THE LETTER THAT NEVER CAME

You've heard of the letter that never came,
The eyes that watched in vain,
You've heard the old excuses lame,
Again, and yet again.
Ah! many a soldier, far from home,
Many sad hour has spent
Awaiting the letter that did not come—
The letter was never sent!

Homesick, he, in the trenches drear
Beside the field of flame,
Awaited throughout the days of fear
The letter that never came.
Alert at call of trump or drum,
'Twas sorrow his great soul bent,
He knew that letter would never come—
Because 'twas never sent!

No wound received by the monstrous thing
Where bullets swarm and hiss—
Oh, never a sound can hurt like that sting
Or bayonet hurt like this!
Behold him by his grave side pause,
His strength is nearly spent,
He moans, "It did not come, because
The letter was never sent!"

Perhaps it is not yet too late
Sit down and write—and write,
'Twill make his weary heart elate,
Write him a letter to-night!
Hurry! ere death shall reach the boy,
Ere his young life is spent,
'Twill fill his last red hours with joy
The letter his loved one sent!
—The Khan in Toronto Telegram.

OIL WELL IN ENGLISH TOWN?

Undoubtedly Fluid Is There, but From Whence It Came Seems to Be Matter of Mystery.

Polluted well water of long standing at the market town of Ramsey, near Peterborough, England, prompted one well owner to dig for the cause, says an exchange. He struck oil in short order and created a boom and a mystery. Another well also yielded oil. Pumpings from both, averaging 500 gallons a day, sold on the spot for 2 shillings the gallon and burned in lamps like ordinary illuminating oil.

Speculators jumped at the find rather cautiously. They lacked the sporting spirit of Kansas and Oklahoma boomers. One ventured a £5 note for a share in a well and asked £1,000 for his interest next morning. Nothing doing. The game wasn't ripe enough for plungers.

Official tests of the oil deepened the mystery. They showed the oil was already refined, carrying a specific gravity of 8.0, which is the gravity of refined oil. One of the testers, whose opinion was flouted, offered a bet of £500 that the oil was not natural oil. No takers.

The present conclusion seems to be that the oil is due to leakage from some unknown source. There are no oil tanks in Ramsey or Peterborough town and the source of the leak, if such it is, must be at a greater distance. Lucky well owners are not worrying about the source. With all the zeal of gold diggers they stick to the pumps and rake in the shillings from eager buyers of the fluid.

Life of Man With Respect to Calls.

At first he is a child, and is taken to call by his mother, and he "just sits on a chair." But sometimes in that family there is another child—it may be a boy child or a girl child; and so, presently, he finds a little playmate, and begins to play, until his mother decides it is time the call was over, and she takes him home. Then he grows older; he makes calls all by himself; and so impressed is he (being at the impressionable age) by the satisfaction derived from certain of these calls that he marries the young woman, God willing, and makes the call permanent. After that, his wife takes him to call and he "just sits on a chair." But it sometimes happens, even as when he was a child, that he finds a little playmate; and then, when all is well and he has quite forgotten that he is making a call, his wife decides it is time that the call was over.

And she takes him home.—From the March Atlantic.

Lively Wedding Festivities.

Wedding festivities were turned to rioting in Natal, the other day. The daughter of a native chief had been married to another chief, Sabindi. After the wedding a dance took place about a hundred yards from the kraal, Sabandi having made his speech of thanks, he inquired as to the appearance of an "army" under the bridegroom, which had not been present at the ceremony. The party began to move off, and some threw stones at the spectators. A melee ensued, some of the spectators taking refuge in the kraal. Up to this time no assegais had been noticed. However, Nganyana, one of Majuzi's men, was stabbed with an assegai behind the right shoulder, and killed. Other casualties were stabs and injuries to the head and sustained by seven natives, all serious, but none fatal up to the present. As a result of the affray about 400 natives will probably be charged.

Potatoes for Ducks.

Ducks, as well as humans, must eat substitutes.

Small potatoes, too small, in fact, for the farmer to have paid any attention to ordinarily, are said to have solved the problem when mixed with carrots and other materials, minus wheat.

"No wheat is to be used for duck feeding," said W. B. Ayer, Oregon food administrator. "Substitutes must be found, and I am told that patriotic owners of duck lakes have discovered a remedy and have applied it. They are paying high prices for small potatoes, which in former days would not have been dug at all. These they are mixing with other materials and the ducks are thriving on them."

Doing His Bit.

"We're saving fuel," remarked the lady. "I just left my husband stamping on the floor to keep his feet warm."

"Thrift stamps, eh?" said her waggish friend.

Safety Zone.

"It used to be the custom to send Russian political offenders to Siberia."

"Yes. Being sent to Siberia used to be considered a punishment. Now it is considered lucky."

COUNTRY'S DEBT TO CRIMINAL

Notorious French Swindler Responsible for Development of Most Famous Fighting Airplane.

The most successful fighting airplane in the world today is without question the Spad. It was, of course, the mount of the late Captain Guynemer, who, it will be remembered, accounted for 53 machines before being shot down last September just behind the German front line. The most proficient pilots in the Lafayette escadrille also use this machine.

The history of the Spad is curious. It owes its origin to Armand Deperdussin, a former silk Merchant of Lyons, who amassed a large fortune by a series of swindling operations. In 1910 he proceeded to sink most of his gains into aviation, establishing a huge flying field and factory near Reims and engaging a brilliant young engineer named Becherenu. The result was that the Deperdussin monoplane acquired an international fame, winning the Gordon Bennett cup at Chicago in 1912 and at Reims in 1913—the latter event at the rate of 194.4 miles an hour. This speed was made possible largely by the monocoque construction of the fuselage, greatly superior to the rectangular body section then in vogue on other machines.

After the arrest of Deperdussin some time before the war the firm became bankrupt and changed the name to Spad (Societe pour Aeroplanes Deperdussin). This was again changed quite recently to "Societe pour l'Aviation et ses Derives," keeping the same initials as before. Deperdussin's trial finally took place a few months back and a merely nominal sentence was imposed on account of the great services to the cause of French aviation rendered by the defendant.

CONTROL YOUR OWN KITCHEN

Ringing Message Addressed to the Women of American by One of Their Best-Known Writers.

Margaret Deland, the well-known writer, says in the Woman's Home Companion:

"This is a brave world just now, and it shames us to admit, even to ourselves, how we hate to face some domestic guns; we hate to ask about left-over dropped eggs; and still more do we flunk the going back to the good sense of mothers and grandmothers, and do our own ordering. There is, however, one thing that would help us poor housekeepers immensely, namely, 'a community effort.' If groups of women—the women's clubs, the women of a parish, the women of a street—would get together, and pledge each other their moral support, the domestic situation would be immensely helped; we would cease to be bullied by our kitchens. Once let Mary realize that not only Mrs. A. is 'mean,' and Mrs. B. 'snoops around in the refrigerator,' and Mrs. C. 'gives ye a calldown about yer potato parings,' but that the whole alphabet of housekeepers will not permit waste, Mary, too, and all her kind, will finally fall into line!

"You know the fable of the old man and his sons and the sticks? The single stick was easily broken. The single housekeeper is easily cowed. The fagot is unbreakable! If we women, all together, insist upon a moral, social, economical course, our kitchens will join us."

Turkey Takes Census.

For the first time in the history of Turkey, says an Amsterdam dispatch, a complete census of the whole empire is to be taken. A German statistician has been appointed to superintend the preliminary formalities. The Turkish newspaper, Sabah, says: "We are the only nation in Europe, not excluding even the Balkan states, which possesses no official statistics of our population." The estimated population of Turkey before the war was roughly 21,000,000, of which 7,000,000 were Turks, 9,000,000 Arabs, 1,500,000 Armenians, 1,500 000 Greeks, 1,500,000 Kurds, and the remainder Druses, Jews and the smaller tribes. The Turkish newspapers have recently shown some anxiety as to the large decrease in population lately caused by the war and the prevalence of disease and have urged the government to take steps to decrease mortality and increase the birth rate.

Greatest in the World.

The New York Connecting Railway bridge, which is better known as the Hell Gate bridge, with its three miles of elevated approaches, constitutes one of the greatest engineering projects of the world, overshadowed only by its importance as a trade route and public utility for passenger and freight traffic.

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Teeth Frozen.

This all happened when zero weather prevailed and the victim was Clifford Allbaugh, county recorder of Clark county. When he woke up one of those cold mornings, his teeth were certainly not chattering with cold, he says, for they were frozen right and he could not move them until they had been thawed out. You see he placed them in a glass of water and the water was a solid cake of ice.—Indianapolis.

Piccadilly Again.

It was at Pozieres that an officer of the 8—s had an amusing experience. He was working along a communication trench with a party of bombers when he met a regular procession of Boches, all holding their hands well up, and led by one who carried an enormous cigar-box over his head. The British officer suspected some sort of foul play, of course. The Boches have played so many dirty tricks. But the fellow whipped open the big box and showed it had nothing in it but cigars, and explained as well as he could that it was by way of being a sort of propitiatory offering. He wound up by saying: "This war no good; no good at all, sir. Piccadilly again soon, now, sir!"—Montreal Herald.

Commanding Respect.

"Are you going to town in your working clothes, Hiram?" exclaimed Farmer Corntossel's wife.

"That's what I am. When I walk up High street I don't want to be mistook for any city chap. I want to look like I had a barrel o' potatoes or a load o' hay that I might condescend to sell somebody if I took a fancy to him."

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In the [illegible] he wore the Victoria [illegible]. He got it at Ypres, where he [illegible] a [illegible] hundred feet through No Man's Land with bullets [illegible] him. He has [illegible] in the [illegible]. He was [illegible] the [illegible] the talk [illegible] the [illegible]. He [illegible] [illegible] and said it would [illegible] happiness if he [illegible] the [illegible] in the world who [illegible] to him to slap him on the back and say "Good, old chap."

[illegible] he wasn't [illegible] it. He was just one of thousands who are bearing home, [illegible] with them, no relative or intimate friend, to congratulate them. It's war.

This particular soldier said as he left:—

"If I ever get through I'm going back to the States, but the odds are against me. We can't always beat this fighting game. It's like roulette. It gets you in the long run. There is only one man of my original company left besides myself."—London Mail.

TO RESTORE PERSIA'S STATUS

Russian Bolshevik Authorities Announce Intention of Giving It Its Former Independence.

A little more than ten years ago, in 1907, Persia ceased to be a sovereign nation in anything but name and was resolved into twin "spheres of influence." The northern half was a Russian sphere, the southern half British. The pressure from north and south grew until it forced out the American, Morgan Shuster, who had come to put Persia on its financial feet.

That was an incident of imperialism. It was a British-Russian alliance to block off Germany from getting into Persia from the west by way of Turkey and the Baghdad R[illegible]. Under the [illegible] cover of imperialism it was a fair stroke, with plenty of historical precedent, says the Boston Globe.

Now the foreign minister of a Russian government that has no regard for imperialism and its rules has sent word to Persia that the 1907 agreement is all off, null and void and that Russia will now try to relieve her of Tsarist and British troops too.

In announcing this decision of Persia for the Persians, not giving it into protection the Russian bolshevik government [illegible] its weakness [illegible] the [illegible] it took at Brest-Litovsk and [illegible] in demanding liberation for all subject nationalities.

It is fair to say that the British ministry to-day would be slow to apply the mailed fist in imperialism as in Persia in 1907. Much water has flowed under the bridges since and the imperialistic tide is ebbing fast.

WHALE PAYING FOR ITS SINS

Descendants of Big Fish Are Now Being Swallowed by the Descendants of Jonah

We rise to a defense of Jonah. He was not a bad sort. In fact, he had always been a good citizen and a friend of the poor; but because he balked at going on a political mission to a bum town the political machine hired a gang of pirates to pitch him from the hurricane deck and compel him to swallow a whale—or was it the other way round? It was a mean trick and Jonah knew it, and he made it so hot for the whale that the latter spewed him out at Long Beach, in which city, for his own safety, he feigned repentance and delivered the message with which he had been intrusted. However, ever since that time the sons of the prophet have had it in for the whale and at last the time has come to get even. Today whale steak is being sold in great quantities at the butcher shops. It is cheap meat and is almost as good as mutton or veal. Take a whale steak half an inch thick, drop it in boiling water for a minute, adding a pinch of soda, then take it out and place it in a hot, greased pan, sear it quickly on both sides, fry it for three minutes, add butter, pepper and salt, and you have a dish fit for a king. Verily the sins of the whales are visited upon their children.

Peanut Bread a Success.

A baking company in Gainsville, Fla., working in cooperation with B. F. Williamson, a chemist of that city, has put peanut bread upon the market and is securing wide distribution for it in that locality. The peanut flour used is made from peanut cake left after oil extraction. It contains a satisfactory percentage of fat and is said to have almost twice the nitrogenous food value of dried beef—44 per cent for peanut flour, against 25 per cent for dried beef.

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