

NOTES AND COMMENTS

It is safe to say that one of the decorations which the newly-made Lord Mayor of London, Sir Charles Chers Wakefield, will not wear at the inaugural banquet in the Guildhall next month is the Order of the Crown of Prussia, conferred on him some years ago by the Kaiser.

With rare exceptions the post is never held but one year, and there has been no exception for 30 years. Sir Charles' firm has recently erected on Chesnut Hill, a block above St. Mary-le-Bow's, whose bell, according to tradition, were said to call Dick Whittington to be three Lord Mayors of London.

Armenia and the Armenians, figuring unhappily in currents, dispatches, are terms which require more than the ordinarily careful definition. In the widest significance, Armenia embraces the northeast corner of Asia.

In the same region, legend has it, was the Garden of Eden. If so, what was a terrestrial paradise has become a hell on earth. The scene of the atrocities is Turkish Armenia, particularly the region of Lake Van, where there were living about 925,000 Armenians when the deportations and massacres began.

In Russian Armenia are 1,000,000 more, and 150,000 in Persia; 250,000 are scattered through Europe, America and the East Indies. The afflicted people in Turkish Armenia have shared the land with 645,000 other Christians, Jews, a sprinkling of Gypsies and 4,500,000 Moslems.

THE SHIPS THAT KEEP THE SEA

British Fleet is Always Ready for Battle.

Britain had no special need to have their faith in the navy re-affirmed. It has never been lacking. Every day of immunity from German attack by sea, says the Ayrshire (Scotland) Post, has been its warrant; every day, too, of the skulking of the enemy in the Kiel Canal. It lies there, helpless, and not a single German craft, militant or peaceful, dare venture out into the blue seas.

CHOOSING A CAREER.

Parents Should Study Character of Their Children.

It is very important that children should be allowed a voice in choosing a business career for themselves, and that their tastes should be considered before they are put into the business world. It is because they are not consulted in the matter of a future livelihood that so many square pegs live on in round holes.

Many a young man who fails to make a footing for himself in the professional world, or of the world of trade, does so because he is in the wrong environment. He might have done well had he followed a different occupation.

Wants to Know. Little Girl—"Please, Mrs. Brown, mother wants to know if she can borrow a dozen eggs. She wants to put them under a hen."

Mrs. Brown—"So you have got a hen, have you, my dear. I didn't know your mother kept hens."

"Sure I do," replied Johnny; "that's the reason she can't find me!"

A Wise Kid. "Johnny, do you know that your mother has been looking for you?" asked the neighbor next door.

HEALTH

The Mouth in Ill Health.

One of the first things a doctor does when he is called to a patient is to look into his mouth. That is because it is the quickest and easiest way to examine an internal cavity of the body and observe the signs of health or disease there displayed.

Since it is a muscle, its general size and shape and its susceptibility to proper control, inform the physician of the muscular condition of the patient; and the state of the mucous membrane that covers it indicates the general systemic condition.

In a long-continued fever like typhoid, the fur accumulates until the tongue is covered with a thick, brown mass that shades off to a lighter tint at the edges. In scarlet fever the tongue is often covered with a white fur dotted with little red points. This is called the "strawberry" tongue.

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THE BEDROOM

It is strange how little thought is paid to the proper care and ventilation of the bedroom in many households. Windows in the dining and living rooms will often be regularly opened, and perhaps only at hour or two of each day spent in those rooms.

Fortunately, for health's sake, valances and hangings generally about bed are rapidly losing their popularity, and a hindrance to the proper ventilation of a room thus removed. The window curtains should not be too thick so as to impede the current of incoming air.

WINTER AFTERNOON FROCK

The approach of cold weather not only makes the high collar more popular but increasingly appropriate and sensible. The high collar has a delicately about it that is pleasing, yet it lacks that rigidity and stiffness so patent in styles of the past.

FASHION HINTS

Gossip from Fashion's Shops.

If you wear a very small veil that covers your eyes but not your nose you are in style. If you wear a veil large as a bedspread, so much the better; you are still more in style.

Many a gay touch is given the new-est fall suit by hand embroidery done with the ordinary wool used for making sweaters and such garments.

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The eighteenth century sleeve, which is made of white batiste or organdie and ends with a frill over the hand held in place by a tight braided of black velvet ribbon, is returning to fashion; it is used on that kind of winter whose frocks which Mme. Joire of the house of Paquin accessories, made of taffeta and organdie, of velvet and organdie. These sleeves are placed in a jumper blouse of black or black taffeta, and there is a wide band of the same shimmer-like material on the skirt or edging the ends of the sash.

Kolinsky, the Russian cat, is the pet most in demand by the fashionable dressmakers for trimming purposes; some of it is pointed with silken like a fine fox. Seal skin has come into its own again after years of oblivion, and beaver is ubiquitous. Opussus is again used, and all the furs in separate pieces.

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A French Clown Who Silenced a Rapid-Fire Gun.

Williams was in a trench somewhere in the long French line, helping to keep the Germans back from some mounds of broken brick that had once been a village. Before he became a soldier he had been a famous clown and gymnast in a French circus. A German quick-firer, says T. P.'s Journal of Great Deeds of the Great War, had worked round to the French flank, and was filling the trench with wounded men by its snuffing fire.

More Marvellous and Mysterious Than Radium.

In Central Russian Asia, and precisely in the territory of Ferghana, a local explorer has discovered a new, mysterious, but more marvellous and mysterious than radium. The scientist in question, while handling minerals, put his hand by chance on a soft body, of a considerable weight, of opaque color. This, being absolutely unknown, readily absorbed his attention.

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IV. The True and Eternal. The stakes for which we are playing are a worthy manhood or womanhood, usefulness, the respect of our fellow men, the approval of God and eternal life. Or, losing our career will be one of weakness, failure and miscarriage of this life and of that which is to come.

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