

NOTES AND COMMENTS

From the very beginning of the war the British labor unions have revealed a distressing lack of patriotism. They have persistently put their own claims against the claims of their country.

The sentiment of a once popular song, "Silence Was Her Answer," might well be adopted by Germany at this time.

SUNLIGHT AND SHADOW.

Heaven's blue is more expansive Than the clouds that hide away Something of the golden sunlight.

His clear shining lights the shadows That go flitting o'er the blue, Tinting all their fleecy borders, Adding beauty to the view.

And the clouds that hide the bright-ness Of the sky, and mar the day, Are invested all with glory By the sun they hide away.

Fate that seems so dark and cheer-less, As a cloud upon the blue; May be lit with hidden meaning, When the problem's solved for you.

If you stumble do not falter, Rise again and start anew, Faith in darkness has the promise Of the brightness-shining through, Vancouver, B.C. - F. Talling.

AN APPEAL

On Behalf of the National Canadian Patriotic Fund.

We have now entered upon the second year of the war, and the end seems as far off as ever. No one imagined, a year ago, that by September of 1915 Canada would have sent across the Atlantic nearly one hundred thousand men with as many more to follow if necessary.

There are many funds, most of them worthy, but of them all the Patriotic Fund is the one we cannot allow to fail. It is the duty of the Government to arm, equip and maintain the troops.

The national organization, with headquarters at Ottawa and branches or affiliated associations in every part of the Dominion, is worthy of our most generous support in the tremendous and ever-growing task that it has undertaken.

He Opened It.

A little girl stood one day before a closed gate. A man passed, and the little girl said to him—"Will you please open this gate for me?"



THE SUNDAY LESSON

INTERNATIONAL LESSON, OCTOBER 17.

Lesson III. - Elisha Heals Naaman 2 Kings 5. Golden Text: Exodus 15. 26.

The Indian Basket. On the top shelf of the whatnot in grandmother's old-fashioned room had stood for many years the Indian basket. Grace and Ethel always thought of it in big capital letters, because of the way in which it had come into the family, and the care that grandmother took of it.

In the old days, when grandfather was a young man, one day when he was riding alone by the banks of a little stream, he had come upon the bones of a child—a little Indian girl, he thought, because of some pieces of what had once been her dress.

It was beautifully made, of closely woven twigs and grasses, some of which had been colored with bright dyes that made a curious pattern on the finished basket. In shape it was nearly round, and in size about as large as a small cabbage.

Grandfather took the basket, and brought it home with him and gave it to grandmother; and many a time Grace and Ethel had heard the story of how she had happened to be alone by the stream, and whether it was really wolves that had got her.

Of course grandmother took great care of the basket. She seldom used it; and as for the little girls, they were not allowed to take it at all except when grandmother herself put it into their hands, full of fruit, or flowers, or other dainties for some sick neighbor; and then they were told to carry it carefully, and to be sure to bring it back.

But one day they were left alone, and after playing for a time at one thing or another, their eyes stole into grandmother's room. In its usual place on the shelf stood the basket.

"Let's take it out in the garden and pick it full of raspberries," cried Grace. "All right," said Ethel, and in a moment they were on their way.

It took them half an hour to fill the basket. The ripe, juicy berries they poured carefully into a dish, and were just about to put the basket back in its place when Ethel noticed that the berries had made some red stains on the inside of it; so they took it to the kitchen sink and with a wet cloth wiped it out; but the cloth left a few drops of water in the basket, and Ethel turned it upside down to let them run out.

"Oh, look!" cried Alice. "When it's that way it is just like the helmets three drops of laudanum, or a hot solution to be run gently into the ear. Or in a severe case he may take a small blister behind the ear."

When the pain is caused by a foreign body, like a pea or a shoe button that a child has pushed into his ear, an effort must be made to dislodge it by very gentle syringing; but if that fails, on no account should the family try a piece of twisted wire or a hairpin, or any similar contrivance. The ear specialist is the only person who can be trusted to work safely inside the human ear.

Some children suffer from a chronic inflammation of the ear, without suppuration, but often associated with adenoid growths in nose and throat. That condition calls for special treatment and the removal of the adenoids, for it is one of the most frequent causes of obstinate deafness.—Youth's Companion.

TRENCH FEVER NEW MALADY. Canadian Bacteriologists Believe That It is Transmitted by Lice. Trench fever is a not uncommon complaint at the front. The malady, not a serious one and probably greatly restricted in its virulent effects by typhoid vaccination, usually lasts for several days.

During this time the sufferer has chills and fever of varying intensity and loses all appetite. Canadian bacteriologists at the front have been making many researches to discover the cause of this sickness. Out there it gets the name of "house-keeping fever" and many of the medical men opine that the germ is transmitted into the human body by the pest which no man escapes when in the front line trenches.

Just as travellers in marshy countries are inoculated with malaria by the mosquito, so it is supposed that the filthy parasite which worries the soldiers leaves bacilli in their systems after its bite. Many experiments are being made in this respect and blood smears are being taken from patients in the hope that the microscope may reveal the source of the poison. With the germ once isolated, doctors say that they have fair prospects of utilizing it by cultivation and sterilization for an anti-toxin.

"I was pretty sick for several days with trench fever," writes a Canadian soldier. "I couldn't eat and slept very little. I lay in a dug-out alternately burning and shivering. Being ill while occupying the front-line trenches is no joke. However, I am beginning to eat and feel all right again. A Zeppelin passed over our lines a few days ago."

The smaller woman's mind is the longer it takes her to make it up.

HINTS TO HOUSEHOLDERS.

How the Dangers of Fire May Be Minimized.

The season is fast approaching when cool evenings will demand the starting of fires in our homes. September and October have become known to firemen as the months when chimneys and flues cause the most trouble.

The following suggestions of a practical nature, if faithfully followed, will do much to prevent damage to property and loss of life: Stoves.—Place a metal stove-board on the wood floor under the stove, and extending at least twelve inches in front of the ash-pit door. Protect all walls and partitions within two feet of any stove with a metal shield, leaving an air space between the shield and the wall. Leave no kindling or other wood in the oven overnight. Do not hang clothes too near the stove or stovepipes.

Pipes.—See that the lengths of stovepipe are well fitted together, free from rust holes and parted seams, wired firmly and fitted perfectly into the chimney. Stovepipes passing through partitions, walls, floors, attics and roofs are dangerous at best. Where these must pass through partitions, walls or floors, always use a large, ventilated double thimble. You should examine the stovepipes in the fluff and spider webs are likely to gather on and around them, to be set on fire when you least expect it.

Chimneys.—Chimneys should be built from the ground up, and never rest on wood supports. The setting of the woodwork will cause cracks in the chimney. Nor should the chimney walls be used to support joists or other woodwork. Soft brick and mortar are often responsible for defects in the chimney. Use a good quality of brick and cement mortar. Chimney walls should be at least eight inches thick, the flue of ample size and lined with rags or paper, nor cover them with anything but a metal stock. Chimneys should be cleaned frequently.

Furnaces.—Protect all woodwork above and around boilers, if within three feet, with a metal shield, also all woodwork near furnace pipes. It is best to rivet the lengths of pipe together to prevent disjoining. The pipe should fit perfectly into the chimney. Examine the pipe frequently for rust holes or other defects. Keep them free from dust, fluff and spider webs, which are easily ignited.

Defects.—Defective stoves, boilers, furnaces, pipes and chimneys should be promptly repaired or replaced. Overheating—Beware of overheating stoves, boilers, furnaces and pipes. Ashes.—These should never be placed in wooden receptacles or bins on wood floors or against wood partitions, walls, fences, buildings or other woodwork. Use metal receptacles only, and dump ashes away from all buildings.

Care.—These matters are technical, but very simple and merely call for ordinary care. You cannot afford to be careless, when the lives of yourself and neighbors are at stake. "Care and Caution" are the watch-words in this way assist in reducing Canada's enormous fire loss.—Bulletin from Commission of Conservation.

KNOW BRITAIN RULED WAVES. Count Von Reventlow Apologizes for German Fleet's Inactivity. Count Von Reventlow, the naval expert of the Pages Zeitung newspaper, in an article on the comparative strength of the British and German fleets, says in part: "No one cognizant of the circumstances doubted an instant at the beginning of the war, or before that, that success British mastery of the ocean. If the building programme of the German fleet had been further advanced at the beginning of the war, and if instead of a slackening in building in consequence of Viscount Haldane's negotiations the buildings had been accelerated, and if it had been possible to continue this acceleration for a series of years the situation unquestionably would have been better. But the British may thank their supremacy not alone because of their great numerical superiority but because of their geographical position."

The British, Count Reventlow says, have as a base a long line of coast with many harbors and supporting points, against which the Germans have only one point in the restricted Holland triangle, and the German fleet, therefore, will always be in a position of strategic inferiority until this condition is remedied. The writer backs the demand made by Albert Ballin, managing director of the Hamburg-American Line, made some months ago, that Germany at the end of the war must have a more extended base line.

Lord Nelson was one of eleven children.

FAMOUS STUTTGART PALACE RAIDED BY ALLIED AVIATORS. Above is a sketch of the palace of the King of Wurtemberg at Stuttgart, Germany, which was attacked by aeroplanes of the Allies in retaliation for Zeppelin raids on London and other open towns. It was built in 1740 and is situated in the heart of the Capital of Wurtemberg.

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When Jesus Faced Pilate

Every Man Faces Such An Hour of Crisis Once at Least in His Period of Life.

"Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell thee of me?"—John xviii, 24. In my country home is an old spinning wheel. My grandmother made it and my grandmother used it, and they were the homespun which it made. It wrought well for those who used it, but it is useless for me. Each soul must wear its own homespun.

In matters of religion, while the opinion and experiences of others may have some value, conviction is only arrived at through personal experience. Credo is a verb in the first person singular—not in the third person plural. Some theories and some facts are to be accepted on the testimony of others, but in the spiritual realm each man must be a discoverer himself.

Measured by devotion to the truth, the two men changed places the day that Jesus faced Pilate. The Gaileer was pretor and lord; the Roman captive and slave—pilloried forever in the market place of shame as a man who would not do his own thinking and would not be loyal to such impressions as he had.

Man Must Think. Each man, and no other, is to be judge, and it will fare with any man who quibbles and evades and temporizes as it fares with Pilate in such an hour of crisis. The most fateful thing that a man can do is to think. No man or company of men can do one's thinking for him. We crown the martyrs who fell for the right of private interpretation.

The only truth that amounts to anything is felt truth, and that only comes after the agony of restless

high or conservative style value will be probably nil by November, the curse of popularity killing its right to sit in high places.

Fashion Hints

Snap Shots. Now is the time of year when the fashionable maiden makes her plans for the winter campaign. How successful this planning is depends in a great measure upon the careful planning of her wardrobe, for whatever women may choose to say to the contrary, they dress to please men. They may have an innate love for beautiful things—and who of us hasn't? But underlying this in almost every case is the not impossible "he" whose crown or smile makes the costume possible.

A fastidious woman wouldn't have much trouble in selecting an evening coat for herself this season. Everything is elaborately trimmed—tassels, beading, furs of every imaginable description, even laces made of metallic tissue are seen in the shops. Evening wraps at any figure are possible, from the very exclusive models with wide bands of Russian sable to simple little white fox-trimmed panne models for the school miss.

Russian lines and colorings are noticeable on the fashion cloaks. The peculiar shade of green which made its appearance last season is again popular in pannes, plush and velour. Black velvet, with white fox, is another most effective combination, and is being worn by the younger generation to very good effect this season.

Velvets have entered the combinations. This does not mean there is a new trust forming. Quite to the contrary, but merely that velvet bands on chiffon or velvet bands on cloth are very much to the fashion fore.

Pile fabrics of all descriptions, fur trimmed and even cloth trimmed, are the mode. Doucet showed redingotes of velvet with high fur collars and matching colors, but it is Paquin who has taken up the fashion created by Lucille, or Lady Duff Gordon, as she is also known, and presented it anew in many of the cloth frocks designed by this house.

Leather coats made of a fine, soft suede-like quality of the hide, in shades of gray, tan and mole, are the novelty shown by one of the most fashionable dressmakers on Fifth Avenue. These are worn with skirts of wool or velvet in exactly matching colors. One needs to be told these coats are leather, however, for the skin has been treated in such a way it resembles a heavy woolen mixture of the quality of duvetyne.

Velvet basques with lace or chiffon skirts also fit for a moment before tantalize with a suggestion of Spanish modes to follow. This is not a stray skirt and full ones, fringe-trimmed bodies and low ones, high-cut slippers and dainty ones, and lace-draped coiffures and fascinating ones fit across the mirror of fashion, reflecting more than a speculation and something of a reality in their passing.

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He Decided. "Supposing I decided to let you have the money how do I know that I shall get it back at the time you mention?" said Monks. "I promise," said Monks, on the word "gentleman," replied Spiffkins. "Ah, part among the new designs. Women are adopting this style, but its

A despatch from news agency despatches says that Turkish forces for Bulgaria, and are