

NOTES AND COMMENTS

A reconstituted Poland catches the imagination as a valid triumph of justice and right.

Powerful influences are at work which should make for an autonomous Poland. No one can now say what might have happened if the course of history had been different.

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The histories of Poland and Russia have been closely connected since the earliest times. Somewhat the same influences which sapped the sovereignty of Poland aided in establishing an autocracy in Russia.

In all the changes which have upset Russian officialdom within the year past liberals have been replacing the older autocrats. The enemies of the duma were in power when the war was started.

Since the war Poland has suffered, it is said, to an even greater degree than Belgium. Denied, as they were, an impelling voice in the events out of which the war grew, the Polish people have had to bear the brunt of terror.

Now destiny seems about to decree a happier state of things. Instead of the memory of an ancient crime, instead of the oppression which has been exercised to keep Poland a subject land, a new nation is seen arising, an old aspiration is being fulfilled. It is a good omen for the future well-being of the human race.

BATTLEFIELD TERMS.

Many Military Terms Are Not Generally Understood.

Although used every day in the descriptions of happenings at the front, many military terms are not generally understood.

Enfilade fire.—Fire which sweeps a target from a flank.

Dead ground.—Ground which cannot be covered by fire.

Abatis.—An obstacle formed of trees or branches of trees pointed to the ground, with their points toward the enemy.

Banquette.—The place upon which the men stand to fire over a parapet.

Counterscarp.—The slope of the ditch of a work farthest from the parapet.

Donga.—A channel or gully formed by the action of water.

Embrasure.—A channel through the parapet of a work through which a gun is fired.

Fascine.—A long bundle of brushwood, tied up tightly, used for road-making, etc.

Fold in the ground.—A slight hollow caused by the regular rise of the ground being broken by a rise or depression.

Gabion.—An open cylinder of brushwood, sheet iron, etc., used for revetting.

Revetment.—Any method of making earth stand at a steeper slope than the natural one.

Sap.—A trench formed by men working from the bottom of the trench and constantly extending the end towards the enemy.

Spitlock.—To mark out a line on the ground with the point of a pick.

Using Discretion.

"I've dropped out of the race for Mabel's hand."

"You have? Why?"

"My nearest competitor is a man with millions. I think she loves me, but I've decided to withdraw."

"You're foolish, man. If she loves you and is as sensible as I think she is you can win her without money."



Goldy's Guest. Goldy received his name some four years ago, when he was a fluffy yellow kitten. Now he is a big, handsome cat, with long, soft fur, almost orange in color.

Between him and his guest, this much is certain: Goldy settled himself comfortably on the floor at a convenient distance from his rug, winked first with one eye and then with the other and began to sing.

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Arthritis Deformans. This is a chronic and progressive disease of the joints that impairs or destroys their usefulness and often produces serious deformity.

Women suffer from arthritis deformans more often than men. The disease does not often appear in early life, but usually begins between the ages of thirty-five and fifty-five.

Persons who suffer from this disease are always "below par," and nothing must be done to improve their general condition and to maintain their general health.

Broncho-Pneumonia. Broncho-pneumonia in infants and young children is a very serious matter. It may be uncomplicated with any other disorder; but often it appears during an attack of measles, whooping cough, or scarlet fever; it does not often attack a perfectly well child.

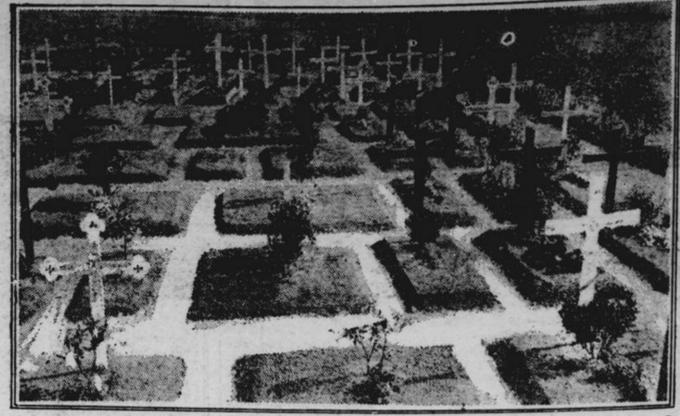
Most cases are seen in winter. It is more common among the children of the very poor, who live in crowded tenements, or among children in hospitals and institutions.

Fever, which is very seldom preceded by a chill, is one of the first symptoms. The fever rises and falls for days, and sometimes for weeks, and reaches its highest point daily in the afternoon or evening.

When the "acute congestive type" attacks very young infants the illness comes on with startling suddenness, the temperature sometimes goes to 105 deg., or 106 deg., the pulse is rapid,—as high perhaps as 180,—and delirium may occur in a few hours.

It isn't always the loser in a pugilistic contest that gets the swiftest hand.

BIG GERMAN CEMETERY BEHIND THE LINES



The picture shows a German cemetery made in the open fields behind the lines in Northern France. On many of the crosses regimental colors have been painted.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON, SEPTEMBER 19.

Lesson XII.—Defeat Through Drunkenness (Temperance Lesson).

1 Kings 20. 1-21. G. T., Hos. 4. 11.

1. The Young Men of the Princes (Verses 10-15).

Verse 10. The dust of Samaria—Ben-hadad boastfully declared that he would bring so great an army into Samaria that if each man thereof took up but a handful of dust, the whole of Samaria would be carried away.

11. Let not him that girdeth on his armor—Ahab answers with a proverb according to the Oriental propensity. The king who has won a victory, and hence has taken off his armor, has the right to boast; not he who has a victory to win, and hence is just putting on his armor.

12. He was drinking—Ben-hadad was so full of confidence that he was giving a banquet to his allies, the neighboring kings (see verse 1), in honor of the victory he felt sure he would win.

In the pavilions—Similar to "booths" (Gen. 33. 17; Lev. 23. 42; Jonah 4. 5, etc.) or "tabernacles" (Lev. 23. 34). These "booths" were temporary structures erected of branches of trees, as at the Feast of Tabernacles.

Set—in the Hebrew the sentence stops with this word. The words yourselves in array are added. The margin reads, "Place the engines." As this same word set, used in Ezek. 4. 2, is followed by the noun "battering-rams," it is supposed that the command given by Ben-hadad to the soldiers was to set or place the battering rams over against the gates of the city.

13. A prophetic came—When Elijah complained that he alone of all the prophets was left, he did not mean that all the prophets except himself had been killed. He meant that through fear of death they had stopped prophesying. Many an unknown prophet there was, who, like Eldad and Medad, came to prominence at the opportune moment.

14. The young men of the princes of the provinces—The picked young men of the princes, who would be marked as valorous and discreet.

Who shall begin the battle?—That is, who shall strike first? Ahab might have remained in the fortified city and for a long time ward off the besiegers. To rush out into the open, however, and engage the unsuspecting attackers, was more promising of success.

II. The Drunken Ben-hadad (Verses 16-21).

16. And they went out at noon—Men engaged in drunken revelry are in no condition to meet the foe. (Compare Dan. 5. 1-4).

17. Ben-hadad sent out—Even in his drunken stupor he was aware that something unusual had happened.

18. Take them alive—Whether they had come for peace or for war they were to be captured. The more they were in control of his words.

19. The army which followed them—That is, all the hundreds and thirty-two young men who went out to begin the battle were followed by the seven thousand soldiers, who came upon the scene to increase the confusion of the unexpected attack.

20. They slew every one his man—It was comparatively easy for these sober young men to acquire themselves well in the fight.

The Syrians fled—A vast army fleeing before a comparatively few pursuers.

Back to the Front. Passing through a military hospital, a distinguished visitor noticed a private in one of the Irish regiments who had been terribly injured.

Some people are healthy because no self-respecting germ would go near them.

FRANCIS JOSEPH

LONELY OLD MAN

GRIEF AND GLOOM HAVE MARKED HIS REIGN.

He is Now 85 Years of Age, and Has Reigned For 67 Years.

Francis Joseph, Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary, was eighty-five years old on Wednesday, August 18, and he is completing the last months of a reign of sixty-seven years.

Not in the whole of the history from the remotest days can there be found the record of a monarch who has been longer and more intimately acquainted with grief.

One must not pass judgment upon the Francis Joseph of to-day and the empire which is the expression of his own individuality without looking backward to both of them when he was in 1848, a remote date to the present generation, celebrated his eighteenth birthday as a careless, light-hearted youth.

He labors at his desk straight through the day, his frugal luncheon brought to his side, and continues in his advanced old age to be the servant of his people according to his own idea of the meaning of the phrase, with concentration of mind, thoroughness in detail, and sacrifice of personal comfort which no executive official under republican form of government could give in greater measure.

"Mindful even in the gloomiest hours of my high duties and my responsibilities for whom I am answerable to Almighty God," is the way Francis Joseph has described his daily life.

A Match for Her.

A certain suburban theatre was very full when the young man entered. Presently he stopped beside a somewhat stout lady who was trying to occupy enough room for two.

"Is this seat engaged?" he asked politely.

The stout woman looked up angrily.

"Yes, it is!" she snapped. "I'm keeping it for a gentleman."

"That's me right enough!" smiled the witty youth, as he slid into the seat. "But how did you know I was coming?"

Not Mercenary.

Mr. Gotrox—My daughters, young man, are both worth their weight in gold.

Suitor—Then the fact that I am asking you for the smaller one proves, at any rate, that I am not mercenary.

THE SPRING AT THE HILL

Every Call of the Lord Has Its Complement In Spiritual Equipment.

"He shall drink of the brook in the way."—Ps. cx. 7.

"I beheld then that they all went on till they came to the foot of the Hill Difficulty, at the bottom of which was a spring. Christian now beside at the spring and drank thereof to refresh himself; and then he began to go up the hill." There is never any hill where that spring may not be found. Whenever life's going pass from the easy level to the steep gradient the Lord provides the refreshing spring. There are still waters just where He begins to lead me to the climbing and difficult "ways of righteousness." Samuel Rutherford used to say that whenever he found himself in the cellars of affliction he began to busy himself in looking for

The King's Wine.

And whenever a pilgrim of Jesus Christ finds himself face to face with some exacting duty in the highway of the Lord it will be his wisdom to look about for the springs of inspiration which the Lord of the way has most surely provided.

On the reverse side of every duty may be found a corresponding gift of grace. Every call of the Lord has its complement in spiritual equipment.

Every commandment is an inverted promise. All the demands of our God may be interpreted in the terms of His love. The measure of the one is the revealing of the other. A great calling means an equal bounty. If His commandment is exceeding broad it is because His love is exceeding strength.

Is There Hardship Before Me? Then what intimacies of divine friendship must be calling me! Is it to be a long, long road? Then what brooks I shall find by the way!

The trouble is, we see the hill and forget the spring. We take our task as a duty and not as a communion. And so life becomes a statute and not a song. There is obedience but no devotion. Yes, there is duty but no hill and reject the spring. And yet that thirst, come ye to the waters!" "He shall drink of the brook in the way."—Rev. J. H. Jewett, D.D.

Fashion Hints

Wide Skirts the New Vogue.

It remains to be seen whether or not women are to be satisfied with the fall fashions in suits and evening gowns. One thing is assured—skirts are to be wide and comfortable and are to be worn somewhat longer than they will reach the high boots which are to be all the rage this fall, while the evening gowns and dinner frocks will escape the floor by two or two and a half inches.

The prettiest skirts are fashioned in French serge, taffeta, charmeuse, net and all other soft materials that are draped readily.

Grout, one of the leading French houses, has created some new ideas for skirts that are really charming and chic. In these he has incorporated the wide skirt, the short skirt and the draped skirt in one. One of his loveliest models is a black charmeuse. The soft, shimmering material is draped in soft folds in front and in back. It is full and baggy at the sides giving the suggestion of Turkish trousers.

Taffeta also lends itself charmingly to the full plaited and gored skirts. This is especially true where a deep flounce is made of one color, and combined with another material for the body of the frock. One of the smartest skirts of this kind is a plaited black and white check. The upper part of the skirt is fashioned of the checked material, giving an apron effect to the dress, while the wide, full flounce is made of black taffeta.

The style of skirt is especially attractive when made into one-piece dresses of serge, gabardine and other soft, cool materials. With this style of frock the skirt is made close fitting by means of fine plaits or soft shirring over the hips. It falls in full flare about the knee.

The dinner dresses and evening frocks cling to the idea of full skirts. Many are draped in wide plaits fuller in the back than in front. Others are arranged into flounces, so cut as to give the suggestion of wide plaits. The full skirt looks fuller than it really is because of the long, narrow pleats with which they are worn. The high boots play an important role in accenting this point. Leather boots are to be worn with the trottier, while satin and velvet boots are to be fashionable for afternoon wear.

It behooves the feminine mind to meditate upon the material to be chosen for the van guard tailleur of the autumn season.

Checks and plaids will be exploited by the fabric makers. There is a most enticing new weave, which comes in dark red and green Scotch plaid. It is a heavy blanket or English cloth with camel's hair finish. For long coats it will be found exceptionally good, as the wildest dissipations of autumn storms and descending snows cannot injure its splendid stability.

In velours de laines there are stripes and checks, one wonderfully soft and beautiful being a combination showing up in blue striped with chausseuse. It is predicted that gray velvet, trimmed with pipings of white velvet, will be good and that some of the very exclusive models are of battleship gray and navy blue. All shades of purple and mauve will be "voguesy."

Following the general trend of present fashions, comes now the chin-boat veil.

Love Will Find a Way. Master—Nora seems quite gone on that letter carrier.

Mistress—Gone! Why, she actually mails a postcard to herself every night, so he'll be sure to call at the house next morning.

We Always Do.

Don't let people bore you to death with their moss-covered anecdotes. Spring a few of your own old favorites.

The chap who burns the candle at both ends may be extravagant, but it is cheaper than electric light, even then.

THE DARDAN... Within Little Affect All... A despatch from L will be recalled that W. H. formerly First Lord... Cabinet changes that within a few miles of the Dardanelles... Although these four yet been covered, the still girls the British... Robert Cecil in a... are within little dista... success in the Dar... would have an enormo... parts of the world.

DUKE NICHOLAS IS SUP... Famous Leader Led... mand of the Mar... Forces.

A despatch from Grand Duke Nicholas... the command of the R... forces and has been ap... of the Caucasus and... Chief of the Russian... southern theater of... nouncement from Pu... the action of Emper... personally taking over... of his forces.

The text of the or... Grand Duke Nicholas... of the Russian... Emperor is forward... grad correspondent... News Agency as follo... "Valiant army and... your august superm... jesty the Emperor, pl... your head. I bow befo... of more than a year... you my cordial, warm... precipitation. I believe... because the Emper... whom you have taken... diets you, will do... merits hitherto unkno... that God from this da... him final victory.

"Gen. Aide-de-C... The transfere was... nection with a gener... of such importance... red the nation deep... The Grand Duke re... mos Viceroys of the... von Viorontoff-Dashk... Nicholas addressed to... communication acknowl... use of his labors, and... yields to his request... to devote his energies... which his state of... equal. The Emper... leaves him of the post... attaches him to his pe... The decision of Em... to take chief comman... in Petrograd as the... ply to recent talk of... and as showing clear... termination to bring... self and her allies.

SAYS 14,000 ARMENI... MASSACRE... A despatch from Bon... Armenian girls have... from Turkish massacre... physician on his return... said before his depart... Turks practically mas... Armenians in Trebison... they looted and burned... Lesson 100 families we... News from the inter... Turkey is appalling. I... are continuing system... the Moslems are dete... Turkey of all Christian...

BRITISH AIR SERV... UNDER FIRE... A despatch from... Owing to the rapid ex... Royal Naval Air Serv... respect to personnel... Admiralty has decid... der the direction of a... the chief director of... Rear-Admiral C. L... has been selected for... Commodore M. F. Suft... director of the air ser... charge of the mater... naval aeronautical w... title of superintendent... struction.

STOPPED CHRISTIAN... LEAV... A despatch from... Caucasus says: After... the Vilayet of Van... fled to the plains of... mas, on the north-we... Urumia, in Persian Ar... but their flight was fo... The presence of num... agents in Tabriz and... Northern Persia is occ... GERMAN FALSIFIE... GETS P...

A despatch from... Gustav Stahl, the Ger... who swore he saw fou... Lusitania just before... here on her last trip... led his affidavit was... ed a plea of guilty to... sentenced by Federal J... 18 months' imprisonm... equal prison: at Atlanta... fine of \$1.

Shakespeare said that... was yet philosopher... dure toothache patient...