

OCEAN LINERS

OF THE "ATLANTIC FERRY."

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Atlantic Steaming in

Recent Years.

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TO CUT DOWN EXPENSES

EXTRAVAGANCE OF BRITISH ARMY OFFICERS.

Reforms Will Give a Chance to Poor Officers With Brains.

The British Army Council is taking action that should prove effective to stop the extravagance which makes it possible only for men with large private means to become candidates for cavalry commissions, says the London Daily Express. Private officers have been issued with general orders commanding them to be contented with what they earned. The cost of living has been reduced so that officers with means may live in comparative comfort in all its forms. It is checked. The cost of mess is not to be higher than in other branches of the army. The practice of keeping semi-private accounts in the mess, in which extra charges and monthly subscriptions are shown, is strictly forbidden.

No general subscriptions for mess at rare meetings or polo and cricket matches are to be allowed, unless the general commanding consents.

Fines of money or wine are no longer to be levied on marriage or promotion, or in respect of any other irregularities. Band subscriptions or contributions are forbidden, also the keeping of a regimental bank.

WELLERING THE STANDARD.

It has been required that the documents of candidates from the universities, the militia, and the Royal Military College be most marked. This is not due to any lack of young men of intellectual and physical fitness, but solely to the fact of life in a cavalry regiment.

The Army Council points out that the bill has a far-reaching effect, because in order to obtain officers and regiments up to their established standard, it has been found necessary to relax the regulations as regards educational tests, with the result that the standard of education and intelligence has been lowered.

REGARDING THEIR MEANS.

Extravagance has been many warnings. These have been more or less numerous, whereas the new Army Council is an example.

A VALUABLE DOG.

"Well, I wouldn't have believed it!" exclaimed Jones, in astonishment, as he dropped it to see Smith the other evening, and was met in the hall by a St. Bernard dog.

"Wouldn't have believed what?" asked Smith.

"Why, that you'd have a dog in your house," continued Jones. "It belongs to one of your neighbors, I suppose?"

"No, sir; that's my dog," replied Smith proudly.

"You don't really mean it, old man? Why, I've known you now for five years, and you've always had a marked aversion to dogs."

"Yes, I did until lately; but I wouldn't be without one now. This brute is a noble, faithful fellow, and I couldn't take—

But at this juncture he was interrupted by his wife calling down the stairs—

"Henry Smith, who was it that scattered these cigar ashes all over my table?"

"It must have been the dog, my deary," was his reply.

"And who was it that dropped the apple-peelings on the floor?"

"The dog, my dear," answered Smith.

"And there's a bottle of gum

spilled on the carpet up here, too!"

"Is that some of your work, Henry?"

"No, my dear, the dog's to blame for that."

"Well, it's a burning shame the way this house is disordered. Your collars and ties are scattered all over the room!"

"Are they, again? That 'dog's been in there again, then. Yes," continued Smith, as he drew his friend into the parlor. "I would not take a big pot of money for that dog. Why, the noble fellow saves about twenty scoldings a week."

"So I see," chuckled Jones, "and you bet I'll have one before noon to-morrow."

At last, my friend stopped the conversation and said:

"All the people hereabout go about whispering. Some of them do and the rest mind their own business."

A VENITAL COMPLIMENT.

"Brown told me that you're such a charming compliment," said Mrs. Brown to her husband—somewhat surprised at her being pretty. The result was, so pleased. I don't see how you men can be so unattractive."

"I should think you'd know by this time that I'm never unattractive," said Mr. Coddington, reproachfully. "I say she was just as pretty as she could be, and so she was."

A British housewife buys a new bonnet every morning, necessary extravagance, since she sweeps her house every day and the broom uses only a bundle of dried green birch leaves, the natural dampener of which kick up the dust.

PALE WEAK GIRLS.

Obtain Bright Eyes, Rosy Cheeks and Perfect Health Through the Use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Miss Jenkins, Riga, says: "I write to thank you for the wonderful benefit your Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done me. I am now 22 years of age, but, from the time I was fourteen I did not enjoy good health. A couple of years ago while attending school I grew worse, and the Sisters in charge called in a doctor. After treating me for some time, without any improvement, he told me that I must discontinue my studies. When I got home, I was sent to Caledonia Springs. The first month I was there the medicine I had taken, the help was only temporary, and I relapsed again. The cleverest thief he had ever met, he said, was a 13-year-old girl—a nice looking, modest, and intelligent girl, but the daughter of an epileptic. At the age of 16 she was committed to a lunatic asylum, where she now is.

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DUE TO PHYSICAL CAUSES.

Defects of Mind and Body Account for Wrongdoing.

That crime proceeds more often than not from physical or mental causes over which the criminal has little control, was the conclusion arrived at by a leading criminologist, who spoke recently at a meeting of the Ethological Society in the Zoological Society's rooms in Hanover Square, London.

Some remarkable instances where crime was due to physical and mental disease was given by Mr. Thomas Holmes, the North London Police Court missionary, who maintained that epilepsy, mania, and weakness of intellect were directly responsible for the making of criminals.

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A SONG OF COURAGE.

An Incident in the Wreck of the Steamship Queen.

There are times when the mind must be called away from present danger or anxiety, and it is good even to contemplate the serious and painful aspects of his emergency. The San Francisco Call gives an instance of good cheer and pluck on the part of a young lady who was shipwrecked a few months ago in a gallant fight for life in a storm at sea took place in the Pacific.

When the Queen, with two hundred souls aboard, was about three miles off Tillamook, fire was discovered in the after cabin. A gale was blowing at the time, and the situation seemed hopeless.

A cry of alarm went up, and every body clustered around the cabin.

When all at once the crowd of buyers, the auctioneer and his desk, found themselves in a heap in the cellar below. The floor being rotten to support the great weight of people and furniture had given way and collapsed like a trap-door.

For some moments everybody was bewildered and unable to realize what had happened. Then picking themselves up, the company tried to find a way up to the street. At last somebody came across a door and through it they all strained.

In the darkness, the subterranean explorers stumbled upon some steps a trap-door was open, and the company found themselves safely in daylight again. The most serious injuries consisted of bruises and scratches.

BABY'S OWN TABLETS.

This medicine comes as a message of hope to all weary mothers. It is the best thing in the world for stomach, bowel and teething troubles, which make little ones weak, sickly and peevish. It will make your baby well, and you have a positive guarantee that it contains no opiate or harmful drugs. Mrs. James Hopkins, Tidbury, Ont., says: "I have had Baby's Own Tablets for six months, and they have done wonders for my baby."

It is sold at all drugstores or sent by mail at 25 cents a box. By writing to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

WORLD'S STEEL POOL.

British and Continental Firms May Join Forces.

The negotiations which for months have been going on between British and continental steel rail manufacturers, with a view to forming an international combine, resulted to have failed in a definite agreement being arranged.

Large contracts in connection with important railway extensions in America and on the continent are expected to be given out this year, and manufacturers are seeking to avoid a loss of possible profit by a suicidal competition, or cutting of prices.

So far the manufacturers with

the "ring" include all the most im-

portant firms in Great Britain,

Germany, Belgium and France.

According to the "Iron and Coal

Trade Review," the minimum price at which orders shall be booked has been fixed. All the orders are to

be pooled, the allotment to each country on the following basis:

British 53.50 per cent.

German 28.83 per cent.

Belgium 17.67 per cent.

A small deduction from each will

be made in order to send about 5

per cent. of the orders to France,

the output of French manufacturers being very small.

The chief difficulty in the way

of the combination lies in the attitude

of the United States Steel Corporation.

Mr. J. Farrell, the head of the

corporation's reporting agency, has

been in Europe for some weeks past.

He is leaving for America immediately, and upon his report depends

the inclusion or otherwise of the cor-

poration within the combine.

Jackson—"Is it true that John-
son has an addition to his family?"

Smithson—"Well, he calls it a mul-

tiplication—twins, you know."

HIS DIABETES IS ALL GONE NOW.

DONAT LAFAMME FOUND CURE IN DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.

They Always Cure all Forms of Kidney Disease from Backache to Bright's Disease.

Ste. Marguerite, Dorchester Co., Jan. 26.—(Special)—That the

most serious forms of Kidney Disease cannot stand *Dodd's Kidney Pills* is being quite proven.

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