Have You Heard?

The head of the house was reading a newspaper article very carefully. When he had come to the end he remarked to his wife: "Do you know, dear, I think there's something in what this article says—that the cleverness of the father often proves a stumbling-block to the son."

His wife heaved a sigh of relief.

"Well, thank goodness," she said, "our Bobby won't have anything to fall over!"

Man isn't so smart as he thinks he is. Thousands of years before he even thought of them, the turtle sported a streamlined body, a turret top, a retractable landing gear, and a portable house.

The vocalist at a camp concert seemed to have an endless repertoire. The fact that his voice was obviously beginning to grate on the audience did not deter him in the least.

At last, one exasperated listener shouted: "Hi, d'you know 'The Long, Long Trail?' "

"Why, yes, replied the vocalist, proudly. "Shall I sing it?"

"No," quickly came the reply; "hit it!"

Small Boy (in chemist's shop): "Please, I want some powder for my sister."

Chemist (jokingly): "Something that goes off with a bang?"

Small Boy: "No, something that goes on with a puff."

In a small country town a meeting had been called to discuss the question of a brighter Sunday for the people.

Various proposals were put forward when some daring soul suggested a "Pleasant Sunday Afternoon."

A grim woman rose and said: "There wlil be no pleasant Sunday afternoons where I am."

First Irishman: "Which would yez rather be in, Pat—an explosion or a collision?"

Second ditto: "In a collision, because in a collision there yez are, but in an explosion were are yez?"

"I hear that Farmer Jones' hired man left him."

"Yes, he said he couldn't stand the cold."

"Why, it's no colder on the farm this year than usual."

"No, but he heard over the radio that farm labor was to be frozen this year."

She was peeved and called him Mr.
Not because he went and Kr.,
But because just before
As she opened wide the door
This same Mr. Kr. Sr.

WHAT SCIENCE IS DOING

RABBITS IN WAR

Rabbits, thousands of them, are turning out a new kind of serum, one now being used by army doctors in every induction centre in the country to tell what group of blood runs in each soldier's veins, Priscilla Jaquith writes in Coronet. You can see the results by looking at the littie metal tag a service man wears around his neck. Stamped inside a circle are the initials A, B, AB, or O, letters that tell what kind of blood he can safely take into his veins. If he's wounded and needs blood in a hurry, that letter may save his life. Still other rabbits are turning out serum to fight pneumonia and streptococcus and help the doctors diagnose.

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CATTAILS

After ten years of experimenting Dr. C. F. Burgess of Chicago announces that the plant known as Typha latifolia to botanists and cattail to us of the street has its industrial uses. He has found that from cattail fibre a fluffy, water-resistant down can be produced which can be used as a stuffing for toys, sporting goods, upholstery, life-preservers and padding for tanks and airplanes.

Engine To Go Back In Form of Bombs

An engine of the German Zeppelin Hindenburg destroyed by fire at Lakehurst, N. J., May 6, 1937, may go back to Germany—in bombs and bullets. The 1,600-horsepower, 12-cylinder motor, used for several years as a demonstration and practice unit in an aviation machine shop at a training school, is in a junk yard awaiting shipment as scrap metal.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

1. When one is in the presence of another person and a telegram or letter is delivered to him, which he must read at once, what should he say?

2. What is the customary number of bridesmaids at an elaborate church wedding?

3. Is it permissible for a dinner guest to mention any preferences in foods?

4. To what should one give the greatest thought in the cultivation of a good speaking voice?

5. Should candles be used on the luncheon table?

6. How should a girl refuse a dance?

Answers

1. "Will you excuse me please?" 2. Although the number is entirely a matter of personal choice, it is usually not less than five nor more than ten bridesmaids at an elaborate wedding. 3. No. He should accept what is offered, and under no circumstances make reference to some other kind of dish he particularly likes. That would be the height of ill-breeding. 4. To pitch or tone, and to the enunciation and pronunciation of words. The most pleasing voice is one that is low and gentle—not too low to be heard, but clear. The voice should come from the chest, and not from the head or throat alone. 5. No. 6. Say, "I am sorry, but I have this dance engaged," if true. Otherwise, she may say, "Thank you, but I am sitting this out." In either event, the girl should decline graciously and with a smile.

Soldiers Taught "No Withdrawal"

Canadian Army in Britain Specializes in Attack Methods

A new Canadian Army battle school, where they concentrate on attack and don't teach a thing about withdrawal, is going full blast in a farmland area of southern England.

Classes of 200 young officers and non-commissioned officers spend 25 days, with a seven-day week and plenty of night work thrown in, going through the best battle training ever given Canadian troops.

All units in the army are represented at this school and while infantrymen predominate, there also are men from armored regiments, engineers, gunners and army service and ordnance corps. Even medical corps troops are being taught to carry out their job with the assault units.

The school includes infantry, mortar and Bren gun carrier wings and instructors teach new attack drills that are being used now by British and Empire troops on many battlefields.

Live Ammunition Used

The students start from scratch with instruction in elementary field craft and use of infantry weapons. Then training develops through section and platoon work to a company basis.

Attacks by infantry, carriers and mortars are co-ordinated and there is more "live stuff" thrown around here than anywhere else in the army. Live ammunition is used in every exercise.

The school emphasizes night attack. "The Germans have shown they are poor night fighters, so we are trying to make our officers and N.C.O.'s the tops in the dark," said Major Campbell, chief instructor.

A study is made of German weapons and Nazi army organization and tactics. Manoeuvres are organized so that opposition is similar to the way the Germans would deploy.

Obstacle and assault courses have been built over the 10-square-mile training area. House fighting is taught in a group of old buildings alled the "devil's anti-room."

GOODIES FROM HOME

Happy smiles light the faces of these Soviet men and women soldiers as they open boxes of food sent from folks at home to troops in front-line trenches.

How Can I?

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I overcome the annoyance of a shoe tongue that persists in slipping to one side?

A. If two short slits are cut near the top of the tongue, about a quarter of an inch apart, and the lace is slipped through these slits before inserting through the top holes, the trouble will be overcome.

Q. How can I mend enamelware?

A. By mixing equal parts of putty, salt, and coal ashes thoroughly. Apply to hole and heat on stove until the composition is hard. It will withstand either hot or cold liquids.

Q. How can I make a substitute for cracker crumbs?

A. If you have no cracker crumbs on hand, try using corn flakes. Toast them, then crush with a rolling pin, and you will have a tasty substitute.

S. How should small washable rugs be laundered?

A. They may be washed in the washing machine, but they should not be put through the wringer. Instead, hang them dripping wet on the line to dry, and they will then keep their shape.

Q. How can I avoid making bitter-tasting coffee?

A. Coffee should never be allowed to boil. Boiled coffee develops bitterness, and the boiling destroys both the aroma and the flavor.

"Horseburgers"

There's nothing wrong with horse meat—but the idea.

Americans, if rationing drives them to it, can eat their horseburgers and choice cuts of old Dobbin secure in the knowledge that as a body builder horse meat is just as good as pork, beef or poultry.

Medical science, nutrition experts and diet authorities agreed today that aside from an old American prejudice — not shared by many Europeans — there's nothing against the horse as a source of food.

The 30,000 pounds of horsemeat sold by one butcher in Boston in 48 hours may be the forerunner of general acceptance of this as the share-the-meat program depletes the supply of steaks and chops.

TO ADOLF, WITH WORST WISHES

The crew of this American Flying Fortress in England fixed a bang-up Christmas present for Adolf Hitler in the form of the Yule-greetinged bomb seen in the photo. The "Santa Claus" is Lieut. A. J. Davis, of New York.

Powdered Meats In Wartime Diet

British Food Minister Lord Woolton indicated not long ago that powdered meat would become an item in the national wartime diet.

"Most women have heard of dried eggs and powdered milk," he said in a speech. "They will, before the war is over, hear something about powdered meats."

Wholesale Plant Export Program

Entire Factories Being Shipped From United States

A wholesale plant export program, in which entire factories are being lifted up and shipped from the United States, is being carried on by Washington agencies, which plan to accelerate shipments soon, Newsweek points out.

Latest evidence of this came when the Office of War Information announced that the Douglas Oil Refinery, near Los Angeles, would be shipped to Russia and is expected to be making 87-octane gas there within a year. It will be transferred under lend-lease. This follows other such purchases for Russia, including Ford's tire plant. These are to be shipped soon.

Shipments already made to the Soviet included a considerable amount of oil pipe line and pumping equipment and some locomotives and freight cars sent to the Iran-Iraq region for Russia's supply lines. Part of an aluminum mill has also been exported, with the rest to follow, and under consideration now are a power plant and another tire-making factory.

Latin America has been getting whole textile mills, about six of which have already been shipped. Factories making refrigerators, shoes, paper, paint and varnish, fire brick and cement are listed in a confidential draft of 300-odd plants for possible South American export which government agencies have just drawn up.

We Can Get Along Without Japanese

The Japs in British Columbia had about 1,500 fishing ships when Japan declared war, states the Simcoe Reformer. They were promptly relieved of these and sent inland. Silly, thoughtless people made an outcry saying that this would mean a much smaller catch at a time when canned salmon was an important war food. They have had their mouths closed by a report that shows that 597,242 cases of sockeye alone have been canned on the Pacific Coast this year. There has been no such pack as this for nearly 30 years. It sould teach us that we can get along very well in our industries without Japs—and without other foreigners, for that matter. Our own young ner are quite capable of taking up all jobs that offer, and there will be plenty of them looking for jobs when this war is over. We still believe that as soon as possible the Canadian-Japs should be sent home.

At the southern border of the Libyan desert, volcanic Mount Emi Koussi rises to a height of more than 11,000 feet.

Wins Rifle Award With Perfect Score

Dominion marksmen officials announced last week that Helen Rix of Toronto had chalked up a perfect score in winning the Expert Shield award for sporting rifle proficiency, first woman to post perfect figures in the competition.

Miss Rix, member of the Irish Rifle Association, shot a 6,000 x 6,000 in winning the award. While several women in Canada have won the award at various times, she was the first to get perfect marks.

To win the award-top honor in sporting rifle competition in Canada, contestants must post a score of 5,820 or better out of 6,000, shooting 60 targets, 20 each in the standing, sitting, and prone positions. The score must be perfect in the prone position, 98 or better on each shot of the sitting or kneeling position, and 95 or better on each shot of the standing off-hand stance.

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