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SWEET SACRIFICE

They lived to make us happy,
They fight to make us free,
But we live in khaki
Serving across the sea.
Who neither fall nor falter
Though where the fight may be.

The blood makes us happy,
The fight to make us free,
Dear lady who lie the Fletcher's
Sleep beneath the sea.
The world is ours to sacrifice
A sacred memory!

He lives to make us happy,
He died to make us free,
From sin and shame and sorrow,
The world is ours to sacrifice
Crucified Christ, to These!

-E. T.

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CANADA AND THE U. S.

Americans in general know little
about Canada. Canadians on the
other hand, know a lot about the
United States. The Canadian school
courses give adequate courses on the
geography, history and the re-
sources of the country, while the
Canadians themselves with a hasty sur-
vey of our neighbor. As partners in
this great war enterprise, Canada and
the United States have a definite
purpose which cements the friendly
ship of the last century in new bonds.
We ought to get acquainted in the
years to come.—Detroit News.

THE OBVIOUS ALTERNATIVE.

A spotty little boy of four years had
been a source of considerable annoy-
ance all day.

At length one woman, an intimate
personal friend of his too indulgent
mother, turned to her and said:

"I'm sorry, but you can let your
little boy be so gross and unruly at
meal times. If you'll mind me, I should
give him a good spanking."

She told the mother: "you can't
spank the poor little chap on a full
stomach."

"No," said her friend, "but you can
turn him over."

STRANGE ENGAGEMENT RINGS

Girls becoming engaged to soldiers
make a special point of acquiring out-
of-the-way engagement rings. All
these have been unusually and
artistically made from the bones
shells melted down and inset with the
protective wearer's favorite stone.

The wife of a man who had
picked up, and a few particular shell
bands are also made up into brooches
and necklets. War brides have a
fancy for such articles which are
and for the moment the smaller size,
the popular one before last August,
is in the background.

ONLY REQUEST

An unpopular officer in the British
army one night slipped into some
deep shadows and a private who hap-
ped to see the officer's face hid
out, relates Harper's. The officer was
very profuse in his thanks, and asked
his rescuer how he could reward him.

"I'm sorry, but you can reward
me," replied the private, "but I can't
say nothing about it." "Why, my good
fellow," asked the astonished superior,
"you really think that what you wish me
to say nothing about it?" "As if the
other fellow knew it! I pulled you out
they'd chuck me in!" was the frank
response.

AN ABSENT-MINDED PROFESSOR

A very absent-minded professor was
so engrossed in solving a scientific
problem with his pipe in his mouth
that he forgot to close the door of his library and announced
a great family event.

"The little stranger has arrived, Pro-
fessor," said the professor.

"It is a little boy," said the nurse.

"Little boy, little boy," mused the
professor. "Well, ask him what he
wants."

TWELVE SPECIES OF OAK

Twelve species of oak, reach tree size
in Canada, but only red and white oak
are sown in commercial quantities.

The bulk of this lumber is used for
carpentry and interior finish for houses,
also for furniture, forms of all kinds,
and in the manufacture of tools, con-
valescent, agricultural implements and
other articles that demand a heavy,
durable wood.

The output in 1917 was 2,142,000 feet, valued at \$2,
64, as compared with 2,154,000 feet in
1916.

AGREED WITH HER

"Johnny," said the teacher, "if coal
is selling at \$6 a ton and you pay
your dues \$24, how many tons will
he have to sell?"

"A little over three tons, ma'am,"
said Johnny promptly.

"Why, Johnny, that isn't right," said
the teacher.

"No, ma'am, I know it isn't," said
Johnny, "but they all do it."—London
Home Guard.

ANXIOUS TO PLEASE

"You are expected to do a kind
act every day."

"Yes," replied the boy stoutly.

"Well, the teacher has been having
a little trouble with me. Don't you
think I might stay away from school
and give her a rest?"—Washington
Guard.

It is only moral nations that walk
the high places of the earth.

The thickest known coal seam in the
world, 1,000 feet thick, is at Stellarton,
Nova Scotia.

Always take pride in your country.
Sleep well of it, and thus inspire
faith and noble endeavor.

A GIANT OVEN

Baking railway cars is not a busi-
ness recognized and described in the
household cookbooks. Yet the process
is in practical operation in the car
shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad,
according to the report of the War Industries
Board.

One problem that had enga-
gaged the attention of the railway
officials was that of reducing the time
required for drying a car after painting.

Their experience with quick-drying
paints caused them to construct a
baked-oil kiln, the largest ever built
at almost any length. With the car
well inside, the doors are closed and the
heat inside is taken above the
bottom joint of water. The paint is
completely dry and hard ready
for service in about three hours.

The cost of this oven by this process
is very moderate. It has been
estimated that it costs only five per cent
for drying cars by the old method, and
about half the time is cut out
of service by the new method.

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HONOR TO JOHN BURROUGHS

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great honor to the most noted naturalist
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Toledo took part in the festival. The
Burroughs Society, the Bay and Mar-
ine Society, the Girl Scouts, the
City Engineers, and the Toledo
Police Department, in addition to
the Toledo Fire Department, were present
for the occasion, as well as the
city's guest of honor.

The average 100-acre farm in Ger-
many, at the beginning of the war,
produced 100 bushels of grain, as did the
average English farm of similar size.

The bulk production of the German
farm was 100 per cent higher than
that of the English farm. The amount
of land kept under cultivation by the
English farmer keeping more land
fully, examining a small plotter with
the same care and attention to detail
as the German farmer.

The amount of manure produced was
more than twice that of the English
farm. The German farm was more
efficient in the use of manure than
the English farm.

The feeding of stock of one
kind or another of all crop wastes such
as grain refuse, straw and stalks, animal
manure, refuse and beet pulp, silage,
etc., and with sufficient animals and
labor to attend everything produced.

Henry G. Bell

WAGER?

A soldier boy from Clay county, now
an orphan, sent a letter to his sweet-
heart, and on the first of the month she
wrote this word:

"I'll bet you I know who it is!"

"I'll bet you I know who it is!"
replied Harold.

"Now, I don't know who it is!"
permitted him. "You know arithmetic,
but you don't know algebra."

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Worm Exterminator puts it within
reach of all.

Indrapolis News.

SHES DON'T KNOW

"Now, Harold," said the teacher, "if
there were seven sheep in a field and
sheep were to jump over a fence how many would
there be left?"

"None," replied Harold.

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permitted him. "You know arithmetic,
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STONES FOR ALL GRAVES

The Imperial Graves Commission,
the predecessor of which is the Prince
of Wales, which has taken charge of
the graves of all soldiers in France,
while not sanctioning individuals
engaging in placing monuments over
the graves of the fallen, has issued
a circular placing a limitation on
the stones to be used.

It will itself place individual head-
stones over each grave. This decision
was taken in order to assure uniformity
in effecting the arrangement of stones
and men will receive precisely equal
treatment. All expenses will be borne
by the Imperial Government.

YES, WHO?

The wounded Tommy was sitting up
in bed, when the nurse brought him
water. She stared at his plate, and just as
the nurse was leaving he said:

"Oh, I say! Who ever put the butter
on this bread?"

"Who, I did," returned the nurse
indignantly.

Tommy went rather red, and stammered:

"Oh, pardon, nurse, but—
well, who scraped it off again?"

Tommy drew down a blessing on the
charitable Le Sage.

Not what we can put out of our
country but what we contribute to it
makes it great.

A POWERFUL AID

When you feel sluggish and
nervous, tired and indifferent, you have the
first symptoms of declining strength and your
system positively needs the special nutritive food-tonic in
SCOTT'S EMULSION

replenish your blood power, enlivens your circulation and
bring back the snap and elasticity of good health. Scott's Emul-
sion supplies Nature with the correct building-food which is better than any
drugs, pills or alcoholic mixtures.

Dodd & Bowles, Turners, Ont. D-B

ENGLISH LANGUAGE IN JAPAN

If China does not learn English what
will Japan do? Every year the
number of English speakers increases
in Japan, and it is probable that
within a few years there will be
more English speakers in Japan than
in England. The English language
will be the vernacular of a quarter
of a tenth of the people of Japan,
and be learned by a half who
can read and write. English will be
widely spoken in Japan.

Many complications arise in
Japan in connection with the
language. The Japanese are
not accustomed to the English
language, and the English are
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