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#### Horse Comes Back

French Horses not Doomed by Motors, They Are Still Needed by the Army and Play a Large Role in Agriculture

Horses have been to so great an extent ousted by motor cars in large cities that one is apt to conclude they are disappearing entirely. May our children's children have to go to a zoo or a circus to see them alive?

In France and other European countries with large standing armies the prospect has lately been causing concern because of its bearing on national defense. Warfare is becoming more and more mechanical; in the World War the cavalryman seldom got a chance to prove what he could do: nevertheless, experts consider that for certain tasks in war the horse has not yet been displaced. When the question of a general reduction in all ranks came up, the French General Staff strongly opposed any plan for an extensive reduction of the cavalry

The spread of the motor car aroused the fear that breeding might be rendered unprofitable and that the Army Remount Department might in the future be unable to find the numher of herses it needed annually. Goverament stud farms to supply the solve the problem, it was said. Preparedness required that in the event of mobilization the Government should te able to requisition horses in large numbers from private owners.

The Automobile Gains

lished show that in France at least there is no present need for alarm." Despite the enormous rapidity with which the motor car has conquered the horse has held on. If one takes just under 3,000 cars registered in France, while the number of horses Paris.—The greatest experiment in bankruptcy through a financial crisis the Great War is "How about gas and began using them, and what a bloom to a control of the con Twenty five year was close to 3,000, the history of war defence has been last year, the work of building the attacks?" Poison gas is heavier blessing they proved. Before I had Twenty-five years later the cars worked out by the French General forts has never ceased. It was the than air and always searched out the used a half dozen boxes I felt like a bumbered nearly 750,000 horses num- Staff. It is an underground defence first requisite of peace the high milibered about 20,000 less than in 1900. that will have whole cities and a tary command considered and nothing trench bottom. If France has solved use for a while I was entirely restor-

Horses	cars
1900 2,903,000	2.897
1910 3,198,000	53,669
1913 2,222,000	107,857
1920 2,635,000	237,125
1921 2,706,000	289,288
1922 2,778,000	363,152
1923 2,848,000	447,915
1924 2,859,000	574,936
1925 2,880,000	721,306

infancy. That the automobile's de- War Council. velopment and consequent numerical Though the location of the fort whole north had to be prevented. increase should have been far greater circles will remain a secret rigidly The general staff is of the opinion hours illness. The mother who keeps child?

still more pertinent explanation. There Swiss border, which popular imaginawas the war. The war killed 600,000 tion had conjured up, is a myth. horses. That was a gap in the ranks that could not be quickly filled. In 1913 the number of horses in France was 3,222,000-the highest figure ever viously tangible and visible as a conreached there. When the first post- crete ditch. The new forts are inviswar census was taken by the Army Re- ible and only the General Staff knows mount Department the figure had their location. The troops that have dwindled to 2,635,000. In the same worked on them were sworn to secyear, 1920, motor cars numbered 237, recy and labored in monthly batches. 125. In 1925 they numbered 721,306. None of the soldiers knew in what two shots were fired to find the exact having increased in this short time by part of France he was. They were 207 per cent. But in spite of this re- held in barracks and were not allowed the German gunners and the destrucmarkably rapid development, the num- to communicate with peasants in the tive power of their guns made of the ber of horses in the same period rose neighborhood, receive or send letters. forts a ridiculous anomaly. In some by 245,000 and reached the total of While Cabinets came and went, instances the motto of the German

The reason for this result is to be found in the fact that while the horse is disappearing rapidly from the large cities, country dwellers often still prefor it to more modern means of locomotion. The French peasant is conservative. Also, the system of small holdings by farmers is not conducive to mechanical progress. With only a few acres to plough the tractor does not pay. The Government does all in its power to encourage the development of stud farming, which is supported as well by various private omical. Stands without a rival. 100 learned. Forts were useless. So the around the woman."

#### Ladies First

some and Percy Plunkett was very much oil color. It annoyed him because he wanted to put up a "show" before the girl of his heart. After a particularly bad miss he felt

compelled to indulge in a mild exple-

"Sorry, Susie," he apologized to the girl. "I didn't mean to say that. Forgive me for swearing like that before

"That's all right," returned the maiden sweetly, "you didn't." ---

Busy Father-"First, realize my time's short. Secondly, say what you want. Thirdly, be short." Spendthrift Son-"Firstly, I do. Secondly, I will. Thirdly, I am."

The lightning plays with fitful glare, And though I love to see. I do not think that I would care To have it play with me.

Bastowe-"You're a lucky dog. They tell me you're making three times as much money as you did last year." Bristowe (wearily) - "Yes; but my women folk found it out



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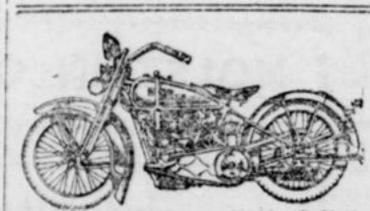
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But there is another and perhaps all the way from the North Sea to the

NEW FORTS INVISIBLE.

France will rely on nothing so obwhile France hovered on the brink of



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tion. Marshal Foch is the creator of of the opinion that there have been this new system. When it has finally enough invasions. If war should established commodity at the starting been approved and tested by a series come again the enemy must stay outand tactical and practical manoeu- side. A repetition of 1914, when the hot summer months are to small ped in black, red and yellow. You devres the marshal intends to resign most industrial part of the country children. Cholera infantum, diarrhoea, posit a cent, push a rod and—lo and from the directorship of the Supreme was laid waste and national effort dysentry, colic and stomach troubles behold!—as if by magic a ball of gum handicapped by the cutting off of the are rife at this time and often a pre- drops out into your hand. Can't you

PLAN DATES FROM 1914.

warks and defence works was useless. ville, ont.

The French watched with alarm as the forts of Liege crumbled to pieces under the German siege guns. One and the third generally hit. The first range. The remarkable accuracy of

artillery became "One shot, one fort." If the Belgians resisted for fourteen days and held up the German advance for that length of time it was because the Belgian infantry opposed its flesh and blood to German steel and high explosive. Maubeuge was considered impregnable. The forts were of different make-up to those of Liege. Hopes ran high for a day or so, but no longer. Maubeuge fell after three days, its forts smashed out of

exterminated by the enemy.

THEY SHALL NOT PASS!

Verdun was the first decisive test of the new or invisible fort system. Not all the forts were built according to the new scheme, but some were and these were the ones that resisted best and checked what the Kaiser called "The Kolossal attack." As the enemy advanced over open ground, the horizon would suddenly show a row of powerful cannon. These guns ran on spirals and suddenly fired their destructive salvos. Then they just as suddenly disappeared again under ground, only to appear a few seconds

Stores of ammunition were heeld underground. It was only when the forts became isolated and the munitions ran out that the Germans could advance and engage the garrisons in the terrific hand-to-hand engagements that marked that epochal battle.

VERDUN MODEL FOLLOWED The whole of France's new fort system will operate on the Verdun model. It will be a chain of under-

ground fort-cities. Tunnels will connect the forts. against artillery fire, being constructed of massive concrete.

They connect also with immense water will keep fresh for weeks. lieve the garrisons.

It is because the Government has A little vinegar sprinkled over confidence in the perfection of this wet cloth and laid over fish will make new defence system and considers it firm. that sufficient protection is afforded in the event of a new invasion that M. Painleve, the Minister of War, will consent to talk about a reduction in the term of enlistment for soldiers and that Marshal Foch will take some ally since 1914. A staff of the ablest engineers has

been at work picking out spots where other points of resistance may be built up and linked with the general system. There has been nothing fev- Often Finds Herself Weak and preciated, why not try to explain so everything has been conducted along scientific lines with the utmost care and after considerable consultation. fend itself with these underground health are many and severe. Housecities. They are so constructed that hold duties and the care of her childthey will be able to hold out inde- ren exact heavy toll, while hurried pendently for a great length of time. meals, broken rest and indoor living

history of defence. Every French- blood-making tonic known. Through Railway Hotel, and there are some man hopes that it never will be nec- their use many weak, ailing wives that prefers the Imperial; but which-

HOW ABOUT GAS? of The Mail & Empire, but the first ous. My head ached all the time and the middle classes lifted the radio it to-day, mentioning this paper. Ad-Motor cars
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The forts, located in secret places evacuation of the Rhineland. Left with the new plan is fine, but so vivid is the

than that of the horse is only natural. guarded by the General Staff, this that the remedy has been found and Baby's Own Tablets in the house The little chap rushed toward it much is certain that the story of a that the new system will ward off feels safe. The occasional use of the crying, "Mama, please give me a pen-Tablets prevent stomach and bowel ny; I want some gum." troubles, or if trouble comes suddenly—as it generally does—the Tablets right along briskly. The new plan is not wholly new. wil bring the baby safely through. Perforce her son had to follow, but It dates from 1914. Even then it be- They are id by medicine dealers or tearfully he persisted, "Mama, can't came obvious that the old system of by mail at 25 cents a box from The I have just one?" fortifications, bastions, walls, bul- Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brock- To which his mother replied brus-



At Antwerp the lesson had been "I think the world just revolves

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#### THE AURSING MOTHER

Feeling Worn-Out

The nursing mother more than any other woman needs rich blood The next war will see France de- plenty of it. The demands\_upon her Neither man power nor munitions tend to weaken her. No wonder she will lack, for there will be concen- is often indisposed through weakness, trations of troops in the depths of headaches, backaches and nervousthe earth—regiments and divisions of ness. In this condition the blood will Minard's Liniment for insect bites. them—and they will have the im- always be found weak and watery, English Traveller (who has missed Census Taker — "I want his full mense stores that are being gathered and relief will come only through en- his connection)—"Which is the best name." Mrs. Grogan—"Well, sor, riching the blood. For this purpose hotel in this town?" Irish Porter— when he's full he thinks he's Gene

Mrs. Sarah Cortez, Ellenstown, N.B., the other." says:-"While nursing my baby I be-Such is the report in a recent copy came run-down, very weak and nerv-

#### "Because I Tell You to"

Ethel Peterson. He was about four, I should judge, DURING HOT WEATHER and had come down-town with his mother on the street car. As they got off, he spied one of those ma-

"No!" returned Mother, walking

quely, "I said, No!" and started across the street with the boy wailing lustily

Well, maybe Mother didn't have a of the gum habit for small boys, or she might have been in a great hurry to accomplish her shopping and get back again. But just think back to the days when you were a childwhat would such a short, brusque de nial as, "I said, 'No!' have done to your emotions? Wouldn't you have felt injured and rebellious? Even now, with an adult consciousness, how do you react when some one makes a short, dogmatic statement, without proof, in refutation of your opinion? It doesn't "set well", does it?

My mother invariably when I pressed her as to an adequate reason for her insistence on my doing something I did not want to do said, "Because I tell you to." For her that ended the matter, and many a scolding I re ceived because I sulked afterwards. But to my childish mind it did not itself, saving its garrison from being thing more around them than what do something that I disliked. Now, I would apply the word "arbitrary" to such a statement, and though my vocabulary did not then contain that

word, my thought was the same I noticed another arbitrary mother on a street car the other day. She ordered her little daughter to come and sit by her. The child was sitting quietly right across the aisle, looking out of the window, and the car had "I have had so many troubles, my few people in it. The child evidently dear, that this year I have grown eix enjoyed being alone-perhaps playing that she was going shopping by herself. Her brow clouded and she asked, "Why, Mother?" I too, wondered, and then I heard, "Because I tell you

> It seemed to me, privately, the only reason the mother could give-she was merely showing her authority in public. The little girl obeyed reluctantly, all her pleasure gone. Tears filled her brown eyes, and she cried softly until her mother threatened to punish her when they got home if she didn't "straighten up."

My sympathy was entirely with the child. None of us like to be ordered peremptorily to do things, and the stronger our personalities, the less we can endure it. Why not, then, be

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and fairness quite as much.

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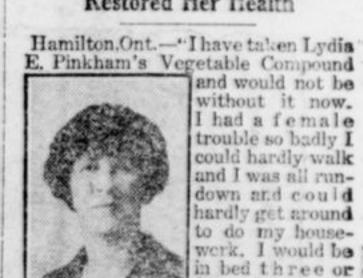
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