HELP FOR RUSSIA

Valentine tanks built at the Canadian Pacific Angus Shops en route to the Russian battlefield.

HOW CAN I?
BY ANNE ASHLEY

What is a good fertilizer for a fern?

A. Try using a solution of eight parts of sodium chloride, four parts potassium nitrate, and two parts magnesium. Mix thoroughly and put into bottle. Dissolve one teaspoonful of this solution in a quart of water and water the fern about once a week.

Q. How can I prevent squeaking casters in my furniture?

A. Before inserting the casters, dip the shanks into vaseline and then slip them into place. This not only prevents squeaks, but also greatly facilitates the rolling of the furniture.

Q. How can I prevent syrup from turning back into sugar?

A. The turning back to sugar can be avoided when making syrup, if, when it is coming to a boil, one-third teaspoon cream of tartar is added to every two cups of sugar used.

Q. How can I clean corduroy?

A. Use pure white soap and warm soapy water when washing corduroy. Plunge the goods up and down; rinse several times in clear water. Do not wring; hang up inside out, dripping wet, to dry. Do not iron, but use a brush when dry (only one way of the cloth) to smooth the nap.

Q. What is a good home remedy for relieving a cough?

A. A mixture of honey and lemon juice will often prove effective. Butter in hot milk, taken before retiring, will ease the throat and induce a pleasantly drowsy feeling.

MODERN ETIQUETTE
BY ROBERTA LEE

1. What is the proper way to speak into a telephone?
2. Should salads always be cut and eaten with the fork?
3. What kind of place-cards should be used at the bridal table to indicate where the guests are to sit?
4. What are some of the expressions salespeople in stores should avoid using?
5. Is it ever permissible for the hostess to sit at the side of the dinner table?
6. What is the correct pronunciation of "decollete" and what does it mean?

ANSWERS

1. Talk directly into the mouthpiece with your lips not more than half an inch away. Each inch that you add between your lips and the mouthpiece is equal to adding 120 wire miles to the distance your voice must travel. Use a full, natural tone, and take care to pronounce each word clearly and distinctly. Don't talk too loudly, as this may cause the words to blur in transmission. 2. All salads are eaten with the fork. If hard hearts of lettuce are served and they cannot be managed with a fork, it is permissible to cut them with the knife. 3. Pain white cards, embossed with the bride's initials. 4. Such phrases as "Look here," or "Say now!" to attract one's attention. And slang phrases such as "O. K., "Sure," and "All righty." 5. No; she should always sit at the foot of the table. 6. Pronounce da-kol-ta, both a's as in day, o as in of, accent last syllable. It is a French word that means "leaving the neck and shoulders uncovered."

Clean Sweep

Revenue was mounting nicely at the benefit turkey shoot when a uniformed man strolled up and wanted to know what went on.

Sponsors explained that three turkeys and a goose were being given away. All you had to do was hit the birds' heads bobbing in a box 90 yards away—at a dime a shot.

The uniformed man said he would try fifty cents worth. He fired four times, picked up three turkeys and the goose and went home without asking for his dime change. The sponsors also went home.

Have You Heard?

Having extended her visit longer than she meant to, the old lady was going home after dark—and it was dark.

Presently in spite of all her care, she bumped into a dimly-seen man and they both crashed on the pavement. At once the man was all apologies.

"So sorry," he murmured. "Careless of me. Let me help you up. So sorry."

"Never mind all that," returned the old lady, curtly, "Will you please tell me which way I was facing before I was knocked down."

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Some gulls were following a ferry boat.

An Irishman said. "Nice flock of pigeons."

A tourist insisted: "Those are gulls."

"Well," said the Irishman, "gulls or boys, they're a fine flock of pigeons."

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A new system of memory training was being taught in a village school and the teacher was becoming enthusiastic.

"For instance," he said, "supposing you want to remember the name of a poet Bobby Burns. Fix in your mind's eye a picture of a policeman in flames. See Bobby Burns?"

"Yes, I sees," said a bright pupil. "But how is one to know it does not represent Robert Browning?"

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An optimist and a pessimist were defined by a speaker at a meeting in Falkirk the other day as follows:

"An optimist is a man who sees a light that isn't there, and a pessimist is the fool who tries to blow it out."

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Hitler was interviewing his troops and stopped to talk to one private.

"How are things with you?" he asked.

"Oh, I can't complain, sir," answered the soldier.

"I'll say you can't," agreed the Fuehrer.

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Wife: "You kissed the maid, you kissed the maid, you kissed the maid."

Hubby: "You don't have to repeat it so many times."

Wife: "You didn't have to repeat it so many times either."

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The man, hearing of a position open in another city, wired the following message, direct and collect:

"Am on way to accept the position stop deduct cost of this telegram from my first week's salary."

He got the job.

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Teacher: "Name the five zones."

Pupil: "Temperate, intemperate, war, postal and e."

Submarine Officers Under Great Strain

Submarine officers often have ridges across their finger nails, each ridge being caused by a separate period of mental strain, according to Charles Graves, in a book entitled "Life Line," just published in London.

White hair and baldness are also found among captains of submarines. Baldness cannot be caused by nervousnes,s but white hair can, he says. It is not unusual for a submariner's hair to go from jet black to gray in twelve months.

These and other strange facts in his account of the navy's defense of Britain were obtained through special facilities accorded by the Admiralty.

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What Science Is Doing

WHAT SCIENCE IS DOING?
SNEEZES

Professor M. W. Jennison of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has been investigating the "velocity of sneezes," reports The Halifax Herald. The professor used a camera in his research work, and his findings, just published, are worthy of note.

In a "good, full-bodied sneeze" thousands of particles, he assures us, leave the mouth in much the same manner as pellets leave the muzzle of a shotgun, with a velocity of 150 feet a second. The moisture of them quickly evaporates, and the germ-laden particles are left wandering about in the air looking for somebody to infect.

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SOY-BEAN HELMETS

The Soybean Products Laboratory of the Department of Agriculture and the cotton specialists of the Southern Regional Research Laboratory have jointly developed a plastic helmet out of heavy cotton cloth and soybeans. Object: To protect the heads of miners and workers on construction jobs from falling material. The new helmets are lighter than the old metal kind hitherto used. In fact, they are strong enough to deflect blows up to forty pounds, which is about all that the human neck can stand.

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SELF-HEATING

Popular Science tells of cans that heat themselves. The cans are double, with a chemical between the walls that heats on contact with air. Turn a can over, punch four holes, and let stand about fifteen minutes. The result will be piping hot, ready-to-serve spaghetti, beans, or coffee.

Nearly 2,500,000 tons of rice was shipped from Burma in eight months.

Speaks For British

Artillery shells enemy positions as British forces fight on in new Libyan offensive.

Christmas Boxes For War Prisoners

As early as August, 72,000 Christmas boxes began their trek from the Red Cross packing centre in London to Britain's 70,000 men in the prison camps of Germany, British Industries Bulletin relates. The extra 2,000 parcels are an insurance that everybody gets one. The first lap was to Lisbon; the next to Marseilles; then on to Geneva, and so to Germany.

In each box was a Christmas pudding, a double ration of chocolate, chocolate biscuits, rye biscuits, jam, margarine, roast pork and stuffing, a tin of steak and tomato, condensed milk, four ounces of sugar, two ounces of tea and a Christmas cake. Also, 7,200,000 cigarets went off at the same time in separate packages of 100—a double ration for each man. The value of this Christmas gift is £36,000.

Nor has the Red Cross forgotten the little band of eleven British children in German internment camps. Each of them has been sent a special parcel of barley sugar, boiled sweets and so on. And to one hospital in Belgium where there are soldiers who have been lying on their backs since Dunkirk, has gone a consignment of jig-saw puzzles.

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Dinna Ye Hear The Highlanders?

Scottish Battalions, Bagpipes and All, Take Part In Libya Fight

While regimental anonymity is still observed with regard to the Battle of Libya, it is learned indirectly that there are Highlanders in the fray. As a matter of fact there have been Scottish battalions in all the North Africa campaigns down as far as Ethiopia. It is in this great struggle in Libya, however, that the presence of the Scots has become known through incidental reference to the bagpipes.

A despatch fom Cairo in the middle of last week stated that between lulls in the gunfire, the sound of the bagpipes could be heard puttin, fresh heart into their comrades. A later despatch told of the joy with which a Highland regiment heard the skirl of the pipes coming from up in front. That was a pre-arranged signal that a certain point had been captured.

Colors In Action

In olden days bands used to play the regiments into action. The colors of the regiment were carried into the fight too, and the music and the colors were great sources of inspiration. When these customs were abolished, the bandsmen either went into action, too, or acted as stretcher-bearers.

It seems, however, that the Scots' pipers go into action still, to inspire and encourage their comrades. Scots are stirred by the story of the capture of the heights of Dargai during the Chitra campaign in northwest India in 1897, the hero of which Piper James Findlater of the Gordon Highlanders, is still living, and visited relatives in Canada a few years ago. Twice, English regiments had attempted to storm the heights, but were driven back by a withering fire. Then Colonel Mathias rode up to his men and said: "The general says that hill must be taken. The Gordons will take it." Twice Piper Findlater was shot going up the hill, but propping himself against a boulder he played "The Cock o' the North," and thus inspired, the Gordons took the hill. Findlater was awarded the Victoria Cross.

Pipes Give Warning

Probably Scottish men and women have a sharp ear for the sound of the pipes. When the British garrison of 30, together with a few civilians, were besieged in Lucknow for four months, they had almost given up hope and were resigned to massacre when the wife of one of the Scottish soldiers suddenly leaped to her feet and cried: "Dinna ye hear them, dinna ye hear them? The Highlands are comin'."

Nobody else did but in a few minutes the pipes were plainly heard and a column of Highlanders soon arrived causing the Sepoys to flee.

Perhaps there is no sound the Italians and Germans more dread to hear on the field than the bagpipes. It warns them that not only the Campbells are comin' but all the rest of the Scotties.

One-wheelers

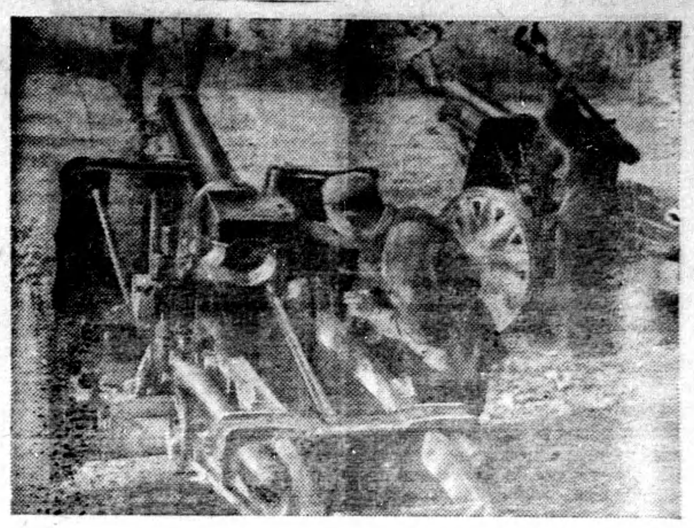
The C. O. of a regiment in the Middle East was puzzled when he received notification to make arrangements for the arrival of:

"Carriers, general utility, one-wheeled, sixty."

He thought it must be a new type of small whippet tank and made the necessary parking arrangements.

Eventually he received sixty wheelbarrows.

GERMAN HOWITZERS IN RUSSIAN HANDS



Soviet artillerymen examining German Howitzers captured in recent fighting. Except for missing parts of the breech block, the nearer gun appears to be in good condition.

Hitler Treats Friend And Enemy Alike

It is not only in the invaded and occupied countries that the Nazis are hated. For some time now the Italians have been becoming increasingly restive since they are finding by bitter experience that as Hitler's jackal they get remarkably few tit-bits. A most interesting article recently appeared in an English newspaper by an Englishman who has lived in Italy for many years and who was very recently a prisoner in Tuscany. The writer says that Italy is subjected by the Nazis to almost as much indignity as a conquered country. There is German control on all railway stations, German supervision in several centres, and the Italian secret police takes second place to the Gestapo. Food is exceedingly scarce; the Italians have had no butter since they entered the war, and they have meat only once a week. The main reason for this is that the Germans have annexed most of their products such as oil, fat, oranges and lemons. Hitler adopts his "bleeding white" policy towards his friends as well as towards his enemies.

1941 Farm Income Higher Than 1940

Increase of 46½ Million and Trend Is Greater to Mixed Production

The prairie trend to mixed farming was exemplified in figures of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics showing that farm income for the first nine months of 1941 was substantially higher than for the same period in 1940.

Live Stock Increases

The increase in value of livestock and livestock products surpassed that of field crops, although increased returns from both categories were reported.

Cash income from prairie farm products sales was placed at $255,-$59,000 for the nine months this year compared with $208,588,000 in the same period in 1940

The value of field crops advanced to $141,056,000 from $122,942,-000 in 1940, while the value in livestock and livestock products rose to $114,303,00, from $85,646,-000.

Wheat production in 1941 was reduced sharply compared with 1940, but during the present year large quantities of the 1940 crop were marketed.

The bureau said that higher receipts in 1941 were recorded for all individual items contributing to the total of farm income.

Saga of the Sea

The perils of the sea are not reserved to the menaces of torpedoes and mines says the Kitchener Record. The old sea with its hurricanes, its pounding waves and its typhoons is still the same elemental terror that challenged mariners since Viking days.

Of recent date is the story of a Canadian three-master schooner from Lunenberg caught in two hurricanes and breached. Her men were reduced to starvation when a small freighter hove in sight and took on the despairing crew.

Salt water permeated the vessel and spoiled the food. The men caught water in reservoirs designed to hold the rain. This was all they had to drink. The skipper had a new dress shirt and he converted the pins in it to fish hooks and the men caught small fish over the rail of the staggering ship.

This is just another saga of the sea that has no U-boats or lurking mine in the background. It is the peril mariners have braved through the ages, and it is the sort of thing that has made men of mariners who now keep open the life lanes of the Empire, operating the merchant marine in spite of the hazard of storm or war.

British Ships Carry New S.O.S. Signals

A column of reddish-orange smoke rose over the ocean, nearly 30 miles away. A British pilot on patrol over the Atlantic spotted it, and realized immediately what it was— an S O S.

The smoke came from a box about two feet square—and every new ocean-going British ship will carry several of them.

This is the life-saving apparatus secretly tested by the Ministry of Shipping, and when that British pilot sighted the column of smoke from the air the experiments were ended.

Shipwrecked men carrying one of these boxes need only to pull a trigger to release a cloud of smoke which will rise for an hour, becoming thicker every minute. The box floats, and if water gets into the chemical inside the smoke becomes still thicker.

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