

SCENERY—WONDERFUL, CIGARETTES DEAR," SAYS GEORGETOWN MAN OVERSEAS

In a letter written to his family on Christmas Day, Earl Wilcox, newly-arrived in England with the C.A.S.F., gives some interesting impressions of England.

"We are at a swell camp," he says, "just like a summer resort. It's not bad weather here yet. When we were travelling in the train, the farmers were plowing the fields all along the way. There are cabbages and all kinds of vegetables still in the fields. Don't you wish you had that kind of weather over there?"

"When we got here we were quarantined for seven days. After that we got a seven days' leave. We are allowed one of these every three months, as well as one week-end a month."

His remarks on how cheap things were on the boat going over. Cigarettes were 16c for a large package, chocolate bars four cents, user twelve cents a pint and sometimes fifteen cents a quart. "I got the flu the first day on board, but other than that I felt fine, and wasn't seasick, but there were lots that were."

Cigarettes are very dear in England, however—1s. 8d. for twenty (42c in Canadian money). "I went to a concert last night in our canteen, but good singers, and the English girls are just about as nice as our Canadian girls."

Tom Raynor is in the same camp, and another man from Streetsville named Millen. Chicken for Christmas dinner, and the officers gave each man a large deck of "fags."

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INTERNATIONAL UNIFORM Sunday School LESSON

The Individual's Responsibility Regarding Beverage Alcohol

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GOLDEN TEXT: "Abstain from all appearance of evil." 1 Thessalonians 5: 22.

LESSON PASSAGE: Habakkuk 2: 15; Genesis 4: 9-12; Mark 9: 42-48; 1 Thessalonians 5: 22.

It may be that you dare not heed His call for help, because you lack the strength to lift him, but you need Not push him back.

The Treating System, 15

During the past forty years there has been an enormous amount of research on the subject of beverage alcohol, on its assets and liabilities, on why people drink, and on what it does to them. The new knowledge does not minimize the dangers. It shows that the higher brain centres fade first under liquor—morale, self-criticism, good taste. With many, behaviour is altered to the very opposite of normal. Some say that the third drink is the most dangerous yet the treating system may lead far past the third. A group of men during war are making it a rule to stop after two drinks and to give to war services the money they would have spent on a third round. Others find that it is easier for them to abstain altogether

than resist the seductiveness of the treating habit. A woman traveller writes: "I have some fine memories of drinks all over the world but I say it all spinach. I found it did nothing for me, except bore me, so I quit." The scientists say that alcohol and ether are cousins under the skin.

Others, 9-12

"Am I my brother's keeper" is a question that has been ringing in human ears for thirty centuries. Complex modern civilization makes it more and more true that we are responsible for one another. Millions of civilians are being defended by a few thousand aviators. We are interdependent and we can bring out the best or the worst in others. Offering a drink to another in the spirit of social hospitality may really be presenting a moral temptation. Dr. Charles Mayo says that three drinkers out of ten are in danger of becoming addicts. About one person in fifty, it is estimated, is "allergic to liquor." A recent book states that there are five hundred thousand confirmed drinkers on the North American continent at present. And we never know beforehand, either about ourselves or about others, which person will become a victim of the drinking habit. Actually only about one person in four uses beverage alcohol at all. "It's always the very leathery in mind that, at a good idea to keep in mind that, at a million nice people in North America who don't touch a drop."

The Tempter's Gait, 42

A man who has had years of experience of repeated intoxication gives it his opinion that a drinker feels slightly guilty every time he takes a drink. "Drinking always has a fellow more or less worried deep down in his heart. One rarely takes a drink without an indirect excuse or apology." He asserts that the old-time frosted win-

Mainly for Women

Timely Topics for Women

BY BARBARA BAINES

FASHION FUTURES

"Fashion Futures," the world's greatest fashion show, was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Astor, in New York City recently. Against a dramatized background of American life 500 ensembles (dresses, hats, shoes, furs and bags) were presented by 150 models in a parade which lasted four hours. They ranged in price from \$10.75 to \$400. The show was attended by about 3000 buyers, stylists, designers and fashion writers. Tickets sold for \$15.00.

The significant feature about the show was that for the first time American designers did not have to compete with French importations, and fashion authorities seem to agree that they have proved their talents and their right to set the styles for the world. A few designs from London were included, however.

The show centred around the average American women, the working-girl or the "vitamin-girl," as they chose to call her, rather than the glamour girl; and while clothes for spring will be beautiful and exciting, they will be more wearable, and more in keeping with our active life than many of the sophisticated French styles were.

Fashion themes were derived from many sources: the gay festive costumes of the South American peasants and Aztec Indians; the leis and flower head-dresses of the Hawaiian Islands, and ranch life on the great western plains. The Empire influence appeared in the British ballroom scene, which ended the show.

The colour launched for spring was green—salad green, sea green, bud green, green in a dozen different shades. Beige was the colour largely adopted for the "basic dress" because it can be worn with a wide variety of colours in jewellery and accessories. Other popular colours were off white, parma violet, vivid red and black and white.

One of the highlights of the show was a more feminine shoulder line, sloped, draped and padded only enough to narrow your hips. Other trends forecast were casual suits with longer jackets to give you that lean look; cape, threatening to crowd out spring coats; printed dresses soft in detail and soft in colour blending; skirts neither full nor pencil slim but with an easy swinging flare and 15 inches from the floor; waists hitting a natural level.

Sports clothes received considerable emphasis: slim trouser slacks or frontier pants; tailored shirts with long sleeves and kerchief scarfs; high cut calf boots; sombrero hats; jewelled and fringed belts and bags. Play clothes, many with fringed hems and cuffs, came in all the gay South American colours. "Ski clothes this winter are showing the same influence.

Your hat must sit straight. . . . tilting to neither left nor right. . . . many will perch high beyond your pompadour or bangs. . . . bright colours, more flowers than you have ever seen before, and veils will be worn with both afternoon dresses and tailored outfits.

Evening dresses struck the one glamorous note, and were soft, ultra feminine and full-skirted. Favorite materials were chiffon, silk, jersey, lace or pastel marigold. All had a waistline usually long sheer sleeves. Many evening dresses were of wool and showed the mannish influence. Other models wore jeweled stoles with the stones worked in heavy embroidery.

FOOD PARCELS FOR PRISONERS OF WAR

The Red Cross has announced that over \$6,000,000 was raised in Canada during the recent campaign. Their greatest single undertaking to date is the supplying of 10,000 food parcels weekly to British prisoners of war in enemy countries at an estimated cost of \$1,500,000 annually.

Toronto has been asked to be responsible for the packing of 5,000 parcels weekly—and Montreal 5,000. Chorney Park, the former residence of the Lt-Governor is the Toronto Headquarters and the work there is already going smoothly. Mrs. Costie, of England, whose son, a flying officer, is a prisoner of war, helped with the organizing and volunteers from the I.O.D.E. and other women's organizations take turns, a day a week, to do the packing.

The parcels, weighing 11 lbs., contain biscuits, chocolate, jam, powdered milk, lard, butter, corned beef, cheese, salmon, sardines, tea, sugar, dried apples or prunes and soap. The packing is done by the assembly line method at which the women are quickly becoming expert.

The parcels are sent, first to New York, thence to Lisbon, then to the International Red Cross at Geneva which is responsible for distribution. Each parcel contains a card to be signed by the recipient and returned, and it has been estimated that 95% of the parcels reach the prisoners.

The British Red Cross have expressed their gratitude to Canada for taking over a part of this work which is a heavy burden to them under present conditions.

BOOK REVIEW

"Europe in the Spring" By Clare Boothe

Clare Boothe is quite an interesting person. It has been said of her that she is young, beautiful, wealthy and intelligent. She is the author of "The Women" and other well-known plays famous for their sparkling wit. It is that wit which has made "Europe in the Spring" so very popular.

Miss Boothe arrived in Europe with an open mind before the big German push began and remained there until the enemy was at the channel. As the wife of Henry Luce she carried a passport which was practically "Open Sesame" everywhere. She met and talked with generals, ambassadors, politicians and statesmen, and for that reason her book is uniquely informative.

She has the dramatist's knack of high-lighting important situations. "Europe in the Spring" is full of significant statements, witty dialogue, comical phrases you'll not forget. If she is sometimes cynical she has plenty of excuse.

In Rome she met Count Ciano and other high-ups but "they refused to talk." In Paris she learned how proud the French were of their morale, how they depended upon the Maginot Line, how they hated war, how they disliked the British.

She talked with Vincent Sheehan, Knickerbocker and other reporters who were frantic because New York editors did not want the truth about the pettiness, stupidity, the spirit of wish fulfillment abroad everywhere.

She visited the Maginot Line and was having lunch with a gunner's regiment near-by when a white-faced messenger brought word (from New York not Paris) that Norway had been invaded.

She was in Holland when the German marched in there and endured bombing in Brussels when the blitzkrieg began in Belgium. She escaped to Paris where she found a spirit of terrible futility everywhere. In early June she flew to London and found the English worried and anxious about American isolation, but not despairing. Her analysis of the English is just as shrewd as that of other peoples—and just as disconcerting to some of the higher-ups.

On June 8th she took the Clipper to Lisbon and home to America, and we can only be sorry her candid shots of countries at war had to end there.

On her return she found the Americans smug and complacent, hiding behind the Atlantic, and then and there decided to write of what she had seen and heard and felt, and broadcast to all America the crying need for action before here, too, they would say "Too late . . . too little, and too late."

LET ME REMIND YOU

Love that lasts a lifetime needn't lose its high romance. But its got to be of fibre that can battle circumstance. It must have fire and tenderness and loyalty intense. And faith and hope and charity—and simple common sense.

RAREBIT DE LUXE

—Jos. Appel—

If you want to make a hit with the men at your next party here is your dish—a Cheese Rarebit that is smooth and golden.

- 1/2 lb. cream or cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup thin cream or evaporated milk
- 1 teaspoon cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 tablespoon butter
- Dash of cayenne and salt

Melt the butter in a double boiler, add corn starch and seasonings. Stir until well mixed. Add cream gradually and cook 2 minutes. Add cheese, grated, and stir until melted.

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dows or the modern shutters on drinking places are an evidence of "this conscience business." Bar-tenders have often used soap on the mirrors behind the bars so the customers could not see how they looked. In addition to the drinker's conscience there is now the driver's conscience. "Running an automobile is getting to be the job of an expert engineer. So you will have to make up your mind to choose between driving and drinking. You're stupid if you do both." One host serves drinks to his guests who are passengers and applies to those who are driving cars. Many drinkers frequently apologize for their drinking. There is really greater reason to apologize for giving drink to others.

One Hundred Per Cent, 22

A bibulous Irishman once said that he always had either too much or too little. The moderate drinker seldom seems to be certain whether he is, or has been, taking too much. For many people it is easier to abstain altogether. The new knowledge from laboratories makes total abstinence quite rational. Alcohol is now shown to be a disguised narcotic (but still a drug), comparatively cheap and one that is self-administered. This drug has an affinity for the brain and through numbing the nerves quickly affects the control of hands and legs. Statistics show that a motorist or pedestrian, drinkers at much more liable to accidents. Twelve years ago two per cent of the arrests for drunkenness were women; today ten per cent of drunken arrests are women. "One hung is sure. Privately and publicly, women are drinking more than ever before. And the girls must face the humiliating fact that, try as they may, they cannot drink like men." A movement is afoot to get one million adult Canadians to sign declaration of purpose cards to be total abstainers from beverage alcohol for the period of the war and demobilization. It is not a very great sacrifice to make when sailors, soldiers and aviators are risking their lives.

Questions for Discussion

1. Suggest a substitute for the treating system.
2. In what sense is the drink habit a personality problem?
3. "Drunkenness is a disease, no more immoral than typhoid fever." Discuss.
4. "The will has nothing whatever to do with drinking." What do you think?
5. "A person's alcoholic should be treated as a patient." What is the usual procedure?

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