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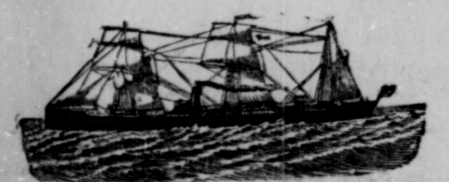
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A BIT OF HISTORY.

German town, Pa., Was Once Called the Capital of the Country.

A pupil in the Boys' Grammar school, on Lafayette street, Germantown, was asked by his teacher "when the first congress occupied the Germantown academy, located on West School lane." It was a puzzle, of course, to the young scholar, who was at a loss to find anything in print verifying such an event. The facts, however, from which the false impression has frequently obtained are as follows: The government of the United States was first inaugurated in New York in 1789, but by act of congress Philadelphia was made the capital of the nation from 1790 until 1800. In 1793 the yellow fever became epidemic in this city, and it was in October of that year that the governor of Pennsylvania asked the board of trustees to accommodate the house of assembly, and a similar request for quarters came from congress.

At the November meeting following the board proffered to congress the choice of the school building, but there is no minute evidence to show that congress accepted the generous offer. At this time Washington resided in Germantown, and the town was spoken of as the government place of the state, and also of the United States. Jefferson, then secretary of state, and Randolph, attorney general, occupied the building, some years ago torn down to extend the site on which the National bank now stands, at Main street and School lane.

So, with Washington, Thomas Jefferson and John Randolph residing in Germantown, it is not strange that the conclusion should be formed that congress was in session at the same time. Although the Germantown academy never had the honor of accommodating congress, a few years later, in 1798, when the yellow fever made its appearance again in this city, the banks of North America and of Pennsylvania did find a temporary place of safety in the old academy.—Philadelphia Record.

Lace Lappets.

If you know anybody who has a pair of old fashioned lace lappets, says a fashion writer, you may recommend her to utilize these in the following fashion: On the next evening or dinner gown the lappets may begin almost touching each other at the waist, and, gradually parting, form a trimming down the front of the skirt, ending in immense quadruple bows of satin ribbon, which must be stabbed through with diamond buttons or clasps, or, another way, as the cookery books say, line the lappets with velvet or satin of some bright color and turn them into bretelles, crossing the shoulders and meeting just above the waist, back and front. Should any one wish to insult and vulgarize her beautiful old lace with a touch of modernity she can buy rhinestones or imitation emeralds, sapphires or rubies and sew them all over it.

Law For the Poor.

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At the time of the Persian invasion of Greece the island was populous and prosperous. It was divided into several independent republics, which, like those of peninsular Hellas, were not always in peace and friendship with each other. They kept free from foreign wars, however, except as they voluntarily furnished mercenary troops to whichever side would pay the best for them. This was done in both the Persian and Peloponnesian wars, when the Cretan archers were as noted and as dreaded as those of merry England in later days.

The prowess of the ancient Cretans and their insular position kept them free from invasion down almost to the Christian era. While the eagles of Rome "flapped wide wings in fiery flight" over nearly all else of the known world that island retained its independence. Indeed it was only through intestine quarrels that it was at last subdued. Some 70 years before the Christian era Rome took advantage of the prevailing discord in Crete to invade the island, on the pretext that the Cretans had given aid and comfort to Mithridates and had ill treated some Roman soldiers. The first army was repulsed and almost annihilated by the Cretans.

But Rome was determined to achieve the conquest if it took the whole power of her empire. Army after army was sent, and after three years of desperate fighting Rome prevailed. For the first time in her history Crete became, in 68 B. C., subject to an alien master. From that day to the present, for more than 1900 years, she has been a conquered province, never once regaining the independence so long maintained and so reluctantly relinquished.—New York Tribune.

A TERRIER'S REVENGE.

Summoned His Faithful Friend and Obtained Satisfaction.

This dog story was told to a reporter by a lady who vouches for its accuracy. Remarkable as it is, she affirms that it is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth:

An up the state family had two dogs—a bulldog and a black and tan—between which there existed every evidence of deep friendship. The family went into the country one summer some 16 miles from home. They took the black and tan with them, but left his companion at home. They had not been established in their summer quarters more than a few days before the small dog had managed to pick a quarrel with a neighbor's bulldog, in which the black and tan got much the worse of the argument, so much so that when he disappeared after the battle his owners were much worried. They searched high and low, but no trace of that small dog could be found.

The next morning there was seen coming up the road side by side the black and tan and his faithful companion, the bulldog, from home. The two marched straight past the hotel where the family were staying and halted in front of the home of the black and tan's enemy. In some unknown manner the country bulldog was summoned, and immediately his city contemporary fell upon him. The struggle was severe and prolonged, but the issue was never in doubt. The country bulldog was completely conquered and retired in as good order as possible under the circumstances. The victor, once his task completed, wheeled about and without a stop retraced the 16 miles to home. The black and tan crawled into the hotel with every indication of complete satisfaction on his diminutive countenance.—New York Mail and Express.

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