ACROSS SAHARA DESERT.

Balloon With Pigeons as the Only Passengers.

London Engineering prints a description of the type of balloon ordered by the French War Office. An attempt is to be made to send it across the Desert of Sahara. The balloon will not be manned. The sole living occupants will be six pigeons, who will be in the lower compartment of a small car.

Water ballast will be carried in a tank suspended by wire ropes below the car. Attached to the valve is a brass wire twelve metres long, bearing a steel ball weighing twenty kilos, which will keep the valve closed, except when the weight of the steel ball is removed, as when it touches the ground. The valve will then open, the water will flow, and the balloon will go up again. Even after a loss of a portion of the water, the valve will remain closed so long as the steel ball is suspended.

The upper division of the car is provided with a camera, which is capable of taking a photograph every fifteen minutes. The car will also carry a hydrometer, a barometer and thermometers. All the instruments are capable of working five days. There are also arrangements for the escape of the pigeons when the balloon strikes the ground.

There will be a small internal air balloon of 568 cubic metres. The balloon itself will be of 1,000 cubic metres. Another balloon of 57 cubic metres will accompany the main balloon. It will be composed of varnished cambric and inflated with illuminating gas and will carry a sail. The total weight will not exceed 170 kilos, including the entire equipment.

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Nurses' Experience.

Medical men say that a good nurse in a difficult case is better than medicine, but when we can get a good nurse and good medicine, the patient stands a much better chance of recovery. The few words of advice given below by nurse Eliza King, are well worthy the attention of all readers:

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HOW CAUSTIC BURNS.

Take a piece of woollen cloth, or a piece of a blanket, and boil it thoroughly in a strong solution of caustic soda, and you will find the wool will gradually be eaten away, leaving nothing but the skeleton. Women do not realize how "soap substitutes," which are generally surcharged with soda, or how common alkaline soaps destroy their clothing; consequently they, week by week, subject costly fabric to such treatment. The hands also are immersed for hours in such solutions, resulting in eczema, coarse skin, and brittle nails. The caustic soda may loosen the dirt, but it eats away the fabric and ruins the hands. There is no economy in such work. It is so easy for a woman to test the difference between an alkali charged soap and a neutral washing soap, that it is strange that there is room for any but a pure soap on the Canadian market. Sunlight Soap has been tested by chemists and analysts the world over, and its freedom from free alkali or caustic has been demonstrated by the highest medical authorities. Consequently the true saying, "Sunlight Soap reduces expenses." 602.

IN A SUBMARINE BOAT.

An English Seaman Describes His Experience.

A seaman who took part in the recent trial of Submarine Boat 2 in Stokes Bay, off the English coast, gives an interesting description of his experiences. He says the sensation when the boat is diving is very singular. The increased pressure on the hull caused by the submersion can be distinctly felt. He attributes this to the deadening of vibration through submersion. There is plenty of light from the electric lamp. A sort of greenish haze slants in through the glass scuttles of the conning tower. At a depth of two fathoms one can tell by peering through one of these whether the weather is cloudy or the sun is shining on the water. The first sense is one of numbness, but he is inclined to believe that this is more fanciful than real, and is caused by a feeling of helplessness. There is no perceptible vibration to the boat even when the hull is submerged at a speed of seven knots, except for a slight tremor caused by the working of the gasoline engine. The sense of silence is profound. The longest time they were under water was three hours and twenty-seven minutes. Towards the finish he felt slightly nauseated. Two of the men aboard were very sick. The ringing in the ears seemed to be the chief trouble. All seamen on submarine boats, so this sailor man said, speedily grow pale. The seaman said he didn't like the life.

THE BEST FED SOLDIER.

The British soldier is the best fed individual of his class in Europe. He receives for his daily rations 16 ounces of bread, 12 ounces of meat, two ounces of rice, eight ounces of dried vegetables, 16 ounces of potatoes, and once a week he receives two ounces of salt, four ounces of coffee, and nine ounces of sugar.

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THE NEW YORK CENTRAL SPIRIT.

The spirit of accommodating the public seems to be the keynote for the great success enjoyed by the New York Central Railroad. A trip anywhere over this popular line will convince the most blase traveler on that point. Every employe seems to have caught the spirit of accommodation, of being obliging and making friends for the big company he is working for, and from the highest official to the lowest employe. "New York Central" employes impress patrons as being high grade gentlemen and very desirous of making the traveler's journey such a pleasure that he will come again and again. Ticket and baggage agents, trainmen and porters can smooth or ruffle one's temper so easily! When you are given the impression there is nothing too good for you, whether you are traveling five or five hundred miles, that road certainly possesses the first big right to be popular. Four smooth tracks all the way from Buffalo to New York, over which a score of fast modern equipped trains, including the Empire State Express and the 20th Century Limited, run every day, surely shows a popular road. So do red-capped porters in stations, excellent dining car service and all the modern equipments for enjoyable traveling.

But best of all is the spirit of being obliging and civil, answering questions politely and assisting; in short, helping the traveler, who may be making his first trip, to have such a good time that he will come often and feel at home. And the New York Central can justly be credited with having inculcated this spirit of accommodation in its employes to such a degree that it is so pleasantly noticeable as to be termed "The New York Central Spirit." — From the Commercial West, Minneapolis.

HOW THEY COMPARE.

The Scotsman earns on the average £45 a year, the Englishman £38, and the Irishman £20. Scotland spends £3 per head per year for upkeep of police, roads, bridges, harbors, education, etc., while the Englishman and Irishman contributed £2 18s. and £1 4s. respectively. Scottish fishermen bring to port a quantity of fish worth for every man, woman, or child in their country, 7s. 6q; English fishermen, 3s. 4d. worth; and Irish fishermen, 1s. 2d. worth. Scotsmen, too, appear to be most thrifty. In the savings banks, each Scotsman has £5 4s.; each Englishman, £5; and each Irishman, £2.

Lover (mournfully)—"Have you learned to love another?" Flirt (who had just broken off her engagement with him)—"Oh, no, George; I didn't have to learn. The man is very, very wealthy, and the love came spontaneously."

TOWN TREASURER.

QUEBEC MUNICIPAL OFFICER GIVES IMPORTANT EVIDENCE.

Without Fear, Favor, or Affection, He Speaks Plainly His Honest Sentiments, Adding Some Words of Advice.

Wolfestown, Que., Sept. 8.—(Special).—Mr. R. Boulanger, Secretary and Treasurer of this town, is numbered among the most prominent and highly respected citizens of the country.

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