

BY MAIL ABOUT JOHN AND HIS PEOPLE

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preme in the Commer-

da' World.

re the Army Chaplains De-

will be designated the Royal

Chaplains Department.

trictions have been withdrawn

of the sale and manufacture

and daily implements.

nal trains are being run to

and the north, but no hope is

for the reduction of fares.

sum of £200,000 has been

by Sir Ernest Cassel, in the

London trustees, for educa-

tion purposes.

Industry of Supply is now con-

cerned with the disposal of £1,969,000,000

of surplus Government stores

to the country.

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a good many comets. The latter, once

captured, swing around the sun for a

while in elliptical orbits, but sooner or

later break up or take flight to other

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they do not seem to be governed by

ordinary laws. Hence, and owing to

the mystery of their make-up, a weird

sort of interest attaches to them.

In November of each year the earth

passes through a swarm of meteors,

and in August it encounters another

swarm—the happening in both cases

being made manifest to the every-

day observer by many "shooting

stars."

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smashed-up comets. In 1872 we had

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STAR DUST—WHENCE AND WHY?

If the hand of Omnipotence were to

reach out and remove the sun from

the sky, what would happen to the

earth?

It is a question easily answered. The

earth would promptly succumb to the

powerful attraction of Jupiter, and

would become a moon of that huge

planet, revolving about it. Jupiter is

310 times as big as the earth, and

one of its four principal moons is

actually larger than Mercury.

A theory now pretty well accepted

by astronomers is that the toy worlds,

called "asteroids"—of which more

than 500 have been discovered, some

of them not more than twenty miles

in diameter—have been picked up by

Jupiter out of the void of space and

thus dragged into the solar system.

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fields in the Bight of Heligoland, were

carried out throughout the war, despite

Zepplins from the sheds on the German

coast. These Zepplins allowed the navy

people by spying on the movements of

our ships, while themselves remaining

out of range, occasionally unloaded a

cargo of bombs, fortunately with little

effect, on our submarines doing point

duty along the line of buoys laid north

Seventy-seven now passed over a

big mine field, into the No. 10's

Lane of the North Sea, the mist

thickened, and, just to make it more

difficult, the sun, large and red, as if

with the exertion of climbing above

the horizon, was on a level with the

eyes of the first pilot, and made it

difficult for him to see his instruments.

The Chase and the Quarry.

After '77 had plugged along for

two hours and fifteen minutes, or a

run of 115 miles, the second pilot,

through the mist, saw the flat shores

of Vlieland. Here course was altered,

very little more than that of a railway

train. One is naturally inclined to ask

Why then do we not build airships ten

or twenty times larger than present

vessels and gain the advantages of

this amazing increase in efficiency.

The reason is that the development

of airships is still in its infancy. Fifty

years ago the greatest engineer of the

day would have found it impossible

to construct the Mauretania.

Airships must grow by progressive

stages of development as steamships

have done.

The Uniform.

BITS OF HUMOR FROM HERE & THERE

Sheer Waste.

"What did Mr. Cummon say to you

last night, Bella, when he was trying

to button your glove?" queried her

anxious mother.

"Why," replied the daughter, "he

said that any firm making gloves as

hard to button as mine ought to give

up the business."

"Well, my dear," sighed her mother,

"take my advice, and don't waste any

more time on him."

How She Put It.

The young man came to his old

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