

NOTES AND COMMENTS

If one were to judge from what might be called the physics of the war, since the devotion of the war...

Indeed, that the duration of the war will probably surprise even those who "look to a long war" is indicated very clearly in the utterances of Maximilian Harden...

Even if none of these men sees the thing open-mindedly and has the natural bias of his racial and national emotions, it is obvious that with Germany feeling she has already won, and with her physical resources and her military efficiency...

SERBIA AND BELGIUM. Serb Artist Thinks Fate of His Country More Disastrous. In an article written for L'Illustration, of Paris...

"The sufferings of the war which were inflicted on heroic Belgium and gained for her the admiration and sympathy of the whole world, present-day, and with even greater cruelty on Serbia. We appear to have achieved a kind of solitary eminence of misfortune..."

"All that the courageous Belgian people had to put up with at the hands of our terrible enemy we understand, for we in turn have had to sustain each of their trials; we have submitted, and will have to submit to double cruelties. First, because the Germans had to avenge the defeat we had inflicted on them in the fall of 1914, and, secondly, because the laws of nature press more particularly upon us..."

Cause and Effect. The corner policeman found Naybar leaning against a telephone pole one night about a month ago. "Well, well, how'd you happen to get into this condition?" he asked as he helped Naybar home...

She Ought To. "Do you know the nature of an oath, madam?" "Well, I ought to, sir. We've just moved and my husband has been laying the carpets."

His Number. "I want a pair of pants for my sick husband," exclaimed the woman. "What size?" asked the clerk. "I don't know, but I think he wears a 14 1/2 collar."

At 40 a man knows about half as much as he thought he knew at 20.

The Fashions

Spring and Summer Fashions. Quite as interesting, at the opening of a season, as the new designs themselves and a thousand and one odd little fads which Fashion always presents at her openings...



One of the New Bordered Voiles.

in more vivid tones, and some particularly effective hosiery in plain colors and plaids which may be used for street suits or sport skirts or coats.

Silk Suitings Popular. The new silk suitings, fraile, and the numerous other twilled silks, tussled silks are very much the vogue. These silks are particularly well suited to the full skirts of the moment, affording the bouffant effect, and lending themselves most effectively to the cordings, quiltings, pleatings and similar trimming notions now smart.

The Novelty Cottons. There is no paucity of novelties in the new spring and summer cottons; they are most charming, both in color and design. Voile forms the basis of the majority of these fabrics; there



Rose Linen With White Vest.

are printed and striped voiles; voiles striped and barred with pale tones of gold, blue, green, and thin lines of black are unusually modish. For sport wear there are any number of effective materials; some loose weave plaids with backgrounds of white, pastel broadcloths, barred and plaid-

white, edged with the color; these are the new handkerchief embroidered batistes and are used for lingerie gowns and blouses.

Plain lawns and organdies in all the soft pastel tones, and in plain white are exceptionally good this season. The organdies are being used for evening frocks over slips of a stiffer organdy. In white these are unusually pretty for graduating frocks and summer dance dresses. One of the prettiest notions for a summer dance frock seen for many a season, was a dainty pale blue organdy with short, full-gathered skirt flecked here and there with a small cluster of pink rosebuds; the surplice closing bodice had full drop-shoulder sleeves, and was finished at the throat with a fine pleated ruff of the organdy, closed on one side with a small bunch of the buds, and long narrow ribbon streamers of pale pink. The idea of a high-necked dance frock is somewhat out-of-the-ordinary, but that is just what most of us are looking for. A bit of bare throat showing in a V-shaped opening below the dainty ruff gave just a suggestion of décolleté which was all that was needed.

The silk striped and checked voiles show grounds of one color, striped and barred with contrasting tones, for instance rose, striped with pale green, blue with grey, mauve with gold and many other cool, opalescent effects.

Trimmings for Summer Frocks. Lace in shadowy patterns and cobwebby weaves such as Chantilly, Massena, and the cheaper shadow laces will be used for flouncings and trimmings for both gowns and blouses; lace is being used considerably in millinery also, draping the picture hat to accompany the organdy frock. Many metal laces are shown for trimming purposes, too, some of them carrying out the patterns of the thread designs. Valenciennes lace will be a favorite for the regulation lingerie frock and for children's dresses. These patterns may be obtained at your local McCall dealer or from The McCall Company, Dept. W., 70 Bond Street, Toronto, Ontario.

THE SUNDAY LESSON

INTERNATIONAL LESSON. MARCH 12.

Heroes and Martyrs of Faith—Heb. 11. 1 to 12. 2. Golden Text: Heb. 12. 1, 2.

Verse 1. Assurance.—Of various renderings of this somewhat doubtful word which occurs in Heb. 1. 3 as "substance"—the best seems to be suggested by a legal use found in papiri. The docket of papers in a public office, bearing on this word, which was called by this word, which answered etymologically to the Latin substantia; the papers "substantiated" a claim. Faith accordingly is the "title-deeds" of our promised possession. Throughout this chapter we find it describing the spiritual faculty which enables its possessor to treat the unseen and still future good as a present reality, when guaranteed by God's promise. This is quite distinct from Paul's use of "faith" as trust, of James' as creed. Conviction—"Test" (margin). The Greek is elenchos, which became a technical term for the method of Socrates, who exposed shallow knowledge of cross-examination. Faith is accordingly the faculty which sees things unseen, and select those which are real, and chapter is to show how the men and women of the canonized past—immensely different in character and spiritual achievement—exhibited this faculty of verifying promises truly from God, and when verified acting upon them as realized assets.

22. Gideon. The noblest of the judges, illustrated especially. Before the "test" of faith had put the divine legend beyond question he was timid and hesitant as a captain should be who is to risk lives on a forlorn hope. Once assured he can treat his contemptible little army as an already victorious host. Barak is an example of the same kind of faith on a smaller scale. Samson, whom we must not endow with Miltonic grandeur, tells us how faith could work in a man of one talent; he really believed that his strength lay in the hair that symbolized his Nazirite vow, and put forth that strength to the ruin of the foe. Jephthah, a mere robber captain, achieved victory as assured by the terrible price he offered, and never dreamed of withholding the price when the victory was won. Of David, enough to say that intense belief in the reality of God's promise is the one characteristic that redeemed a man of many grave faults, albeit of obvious and unlimited loveliness. He and Samuel and the prophets are a new and higher class, as the structure of the original suggests. Samuel is especially the founder of the prophetic order, whose whole function arose from the possession of faith.

33. Subdued dynasties, like Elijah or Samuel as kingmakers. Wrought the integrity of Samuel's administration (1 Sam. 12. 4), and the picture of David's just reign (2 Sam. 8. 15) will illustrate. Obtained—Probably David again is in mind. See 2 Sam. 7. 11, etc. Stopped—David's youthful exploit might be referred to, but the next clause shows that the writer has passed on to the book of Daniel.

34. Escaped, like Elisha at Dothan. From weakness like Samson for his last exploit. War—The Old Testament abounds in instances of a thought classically expressed in Ps. 18. The story of the Maccabees rises above all, almost unique in history, as a true "holy war." The problems started by the teaching of Jesus had not yet emerged, and faith could work upon the battlefield without misgiving. Alitene Philistines especially; Jonathan and his armor-bearer are in mind.

35. Women—the widow of Zarephath and the Shunammite are thought of. Others—The allusion is probably to the line story in 2 Mac-

FAIR OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE



What will probably be the greatest Trade Exhibition ever held in the British Empire Fair, now being organized for 1917. The building, illustrated above, is to be erected at Willowden Green, London, will cover an area of 610,000 square feet and will cost \$1,000,000. Something like 5,000 exhibitors representing seventy distinct trades, will be represented. The objects of this great Fair are to stimulate interest in British industries, awaken traders to the need of action, and raise a "barrier" against German trade.

FIGHTING IN THE PITS.

Brief Description of the Work of the Sappers and Miners. "After a new series of mine explosions, accompanied by a very violent bombardment, the Germans delivered an attack on a front of about 1,500 yards. At two points where our firing trench had been broken down by explosions they were able to occupy the craters, of which most were soon retaken."

This is from a recent French communication, and nothing better marks the crystallization of the western front than these desperate efforts, in which the sappers and miners play a short way for the infantry to seize and hold a yawning hole fifty or a hundred feet in diameter. If it is seized, thousands of telegraph clerks are engaged in sending the news to the ends of the earth, and when it is recaptured there is another paragraph for the famous "communique."

Preparations for such an event entail hard and dangerous labor underground for many days. The sapper, furnished with curious tools, stands day and night at the face of his gallery, which is just deep enough to stand up in, pushing it forward inch by inch toward the enemy trench. Sometimes, in a momentary silence, while his own machine has stopped, he catches the faint sound of an enemy miner tunneling a way toward him and the lines behind.

It is an agonizing moment. Will it be best to drive straight ahead, in the hope of being able to reach the enemy trench before the enemy can reach his own; or to direct a branch sap under the other, and blow him into eternity? Sometimes a French sapper has suddenly found his pick go through a thin layer of earth, and lay open the end of a German gallery. If men are busy there he is detected, and a fortunate, hand-to-hand struggle takes place in the dark, narrow cavern, followed quickly by a terrific explosion, and a more considerable and bloody encounter out in the open, overhead.

From the trenches whence the attack has been planned the men leap over their parapets, race down into the crater and up the other side, and there attempt to hold the edge against counter-attack until it can be provided with a parapet and made an integral part of the first-line trench. It will then become a slight salient, dangerous in itself, but constantly threatening to the enemy.

If both antagonists—at first only 50 from each side, perhaps, but so quickly reinforced—get into the crater together a frightful struggle will ensue; and it may continue for hours, or give rise to repeated counter-attacks. Bombs, Maxim's, rifles, the bayonet, and even spades and extemporized clubs, are all brought into play in this mêlée, and it is, perhaps, the smallest weapon—the hand grenade, which bursts into a hundred jagged-edged fragments of cast-iron—that is the most deadly.

It is to Laugh. "Human nature is a strange thing," says the man with the aptitude for uttering platitudes. "Now the things that amuse me do not amuse you at all." "Quite true," replies his friend. "But there are compensations. Now, it amuses me to see that you are amused by the things that amuse you."

Man shall not live by bread alone. "Man shall not live by bread alone," is a fact statement, not an arbitrary dictum. Beasts may, but not man. He lives forever, and the germ, or heart centre of that life must be fed, for it lights and stimulates all his activity. Christianity is so practical that a man cannot reach his best without it. Materialism enthrones humanity destroyers. Mere money minters become secular success seats a Car or deeks a peacockish fop. Nothing but faith in the Father feeds a human brotherliness that preserves the appreciative and wisdom powers. Otherwise we have the bone hearted Nero, the steel souled Huxley, the moral degenerate Wilde or the money crusted miser.

Man is More Than Physical. Ingersoll boldly denying immortality cannot choke back innate instinct for a future life, when, speaking of his brother's grave, he says—"In the night of death hope sees a star and listening love can hear the rustle of a wing." As Victor Hugo says—"Why is it that while winter is on my head spring is in my heart?" This innate belief has been in all men in all time. In other nature hungers there is something to satisfy the appetite. For example, the bird born in the spring finds a southland when the fall. What might have been to conclude that a Creator should be so in any other creations should be so in not providing a southland for the soul fleeing the frosts of death?

Debt collector—"Is your master at home?" Servant (curtly) "No, he isn't." Debt collector (suspiciously) "But I can see his hat hanging in the hall." Servant—"Well, what's that got to do with it? One of my dresses is hanging on the line in the back-garden, but I'm not there."

The Other Way About. "Wonder how old Roxleigh came to select such a young wife." "He didn't. She selected him."



For the BOYS & GIRLS

Chums. My Tiger knows! Why, he's the wisest dog, I guess. In all the world—unless Some other boy like me Has one as wise as he! Everywhere he goes, Just when he passes by, The people say, "Oh my, How cross he looks!"

But I know they are wrong! I've had him, oh, so long— Before I read in books! He's never cross to me, But good as good can be. That cross look, I suppose, Is just because he knows!

Tiger understands! When I go out, you know, He always trots along, And never guesses wrong The place I want to go. If I have in my hands A bit of lunch to eat,— Perhaps it's something sweet,— He knows he'll get his share.

And then again I'll throw A stick across the snow; Then like a flash he's there To bring it back to me. He's wise as wise can be! And oh, what fun to play With Tiger every day!

Queer Water Folk. Suppose you were fishing and felt a big tug on your line, and when you started to pull it in you suddenly got a powerful shock of electricity. You would probably drop the line in fright and wonder what had taken your hook. Something of that kind would happen if you caught a torpedo fish.

Sometimes fishermen who are hauling in their net receive an electric shock. They know then that they have caught a torpedo fish in the net, and that the shock it sent out has killed all the other fish in the net. The strange power of sending out a strong electric shock has been given to the torpedo fish to enable it to catch the fish it lives on, for it is a very slow swimmer, and could not overtake even the slowest of the fish that it uses for food. The torpedo fish hides in the growth of seaweed, and when a fish comes along it sends out its current which kills its victim before it even suspects there is so terrible a foe at hand.

The torpedo fish is a living electric battery. When full-grown it can send out shocks so powerful that they will severely injure a human being. It is curious to think that nature gave to fish the power of using electricity thousands of years before man discovered it and found a way to make it light his houses and drive street cars for him to ride in.—Youths Companion.

HEALTH

Pneumonia. Pneumonia is especially common in youth and in old age, yet no one is exempt at any age. It may be either primary or secondary; that is to say, pneumonia may be the only disease that is present, or it may appear as a complication of some other illness, such as measles, whooping cough, or scarlet fever. In adults, also, any illness that greatly depresses the system may prepare the way for pneumonia; it often occurs in the course of typhoid fever, or after a serious surgical operation, and sometimes it brings a case to a fatal termination that would otherwise have ended in recovery.

Of course, no one can have pneumonia unless he is infected with the microbe of pneumonia; but that, unfortunately, is always at hand, ready to perform its part. Perfectly well people are able to resist it, and the best weapon against pneumonia is a good physical condition. All disease germs are cowards, and hesitate to attack a system that is prepared to offer stout resistance; but at the least weakening of our defenses, they are up and at us in one form or another. The pneumonia germ is a very formidable enemy; it may be called the big sledge run of infectious disease.

We must be careful to avoid exposure to cold and wet. Cold, wet feet and damp skirts or trousers are the eager allies of pneumonia, and so are long, cold rides in a sharp, driving wind. That does not mean that we must shrink from going outdoors in the cold season, for winter air is an excellent tonic if we are properly dressed to face it. But wet feet are never unaccompanied as long as rubbers about in rain and snow in thin silk stockings and pumps must blame themselves for any illness they may contract by such carelessness.

Other things that predispose to pneumonia are excessive or improper food, stuffy bedrooms, fatigue, whether from work or from pleasure, and, in short, everything that tends to lower the body's power of resistance.

How to Foul the Typhoid Germs. Doctors Lenoir and Legagneux of Paris have been testing the power of vinegar to destroy the germs of typhoid fever. They have proved that twenty grams of vinegar to a litre of water kills the typhoid bacillus in an hour and five minutes. "From this," writes the Paris correspondent of the London Lancet, "a practical inference may be drawn concerning salads. After washing the salad as usual, detach each leaf, put it into water acidulated with ten grams of vinegar to the litre, and let it remain there for about an hour and a quarter. All vegetables ordinarily eaten uncooked may be subjected without any inconvenience to the same process." A litre is about a quart, and ten grams are equivalent to about two teaspoonsful.

Truth Crushed. Wife—How do you like my new hat? Hubby—Well, my dear, to tell you the truth— Wife—Stop right there. If you're going to talk that way about it I don't want to know.

It is a long time since Peter Pindar wrote: "Care to our coffee adds a nail, no doubt, and every grin, so merry, draws one out."

Agent—"What was the matter with your last place?" Domestic—"The couple had only been married a month, an' I couldn't stand th' love-making." Agent—"Well, here's a chance in a house where the couple have been married ten years." Domestic—"That's too long. I likes peace and quiet."

Patient (to pretty nurse)—"Will you be my wife when I recover?" Pretty Nurse—"Certainly." Patient—"Then you love me?" Pretty Nurse—"Oh, no! That's merely a part of my treatment. I must keep my patients cheerful I promised this morning to run away with a married man who had lost both his legs."

Food For The Successful

"Why Is It That While Winter Is On My Head Spring Is In My Heart."

"Man shall not live by bread alone." Man feels his superiority and demonstrates it to the physical. William H. Prescott lost one eye from the cut of a piece of bread fung playfully in lives forever, and the germ, or heart centre of that life must be fed, for it lights and stimulates all his activity. Weeks and months at a time sight was gone. Yet he steel-fibred and mastered languages and followed careful research until he became a supreme scholar.

All People Worship. Even the loud boasting sceptic will cry to God for help spontaneously in times of dire danger. It is as natural as for the frightened child to seek the father's supporting or the mother's cradling arms. This implanted dependence flowers out into worship. It may be of sticks or stars or of the Son of God, but no people ever fail to worship. It is not the product of a foolish fear, for maturity finds fuller satisfaction in it than childhood. The nation which follows a worship most conclusively promising a future life rises in ability beyond all her neighbors. A few testimonies will establish the fact that religion is necessary to the development of the practical man.

The president of a large bank, asked by a reporter "What is the secret of success?" would give no other answer but "The fear of the Lord." Tennyson on being asked what he thought of Christ caught a rose in his fingers and said, "What the sun is to that rose, that Jesus Christ is to my soul.—Rev. Christian F. Reiser, D. D.