit me to call what I have written. "A Chat."

Remember the news items, fellows!

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....CONDUCTED BY....

..EUGENE D. SWARTOUT...
17 Milk St.. Boston, Mass.
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dept should be addressed....

DEAR FRIEND HOURITES:—

Brother Boehm has requested me to take charge of G. H. Chat and I herewith comply. I will try with the best of my ability to have same as interesting as possible, and hope to please one and all. Thanking you for your kind attention I am Your Clubite friend

Eugene D. Swartout.

Branch 505 seems to be somewhat quiet. Perhaps our friend Dumer has a girl on the string, Eh!

Branch 506 is the Queen of the West and no mistake and friend Harry D. Ban ingardner is a fellow to be proud of also a great hustler.

Donat J. Lefebore of Branch 762 has just got out a fine 12 page book containing list of members rules etc. and is one of the neatest lists yet printed. We congratulate you friend donat on your good taste.

William F. Gorman who is now running as candidate for chairman of G. N. C. reorganization committee and formally president of Branch 644 is now supreme Representative of Branch 783 and is one of our all around, go ahead hustlers.

It would be a good thing if the organizing of new clubs would stop. It is getting to be a nuisance dont you think so? But you all have my best wishes for success.

Branch 648 has been broke up

some time now and the President of same William J. McNair is now one of our most diligent of Branch 783 O they all know what branch to join and help, and of course join our ranks,

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PHILATELISTS CORNER.

BY COLLECTOR.

I wonder how many of my readers have the entire set of the present U. S. issue, unwater marked.

The \$1. bids fair to rival the \$1. Columbian in price it has been out of use but five Months, and has just doubled in value, being Catalogued at \$2. new.

One Collector in Washington bought 1000 as a speculation.

Not long ago, at an Auction in New York, a two cent 1851-52 Hawaiian Islands, was offered Several elderly Collectors nearly fought over its possession, but the stamp was soon discovered to be a forgery.

Only the very wealthy collectors can pay the prices Necessary in

plate Collecting, for this reason, the "face is declining.

The six Cent Columbian is the most valuable among the values below ten cents as they had a much smaller issue.

On the 30th of March, the Swedish Gov. withdrew from sale, the 6, 12 and 24 ore stamps.

South African Dep. is preparing a new issue.

The trouble in Venezuela and South African Rep. has caused an increased demand for the stamps of those countries.

Since 1878 the 15 cent France has been issued with quadrille design on the back.

I will answer all questions in regard to stamp collecting so send them in.

GOOD NEWS CLUB CHAT.

EDITED BY A.H.WILD.

August Gehlig is Captain of a Good News Clan, known as "Clan of Black Roon."

The Good News Universal Stamp Club has disbanded.

We learn with regret of the retirement of Frank Burnell Somer from Club dom. He was one of our ablest officers, and has made many friends during the time he was connected with Good News Clubs But it is owing to business matters that he is compelled to retire.

The Good News Sporting Club Soco, Me., has disbanded,

—CLUB HOURS.—

What has become of Gus. W. Gaul once so prominent in Club circles?

The prizes that Good News offers to the three secretaries sending in the best Club notices is a good thing as it will wake up some of the sleepy officers.

MISSUNDERSTOOD.

BY JIMMIE DUNWOOD.

Pa. is the funniest and queerest man I've ever seen. He gets all kinds of crazy notions into his brain. Learning from a friend that the french word, "Au Revoir" meant good bye until we meet again, he thought he would put it to some use and Sunday evening he found his opportunity I went to church with him that night and on our way home we met Mr Conley, who had been out visiting a friend. Well he and Pa started to chew the rag about something and by the way the former talked, I could tell that he was in a bad mood. When they parted Pa said to Mr Conley, "Au Revoir" but the latter who seemed to be a little deaf in hearing that night, thought that the old man had called him an old resivoir and got mad. He shook his big fist under Pa's nose and said: "See here, John Dunwood, I wont have none of your insults." "Why what ails you to night," gasped Pa But then here was a misunderstanding again, for Mr Conley thought Pa said he was full of ale and that was enough to arouse his fighting spirit, for he claimed to be a temperance man. He hit

Pa a savage blow on the cheek and another one in the eyes, which knocked the old man into a puddle of mud; and then seeming satisfied with what he had done, cooley walked away. Pa presented such a comical sight when he arose, that I nearly split my sides laughing. He was covered from head to foot with mud which he proceeded to wipe of as best he could. Mr Conley and Pa dont speak to each other now no more.

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