

Her Soldier Boy

By Katherine Howe

I watched the National Guards marching down the street on their Mexico. George Wendell, with a front and head erect, I flew to the music, and Ethel, out of her soldier boy, as she him all to herself, for they were fully engaged, although Wendell's had been so marked as to pay to think they were.

Turner, who was George Wendell for the hand of Ethel, had adly of late in the young lady's He was not a soldier, and he declared he didn't care to be a working hard, building up an act, and taking care of his and he believed his place was he could stick to business and duty that lay nearest to him, a long argument with him out the selfishness of such a when his country needed him, told that he didn't think his did need him. He probably so if it did. Edith replied that simply evading the point, and light anyone who called himself says always ready to fight.

"I'm ready to fight," repeated big man in a serious, saddened "So that is your standard of es. It was not the standard of arene, who said: "Blessed are cerners," and "He who taketh rd shall perish by the sword," and was the saddest thing in the hat nearly two thousand years said those words we still have arism, bloodshed, murder, and war on this earth. I don't be- war. If this is what you call make the most of it?"

moment the girl had no an- this, then she said: "Perhaps ad been over there in Belgium ld have thought differently." he answered, "I should have more than ever it was bar-



atched Her Real Own Soldier Boy March Away.

But I don't think I would when George Wendell marched asked Turner if he had seen replied that he had, joked fine, didn't he?" she

indeed," said Turner. "The all looked fine. There's re- inspiration in the martial and the thought that you are e biggest, most manly thing rid."

repeated Ethel, "the biggest, nly thing in the world!" used to think the same way hing duels. It was the man- it romantic thing, and made a of a fellow right away. Then tepped in and put a stop to it. d we had courts, and judges, s to settle these things with- ing in right away to kill. Pub- sent charged at once, and now the duel as silly and brutal, as keep up the duel on a hor- ge scale. But it won't be for eat bodies move slowly—but ave."

large gray eyes looked down ily. She had listened with but Turner saw she was not l. He was saddened, but

not agree with me, I know." "But that is my strong con- I cannot think differently. I honest, and say so." "I am sone so," she rejoined. "I am think did not give up his at- Ethel, though he felt that lendell had the preference. In the harrier between them he at love deep in his heart for meant to win if he could.

Wendell came back, and rching up the street with the dat the enthusiastic cheers of He looked bronzed and ad again Ethel was proud of ceptions were given in which so of the centers of attraction of the hour. The Guardsmen ked for dancing partners, and Turner see that his star was a ever in eclipse.

He me something about it?" to Wendell one day. "How m to be shooting Mexicans?" "I know," he answered. "I not any."

don't think any of us did. orked from morning till night, ke a day laborer on a sub- it wasn't quite so much fun

"I didn't suppose it was fun." "I tell you I had enough. Before I'd go again I'd get out of the country." "Oh, George!" cried the girl in dismayed astonishment. "You don't mean that!"

"I do mean just that." "But if your country needs you?" she queried.

"It isn't going to need me right away. If it should want men, there'll be plenty who are looking for glory. I'm glad enough to get back to my little job of selling automobiles."

"I declare," she said disappointedly. "You talk almost like Roy Turner."

"Oh, no, I don't," he protested. "His head is in the clouds. He's a crank. I know what I'm talking about."

Then came the president's declaration of war. Ethel, all loyalty and enthusiasm, said to George Wendell: "I suppose you've changed your mind, and you will be off to the front now!"

"I don't know," evaded Wendell. "There's something the matter with my right arm, rheumatism or something. I don't think I'd pass." And he changed the subject.

Ethel was a trifle absent-minded. She was turning over some things in her mind. George Wendell had no one depending on him, his parents were well to do. Was he a "slacker?" Her hero had gone down a notch or two in her esteem.

Something like a week after this she was surprised by a telephone call from Roy Turner, asking if he might call to see her. She set the time, and wondering a bit. He had not been coming very often of late, and she concluded it was either because he had been going to see Mabel Cross or he thought her engaged to Wendell. She was beginning to see what his coming had meant to her, even if he was a pacifist. She was surprised at herself to find how her heart beat at the thought of seeing him.

He was a trifle behind time, and she was counting the moments when he came.

"I wanted to see a few old friends before going away," he said in the most casual manner.

"Going away?" she echoed.

"Yes, I've enlisted."

"What?" she cried. "Well, you have changed your mind!"

"Not at all. I think just as I always have, that war is barbarism. But if barbarians force you into it, to save the lives of others, you must fight them with their own weapons. That declaration of war embodies my own argument, every bit of it. Oh, it is splendid! I tell you, it is a classic! Every word will ring down through the ages. I am glad to go."

"Roy!" she said brokenly, "may I give you some little thing to take with you—something you may need?"

"There's something I need very much. It is not a little thing. It's a great deal to ask for, but—" he paused, looking questioningly at her.

"I think you can have it—if you're meaning me," she said.

No Ethel watched her real own soldier boy march away with choked-back tears and a great deal of pride.

MAN SHOULD KEEP HIS WORD

To Be Sure of Always Doing It, One Should Be Chary of Making Promises, Says Writer.

It is a fine thing to have the reputation of always keeping one's promises. To enjoy such a reputation, a man needs first of all to be chary of making promises, says the Milwaukee Journal. No promise should be made without due thought. One wants a reasonable assurance that he will be able to keep his word before giving it. It has been said that "a bad promise is better broken than kept," and this is probably true. But it is better still to see to it that the bad promise is not made in the first place.

Fair promises may make you friends for the time being, or bring you some gain to which you may not be really entitled. But truth comes out at last, even though long hidden, and then the seeming gain is lost, the friends you made turn to enemies and scorn becomes your portion. The gain gotten unfairly never makes one rich or happy. You cannot come back too often on the proverb about "bad promises," or you will be known as a man on whom no one can rely. Look ahead before making a promise. A man who is known to be careful about keeping his word is sure to have the respect of those with whom he has to deal.

Beggars Were Wealthy.

Several beggars who, for a number of Sundays, made themselves conspicuous by stopping people on their way to church and asking alms, were arrested in New York city. Upon being searched at police headquarters, it was found that each one of them possessed a large roll of bills. One of them, it is said, had in his possession deeds to several valuable parcels of land.

Worry Greatest Slave Master.

The moment I fret about a thing I am its slave instead of its master. And there is no slave master in the world like worry. Another master may grudge the sleeping hour, but he must give you time for sleep. Another master may grudge the dinner hour, but he must give you time for food. But worry will work you 24 hours a day and spoil your appetite in the bargain.—Mark Guy Pearse.

Buying Trouble.

"That man is always borrowing trouble."

"Borrowing? Why, that man is so anxious for trouble he buys it!"

"Whaddie mean, buys it?"

"You should have seen him under his new fiver yesterday."

One Lost Opportunity.

"In the old days when graft flourished, men had it much easier one way."

"What was that?"

"Those with itching palms did not have to scratch for a living."

Sure Proof.

Banks—Is your Featherly a responsible sort of person?

Brookes—Yes, he's responsible for most of the mistakes in our department.

MACHINE GUN MOUNTED ON AUTOMOBILE



EFFECTIVE DEFENSE AGAINST RAIDERS. If you own an automobile, you have a likely defense weapon in your possession. The photograph shows Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Busch in their automobile showing how the machine gun can be mounted on the car to be used for defense purposes.

It is proposed as a home defense measure to station machine guns at points throughout cities and suburban stations so that in case of necessity the people with automobiles can rush to these points, get the guns, mount them on their machines and be ready for action. The machine gun can be used as an anti-aircraft gun, and would be an effective defense against air raids, if such ever occur. Mr. and Mrs. Busch are touring to show the people the value of the idea and to demonstrate how the gun is mounted.

Every automobile that will not be used for other military purposes can be converted into a fighting machine. It doesn't make any difference how small the machine is, it can serve the purpose just as well.

VACATION BY AUTO

Getting to Be Quite the Thing for Family to Go to Some Resort for Week.

NIGHTS PASSED IN HOTELS

Camping Out Where Fancy Homes are Really Cheapest and Most Enjoyable—Keep the Gasoline Tank Well Filled.

It is becoming quite the thing for families to make the vacation trip by auto, either going to some distant resort for a week or two, or taking a leisurely drive of several hundred miles through the country. The nights may be spent in hotels or farmhouses, or you may camp where fancy chooses. The latter is really the cheapest and most enjoyable.

The pleasure of any trip is in proportion to the poorest accessory. A crocheted hat at camping will either take along a lot of useless things or forget some things which are essential. The experienced camper has learned what needed to make the days and nights comfortable; so talk the plans over carefully with those who have taken one or more trips of this kind, and get their suggestions and advice.

Supplies Needed.

For the car you will need to take a gallon can of oil, a can of grease, one or two gallon cans of gasoline, a tow-line, spade, tire chains, and an ax. Keep your gasoline tank well filled, especially if you are off the main line of travel. If you find the gasoline is getting low and no supply within several miles, put in a gallon of kerosene and adjust the carburetor for it.

Fitting your purse to your needs of equipment requires careful study. If you can afford it, buy a trailer. If this is out of your reach buy a tent. It is surprising in what a small space you can fold a modern camping tent. A roll no longer than a trunk and the width of the running board will hold the tent roof, springs, mattress, mosquito netting and legs for the bed support. In another roll you can have a lunch table and set of chairs, while a small box in the tonneau will carry the food, and can be opened up to provide a table on which to eat.

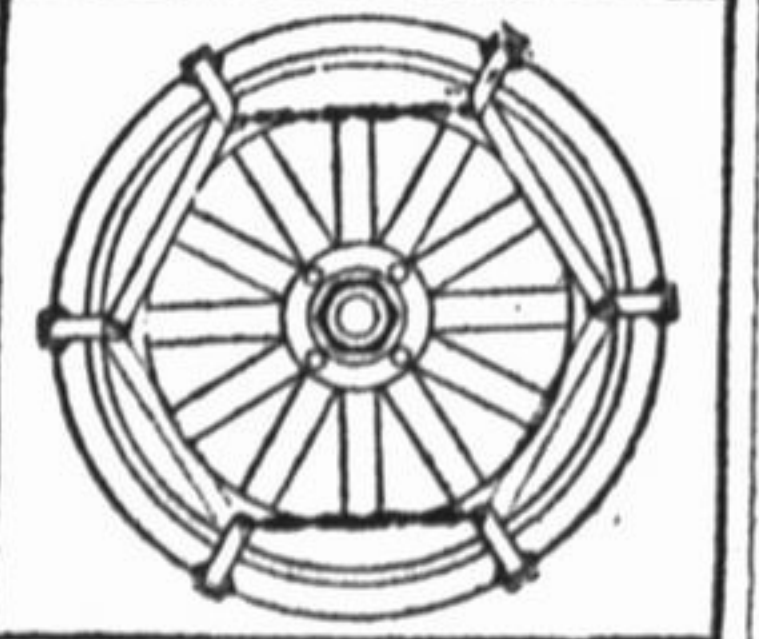
Cooking Utensils.

A portable stove and a few aluminum cooking utensils with knives, forks, spoons, etc., will complete the outfit. In two or three quart thermos bottles you can carry hot coffee for the noonday lunch as well as lead milk and water. Much of the food can be purchased at farmhouses as you go along, but it is well to carry a strip of bacon, sugar, flour, salt and pepper. Four or five people can get along very nicely for a week, and obtain a very enjoyable vacation at little cost.

GOOD FOR SKID PREVENTION

Apparatus is Attachable in Few Minutes and is Said to Be More Reliable Than Chains.

There is much to be said against the chains which commonly are used for skid prevention on automobiles, and many persons with an inventive turn of mind have been seeking to find a substitute. Some curious and many worthless devices have been turned out and found impracticable. The man who figured out the scheme shown in the accompanying drawing claims that his device is attachable in a few minutes, that it is more reliable than



Anti-Skid Device.

chains, and that it is fastened firmly to the tire and does away with the annoying rattle which accompanies the use of chains. Half a dozen treads are used to each wheel and are said to be sufficient to prevent skidding on the worst kind of roadways. The treads are put on in sections consisting of two treads each, and the whole joined together by means of the chains.—Farming Business.

STRETCH FENCES WITH AUTO

Car Pressed Into Service and Work Accomplished Satisfactorily Where Tools Were Lacking.

It was desired to build about three miles of three-strand barbed-wire fence and fence-building equipment was not available. An automobile was pressed into service and the work was accomplished satisfactorily in the following manner: The posts were set ready to receive the wire. The rolls of wire were hauled to the place at which the wiring was to begin. Two posts were set in the ground, one on each side of the end of the fence, and the three spools of barbed wire were supported upon them by means of pipe. The spools could revolve as on a reel and were set at the height at which it was desired to fasten the wire on the fence posts. The free end of one coil was fixed to the automobile, the wire was unreeled, and by driving slowly it was drawn to the desired tension. It was then stapled to the posts. In this way the other two strands were also fastened. The result was a fence having the wire drawn tightly and made in comparatively short time.—Popular Mechanics.

RIGHT PRESSURE FOR MOLDS

They Should Be Tightened Until Cavities are Exact Size of Tire in Making Sectional Repairs.

In making sectional repairs, head mold should be tightened until the cavity is the exact size of the tire. Then an added quarter-turn of the clamp screw will give just enough pressure to insure the proper flow of the gum. This turn saves the air-bag consider- able strain. However, if much more pressure is exerted, there is danger that the fabric or the inside surface of the repaired section will buckle or bulge.

Carry Tire Chalk

Don't leave tire chalk out of your tool kit. Some of it should be shaken into the shoes every time you change tubes. It helps the tube to settle in place, and reduces friction between tube and shoe, thus prolonging the life of the tube.

Trunk Chains

The drive chains on trucks should be adjusted carefully. If too tight the chains will wear rapidly, and if too slack the force of starting will be so great as to break the chain sprockets.

SEES NO REASON TO BE GLOOMY

Herbert Hoover Says Success in This War is a Question of Resources.

FOOD PROBLEM IS SOLVED

Spontaneous Volunteer Effort on Part of People Provides Great Stock of Food—American Women Respond Nobly in Great Crisis.

By HERBERT HOOVER.

Washington.—No one can rightly be gloomy over the outcome for the American people in this war. Success in this war is a question of resources, and the will and ability of the people to organize themselves to use their resources rightly and to endure. Many thinking people in America and throughout the whole world, have been watching anxiously the last four months in the fear that Democratic America could not organize to meet autocratic Germany. Germany has been confident that it could not be done. Contrary proof is immediately at our door. Aside from the remarkable assemblage of our army and financial resources, our people have already demonstrated their ability to mobilize, organize, endure and prepare voluntarily and efficiently in many directions and upon a mere word of inspiration.

Food Supply Increased.

We entered the war four months ago, and it was announced by the president that one of the great problems of the war would be food; that we must prepare to increase and to save our foodstuffs for a year in advance, not only for ourselves, but for our allies as well. There has been no consequential national or local legislation, yet the greatest spontaneous volunteer effort ever made in history has provided us with a larger stock of food supply as a result of patriotic planting in every quarter, and waste is being eliminated out of every crack and cranny of our homes, and of our industries. This is being done without suspension of the law, and by spontaneous effort and self-denial of the people. There have sprung up over night throughout the United States, in every city, county, village and state, definite and positive organizations, practicing in their ends and unflagging in their efforts, which have the will to solve food-supply questions. No autocratic government could accomplish this. Germany accomplished less in twelve months than our people have done in four. The only need of our legislation and authority is to curb those who would profit by this volun-

TYROL'S GIRL SOLDIER WOUNDED IN BATTLE

Copenhagen.—Victoria, Ranz of Meran, an eighteen-year-old Tyrolean girl who has been fighting in the trenches on the Italian front for the past two years, was seriously wounded in battle a few days ago, says a dispatch to a Berlin newspaper. She was operated on and later pronounced out of danger, although it was said she would be incapacitated for further service.

The girl is the holder of a bronze medal for bravery and is on the list for further decoration.

HOLD COURT DURING AIR RAID

London Judges Hear Evidence While Bombs Are Exploding in Nearby Streets.

London.—While bombs rained in the streets nearby and a hundred guns roared at the sky, judges, counsel and witnesses in London courts went right along with the dull job of holding down evidence into justice.

Rose Witten, a pretty girl of seventeen, stayed in the witness box in one court and gave her evidence in a little louder tone to be heard above the bombs.

"You need not continue if you are frightened," said the judge to Miss Witten.

"I'm not frightened," she replied. "Let's go on with the story."

Before continuing the case the justice appealed to all in the courtroom to "die like Englishmen" if they must die.

New Star is Discovered.

Cambridge, Mass.—The discovery of another star, said to be the only new one found in five years, was announced to the Harvard Observatory recently by Prof. W. S. Adams of Mount Wilson Observatory, California. Credit for the discovery was given to Prof. George W. Ritchey of Mount Wilson. The star was estimated to be of the fourteenth magnitude.

Mia Crazy Patch Garden.

Findlay, O.—John A. Sutton, superintendent of the state experiment station, south of this city, has added several more oddities to his crazy patch garden, which now has more than 150 different varieties of seed planted. He has just planted some British Queen potatoes from California and grain from the summit of the Himalaya mountains.

Try Case on Phone.

Manitowoc, Wis.—The long-distance telephone was used recently in the trial of Alfred Grasse, a Sheboygan man, charged with trespassing on private property when he did not appear in court. He pleaded guilty over the wire, was fined \$1 and costs and mailed a check for \$5.63 to the court.

To aid in using sealing wax an alcohol lamp has been invented the flame of which burns under a shallow receptacle in which wax is melted and from which it can be poured.

teer movement. The proof of all this lies in the fact that our present prospects indicate an increase of production of cereals by 800,000,000 bushels. Our farmers planted an increased acreage of wheat, but the weather has not responded for this product. Literally millions of new gardens have been planted or extended everywhere. We have the largest supply of vegetables in our history.

Women Respond Nobly.

The wolf is at the door of Europe, and with all these surpluses, our stock of foodstuffs would still have been too little for the demand upon us during the coming year if our people had not responded to the call for wise and economical use of food and for the elimination of waste. The response not only in planting, but also in conservation has been of such spontaneous, magnificent order as to justify confident optimism in the ability of our people to prepare and to preserve. In the matter of our great surplus of perishables, because of our inability to ship these to our allies, a call was sent out from Washington asking that our people should consume the perishables during the summer and fall months in substitution for the great staples which should be held for the winter, and for shipment to our allies. They were asked to substitute corn for wheat and to conserve the waste of meat and fats by the use of substitutes. That this is being done is already evidenced by reports of dealers in cereals and in meats, which indicate a most remarkable decrease in demand for those commodities and an increased demand for substitutes. A call also was sent out asking that all perishables that could not be consumed should be preserved and stored. This call, since the arrival of perishables in May, has been met by the response of millions of women in the country, not only in the matter of preserving in the household, but also by the creation of innumerable committees, clubs, demonstration trains and instructors provided by our educational institutions, making a complete system throughout the country. Although we are only half way through the canning season, we can begin to see magnificent results. It is obvious enough that the American woman has not lost the household arts of her pioneer mother.

Will Supply the Deficiency.

Our American canners will this year produce about 1,700,000,000 cans of fruit and vegetables. Our government and the allies will require about 200,000,000 of these cans. The returns we have from various state organizations based upon the results obtained for the first half of the season indicate that the American women will preserve 200,000,000 jars and cans of fruit and vegetables this year, and will thus supply any deficiency called for by the armies.

Even though the situation in Europe may be gloomy today, no American who has knowledge of the results already obtained in every direction need have one atom of fear that democracy will not defend itself in these United States.

I recall that shortly before we joined the war, I had a conversation with a prominent German official who had spent some time in the United States, and who had a much deeper appreciation than most Germans of what America's entry in the war would mean. His final remark to me after a long discussion was: "I do not fear the American soldiers because they cannot arrive in time; what I fear is the intelligence and devotion of 100,000,000 of original minds and people trained to a faith in individual initiative. The day that these people, now so materialistic in outward appearance, are stirred spiritually, that day is the day of Germany's doom."

HOOSIERS PLAN TO AID SOLDIERS BY BIG FUND

Richmond, Ind.—The citizens of Wayne county, through the county council of defense, expect to raise a large fund for the benefit of the soldiers called to the colors of the United States. Under plans being developed financial aid will be given in meeting premiums on insurance, that may not have been invalidated by reason of military service; payment of taxes owed by soldiers, and other financial assistance that will be needed.

The plan is to meet problems larger than giving aid merely in the manner of comfort kits, little luxuries and the like.

ACTIVE IN WAR WORK

Marchioness of Londonderry in the uniform of colonel of England's Women Volunteer reserves. The members of the reserves are taught signaling, dispatch riding, telegraphing, motoring and camp cooking; to be ready in the event of an invasion of England from land, sea, or air.

Lady Londonderry is wife of one of England's richest peers. She is one of the most beautiful women in England's court circles, and from the beginning of the war has been foremost in stimulating interest and enthusiasm in war work to aid the government, and in charities caring for those affected by the war.

COLLEGE GIRLS AS GUARDS

Government Finds They Give Capable Service in America's National Parks.

Estes Park, Colo.—Women "nature guards" is the latest innovation in the administration of America's national parks. The guards are cultured college girls, whose duty it is to accompany camping parties through the great natural playgrounds and give interesting talks on the trees and flowers, as well as the birds and animals of the region. Any camper may obtain the services of these girl teachers of nature lore for a nominal charge.

The first park to have such guards is the Rocky Mountain National park, of which Estes Park village is the principal gateway. Four young women already have passed the rigid federal examinations and have been appointed by Supervisor L. C. Wray of the park. They have been swamped with applications for their services.

Girl Wears Overalls.

Evansville, Ind.—Evansville women are interested in the case of Mrs. Hatfield Miskell of Danville, Ill., because she wore overalls when at work in her garden. Many women in Evansville during the last year have adopted the overalls, among them being Miss Marie Messick, daughter of Albert R. Messick, nominee for mayor. Miss Messick drives her father's car and keeps it in repair. When working about the machine she always wears overalls.

Northfolk Hears Oceanic Roar.

New York.—Lord Northcliffe, while the great Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telegraph and Telephone company in New York city, heard the roar of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans at the same time through long distance connections.

Schoolgirl's Perfect Record.

Hayward, Wis.—Miss Dagmar Brothen, a member of the 1917 graduate class of the Hayward high school, has a perfect mark for regular school attendance, as she did not miss a day, nor was tardy, from September 1, 1906, when she entered the school, to the time she graduated with the class.

Roughened plates have been invented to be attached to a man's shoes to keep his feet from slipping on wet floors.