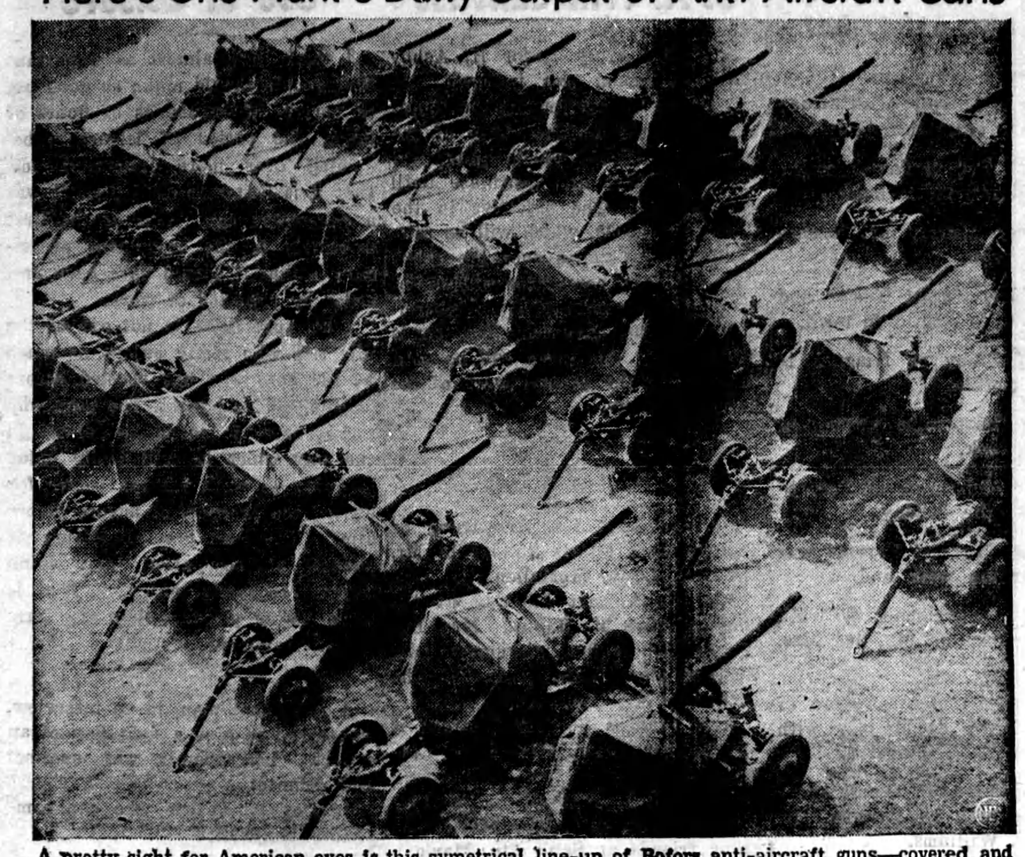
Here's One Plant's Daily Output of Anti-Aircraft Guns



A pretty sight for American eyes is this symetrical line-up of Bofors anti-aircraft guns—covered and ready for shipment—a typical day's production at the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. in Akron. Now in all-out assembly line production, the plant turns out 30 or more of these weapons daily.

Have You Heard

"Sure, and what a night it is!" said the Irishman at a party. "It's simply pouring."

"You can't go home in that downpour," remarked the host. "You had better stay the night with us."

The Irishman disappeared and returned some time later soaking wet.

"Where have you been?" asked the host.

"Home for my pyjamis," replied the Irishman.

The Germans have ordered all copies of Shakespeare's works to be pulped. Before the war they acclaimed him as a true Aryan dramatist, but now, as a humorist puts it, they've discovered he isn't really Hitlerature.

The very irate golfer stalked up to the woman who was surrounded by her offspring.

"You must take your children away from here, madame," he said; "this is no place for them."

"Don't you worry," replied the woman pleasantly, "they can't hear nothing new. Their father was a sergeant major."

Bobby: "A little bird told me what kind of a lawyer your father is."

Johnny: "What did the bird say?"

"Cheap, cheap."

"Well, a duck told me what kind of a doctor your father is!"

The following taken from a petty cash book, is surely the world's shortest novel—

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Magistrate: You say you were arrested while quietly attending to your business. What is your business?

Prisoner: I'm a burglar, sir!

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.

Fed-up salesman — I'm sorry, madam, but we have no shoes which are small on the outside and large on the inside.

What Science Is Doing

GEOPHAGIA

Many a homesick or sardonic Northern Negro, writing to Southern friends, says, "Ship me a bag of good dirt to eat," Time observes.

Sometimes he means it. Even in the Yazoo-Mississippi delta, Negroes and whites send requests to their upcountry friends for a bit of red clay, declaring that black delta soil is "right bad eating." In certain parts of Mississippi, poor whites will walk miles for a spoonful of dirt from a favorite bank of clay, because it "tastes sour, like a lemon." In other sections of the South, some top their meals with a savory tablespoon of dirt, believing that it is "good for them," despite its constipating effects.

What makes people eat dirt? Two scientists at Mississippi State College, Doctors Dorothy Dickins and Robert N. Ford, think they know why: lack of iron in the diet. Science News Letter reported some results of their investigation among 207 Negro school children in Oktibbeha County, Mississippi. At least a quarter of the children admitted eating dirt. Most of the dirt-eaters had less of the iron-rich food, such as molasses, mustard greens, liver, in their diet than did the non-dirt-eaters. And as far as the scientists could find out, the craving for dirt (known as geophagia) has nothing to do with hookworm, as many doctors firmly believe, for hookworm is very rare in geophagous Oktibbeha County.

MODERN ETIQUETTE

By Roberta Lee

1. Is it correct for an employer to introduce his secretary to a caller by saying, "Mr. Jones, this is my secretary, Miss Brown," or shouldn't he give the woman's name first, "Miss Brown, this is Mr. Jones?"

2. What should be done with the knife after using it for cutting food?

3. Should a guest ever join in a family argument?

4. Is it absolutely required that a person give the reason for declining an invitation?

5. Is it proper for a man to smoke a pipe at a formal affair?

6. What is the meaning of "elite," and how is it pronounced?

ANSWERS

1. In the business world, the most important person is mentioned first, regardless of sex. 2. Place the knife at the upper right hand edge of the plate, and on the plate, never with the handle resting on the table. 3. Never. The guest must not take sides, and if he can do so quietly and without notice, he should leave the room or walk away. 4. It is not obligatory that one do so, but unless it is a very intimate reason, one should explain why, and with regret. Otherwise, the hostess might resent a curt "Sorry, I cannot accept." 5. This is sometimes done, but it cannot be called good form. 6. "Elite" is a noun, meaning the choice or select part; especially a group or body considered or treated as socially superior. Pronounce a-let, a as in ate, e as in me, accent last syllable.

HOW CAN I?

By Anne Ashley

Q How can I save sugar when making white cake frosting?

A. When making plain white frosting for a cake, add about two tablespoons of cornstarch and use less sugar. This saves sugar, and the frosting will remain thicker and softer. It is especially good for fruit cakes.

Q. How can I repair a small leak in a water pipe?

A. If the water pipe leaks just the least bit, wind around the leak with some adhesive tape and brush over this with shellac. A small leak can be very successfully mended in this manner.

Q. How can I tell the difference between boiled eggs and unboiled ones when they have become mixed?

A. Spin the eggs on a table. The boiled ones will whirl around fast, but those that are raw will make only one or two turns.

Q. How can I remove small pieces of soap that have worked themselves down into the sink drain?

A. Pour down some boiling water to melt and wash the pieces of soap away. Soap will not clean waste pipes; use washing soda for that purpose, as soap will clog the pipes.

Q. What can I do to furniture that has become so dried that it refuses to take a polish?

A. Apply with a soft cloth a solution made of three parts linseed oil to one part turpentine. After this, wipe with a cloth which has been dampened with alcohol, and let stand for a few minutes.

The British Prime Minister, who also is First Lord of the Treasury, receives a salary of £10,000 a year.

Gals and Guns---Good Combination

Girl workers in the "driver's seats" of Bofors anti-aircraft guns made at Firestone plant in Akron find the complicated weapons are easy to handle. Company employs hundreds of girls in assembly and precision work on the guns.

British Bomber Flies To Canada

Four-Engined Lancasters To Be Built In Canada

First of Britain's mighty four-engined bombers to come to this continent, a giant Avro Lancaster landed at Dorval airport, Montreal, last week after a trans-Atlantic flight.

Fresh from the production lines of a British factory, the Lancaster was flown from England for demonstration in Canada where the latest edition of this multi-motored bomber will soon be built in quantity for the Royal Air Force.

Captain of the aircraft was Clyde Pangborn, well-known American long-distance flier. He and his crew were welcomed by Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Bowhill, officer commanding the Royal Air Force ferry command in Montreal.

Guns Loaded

The Lancaster delivered to Canada carried full armament — the most formidable yet fitted in any bomber and capable of dealing with at least two enemy fighters attacking simultaneously.

Canadian version of the Lancaster will embody improvements represented in the latest model.

Capt. Pangborn praised the Lancaster he piloted to Canada, saying: "It handles beautifully—like a much lighter aircraft. It is very manoeuvrable, and it takes off and lands very easily."

He said the Atlantic trip was uneventful.

The aircraft, carrying special freight, left Britain with a maximum load of more than 60,000 pounds and no attempt was made to achieve an unusually fast crossing.

Top Speed 300 Miles

According to recently published statements, the Lancaster carries a bomb load of eight tons. The bomb compartment, 33 feet long, can take the biggest bombs yet devised. It has a top speed of around 300 miles an hour while its range is 3,000 miles.

The Lancaster is a mid-wing, all-metal monoplane, powered by four Rolls-Royce Merlin engines, producing 1,250 horsepower at 12,250 feet with low gear supercharger and 1,175 horsepower at 21,000 feet with a high gear supercharger in operation. It has a wing span of 102 feet, is more than 69 feet long and 20 feet high.

Armament is formidable. It has 10 machine guns in four turrets in the nose, mid-upper and mid-under and in the tail. The four tail guns are fed by long ammunition tracks extending along the side of the rear fuselage.

All vital parts of the plane are covered by half a ton of armor plate either as integral parts of the structure or as additional protection.

Bison Roam Forest Areas In Poland

Bison are usually associated with the Canadian prairies, but there are forest areas in Poland where not only the bison roam, but where wolves and wildcats live in tehir wild state says The Windsor Star. When the Nazis ordered more trees from Polish forests, Marshal Goering stepped in to preserve the hunting areas from the woodsman's axe. He still likes to take time off from the war to go shooting.

Not only are the Nazis denuding Poland, but the Germans are trying to destroy the Polish race. Families have been broken up, with some members being sent to work in one part of Germany, while others are put at forced labor in other parts of the Reich.

The Germans have never forgiven the Poles for taking over some of the most valuable mineral areas of Germany after the last war. The plan to destroy Poland and the Polish people is an effort to prevent that happening again.

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Now her staterooms and promenade decks were gone, replaced by a huge flight deck that extended at least 100 feet beyond the water line astern, and almost as far forward of the bow. Her four funnels and the bridge had been moved to starboard, leaving the flight deck clear.

As she passed Detroit, answering salutes from craft on both sides of the river, three training planes were in line on the deck and many more were in the hold.

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