AUSTRALIAN IN BAD FIX WHEN WAR BROKE OUT.

Farmer From the Antipodes, Wh Adventures In Germany - Had Been Jailed for Assault-Brother Convicts Sent to the Front.

An Australian farmer, who has arrived in London from Germany tells an interesting story of the past six months, so far as it concerns his personal history. He says: During May last year I was making a plea sure trip through Germany. I was going to Hamburg from Berlin, and had engaged a seat in the train by placing my luggage upon it. Whil I was smoking a cigar in the corridor, a German removed by luggage and took my place. He refused to give it up and I lost my temper and struck

In the fight that ensued the German fell through the door on to the platform and was injured severely. was imprisoned for two month before I was brought to trial in Berlin before a bench of five judges Though my counsel pleaded that the German's fall from the train was the result of an accident, the prosecu tor's version that. I threw him out out of the train was accepted, and I was sentenced to five months' impris-

I was first sent to Siegburg Prison near Cologne .: Here I stayed for seven weeks and heard of the declaration of war while I was there. was set to work at making buttons, the first I made being for the British

market. After the outbreak of war I was sent away to the prison at Cassel, a gaol which has the reputation of being "easy." Here I had to make lead soldiers for the English market About 15,000 soldiers of all kinds are made daily in the Cassel gao! The food was very bad and I was kept working from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

As soon as I realized that Great Britain was at war with Germany, 1 determined that I must hide my nationality. The only evidence the authorities had of this was that my prison docket was marked "English," because that was my native tongue. but they had no papers of mine. therefore said I was an American, and this secured better treatment for me than I should have received if it had

been known that I was British. After a time I was given easy work and came into contact with other prisoners. The German authorities were recruiting soldiers from the prisons, All prisoners under forty were sent for and asked if they wanted to serve. Those who volunteered were let off the rest of their sentence. Those who had already done their military service were sent straight to the front; those who had not yet served were

despatched to training camps. Two of the prisoners who used to help me with the food were despatched to the army. One was a clerk from a big shop who was serving a sentence of three years for embezziing. He had eight months of his sentence to run when he went off, and another prisoner had a year and two months to do when he was released Only the ordinary prisoners, who occupied a separate wing of the prison, were allowed to volunteer for the army. Some of the released prisoners sent back to the gaol officials picture

postcards from the front. I made friends in prison with Serbian who was serving a sentence for stabbing a man. He pretended that he was an Austrian. We used to laugh together at the fabulous tales of German victories always circulating through the gaol.

As I had made myself out to be an American, when my release came I persuaded the prison governor give me a ticket to Frankfort so that I might call on the American Consul at Zurich, who had managed to send me word that he had money for me. From Frankfort, after many difficulties, I reached Zurich. Now I am back in London I mean to have a fortnight's rest and then try to go to the front and get z little of my own

Both in face and frame the australian shows traces of the suffering he endured in German prisons. Hisclothes hang quite loosely on him.

### When Water Gets Into a Watch.

A watchmaker who has worked at the bench for over a quarter of century gives this advice to watch owners who may accidentally get water into their watches: Do not open your watch until you secure some sort of dish into which to place it and also enough kerosene to cover it all over. Any old tin can will do. Open your watch case, both front and back covers, and carefully move it around in the kerosene until you have filled it with oil. Allow it to remain in the kerosene until you can have it cleaned. It will come out of the oil without any of the parts rusting, thus saving much expense and the watch.

### Teuton Nerve!

Efforts were officially made to as certain whether the German Government would be willing to consent to an exchange of civilian prisoners interned respectively in England and in Germany. The German reply was that they would require some such rate of exchange as five to one-that is to say, the British Government would have to release five Germans to secure the return of one Britisher. The "cheek" of the Huns is simply colos-

## An Old Lady's Scheme,

An old lady of ninety has sent £1 to the Prince of Wales' National Fund, which she has herself raised tol girl, who has made and sold kettle and iron holders from pieces of

Never judge an actor's ability by the size of his name on the programme. He may be the "angel's of dections. It takes a big eater to beat a

#### SPANISH HOTEIS.

Plenty of Show and Promise, But Not Much of Anything Else.

Some idea of life in a large Spanish hotel may be gathered from Mr. W. D. Howells' book, "Familiar Spanish Travels." The author says that in most cases the hotels were hospitable, Has Just Arrived In London Has but bad. At a Granada hotel the door a Strange Story to Tell of His refused to latch, and Mr. Howells tells us that the infirmity of the door latch was emblematic of a temperamental infirmity in the whole botel. There was a glitter, almost a glare, of Ritzlike splendor, and the rates were Ritzlike, but there the resemblance

"The porter followed us to our rooms on our arrival and told us in excellent English-which excelled less and less throughout our stay-that he was the hall porter and that we could confidently refer all our wants to him, but their reference seemed always to close the incident. There was a secretary who assured us that our rooms were not dear, and who could not, out of regard to our honor and comfort, consider cheaper ones, and then ceased to appear until he re-

ceipted our bill when we went away. "There was a splendid dining-room with waiters of such beauty and dignity, and so purple from clean shaving that we scarcely dared to face them, and there were luncheons and dinners of rich and delicate superabundance in the menu, but of an exquisite insipidity on the palate and of a swiftly vanishing Barmecide insubstantiality, as if they were banquets from the 'Arabian Nights' imagined under the rule of the Moors.

"Everywhere shone silver bright, radiators, such as we had not seen since we left their like freezing in Burgos; but, though the weather presently changed from an Andalusian softness to a Castilian severity after a snowfall in the sierra, the radiators remained insensible to the difference, and the air nipped the nose and fingers wherever one went in the hotel. The hall porter, who knew everything, said the boilers were out of order, and a traveler who had been there the winter before confirmed him with the testimony that they were out of order even in January. There may not have been any fire under them then, as there was none now, but if they needed repairing now it was clearly because they needed repairing then.

"In the corner of one of our rooms the frescoed plastering had scaled off, and we knew that if we came back a year later the same spot would offer us a familiar wel-

#### Sight Lost and Restored. A farmer's wife who had had much trouble with her servants was accost. ) 15 cents. ed by one of them. "I fear I shall not be able to work

much longer. I think I am going "Why, how is that? You seem to get along pretty well with your

work." "Yes, but I can no longer see any meat on my plate at dinner." The farmer's wife understood, and the next day the servants were serv-

pieces of meat. "How nice!" the girl exclaimed. 'My sight has come back. I can see es also give satisfaction. Ferns better than ever."

"Why, at this moment," replied grow well without sunlight. They Bella, "I can see the plate through | should be watered sparingly, but the meat."-London Scraps.

# Knew Where It Would End.

An officer attached to the British

Therefore the following notions from | fall and winter. the lips of a German officer recently captured are certainly worthy of your consideration, as the conclusion he drew contained a strong element

"He was asked how thought the war would last. He reolied that he was unable to form s definite opinion, but that he would be very pleased to prophesy where it would end. So he was asked to proceed and then said, "Within forty yards of where I was captured."

### Easily Gauged.

Old Benjamin Dwyer was accus tomed to treat his guests with sweet cider, and, although the barrel stood in the darkest corner of a dark cellar, he never carried a lamp on his trips for a fresh supply. One evening Mr. Brookings, the minister, was "It must be quite an art to fill the

pitcher so accurately in the dark without running it over." said Mr "Waal, no, 'tain't 'xactly difficult,' Benjamin replied. "You see, when

#### my thumb I stop.' Satisfaction.

A barefooted darky while heein cotton one day saw his big toe under a clod, and, thinking it was a mole's head, hit it and hurt himself After working with it for awhile he got tired, set his foot on a stump and said, "Well, jes pain away now, I doesn't care; you hurts yeself

Little Lillian proudly displaye some shaving curls she had picked up from the floor of a carpent shop. "I wouldn't wear those," said brother Bruce. "Why not?" asked the little girl. "If you do," said Bruce, "folks'll think you are a block-

Little Minkley had talked for an do you believe in the missing link? "Yes, I do now," replied the fair soldiers' khaki given her by her fath- | maiden, "though I didn't until I saw

> Philosophers and pretty women are. pat to be enamored of their own re-

Poverty would soon be unknown if men could only dispose of their experience at cost. - mentioned to the

# Easy & Practical Home Dress Making Lessons

Prepared Especially For This Newspaper by Pictorial Review

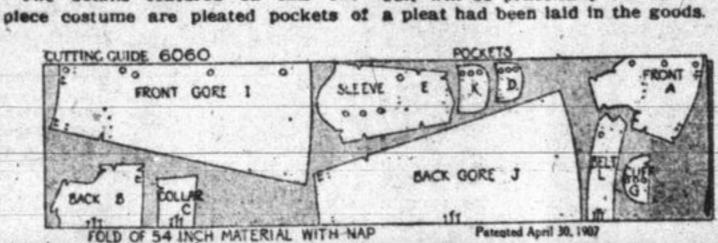
#### THE PLEATED POCKET

self-material. Voile, serge or cotton gabardine looks well made up after this model.

In recounting the fashionable details of spring and summer costumes, prominence must be given to the pocket Combined with the decorative features of the pocket is service, for women of fashion carry handkerchiefs and little toflet articles that come into frequent use in the pockets placed opposite the hips. Four yards of 44-inch material ar

sufficient to make the design. Eeconomy can be practiced in the cutting of the material. After folding the material in half, carefully place the | the fiery bosom of that bright monfront gore over it so that, although the pattern rests on a lengthwise fold, the edges of the pattern will be even with the selvedge of the cloth. Now, opposite the front gore and on a lengthwise fold arrange the back and the collar both of which are marked with triple "TTT" perforations. To the right these two sections the back gore placed (also on a lengthwise fold), and to the right of the back gore the beli is laid. Following the belt, but raised that it rests on a lengthwise thread, is placed the cuff. The sleeve, pockets and front are laid on a length wise thread of cloth. The box pleats must be formed very

carefully in the pockets to give the proper effect. If material is scarce, however, the home dressmaker will find it an excellent plan to stitch narrow bias folds over the pockets and the result will be practically the same as



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#### FEEDING OF FERNS.

Weeks for Proper Preservation watering with dilute nitrate of soda ter lie:-(a heaping teaspoonful to a quart of London, Paris, or Petrograd ofwater), ammonia water (a teaspoonful of ammonia to a quart,) or maed with very large and very thin nure, leachings, says an exchange. Berlin, official ........ Prepared plant food or a little sprin- "It is believed in military cirkling of ground bone and wood ashthey come from the florist's prepar-"How is that, Bella?" asked the ed for indoor culture, should be placed in a strong light, though they "It is freely stated in Brussels

should be kept moist at all times. Improper watering especially "Our correspondent at Rome an keeping the plant soaked or permitting it to get dry, is the foundation Berlin unofficial ..... headquarters in a letter to bis wife of most fern difficulties. It is especi- "I learn from a neutral merally difficult not to overwater when "In war the views and ideas of the fern is in a jardiniere, where "A story is current in Venice to your enemy are at least as instructive drainage is necessarily poor. In and isteresting as any comments you spring and summer they will require "It is rumered that" ...... may hear from your own people. three times the water necessary in . "I have heard to-day from a re-

### A Lady Colonel.

Colonel Alexandra Koudasheva, commanding the Sixth Ural Cossack Regiment, is the only woman who actually commands such a body of men at the front. She has seen exceptional service since the war began, and has twice been wounded in encounters in East Prussia. At the outbreak of the war Mme. Koudasheva joined the Cossack regiment in which her husband had served years ago. Since that time she has received the Cross of St. George, the Victoria Cross of Russia, for bravery, and has become a lieutenant and finally a colonel. She has also been promised the military pension which her husband, who died several years ago, failed to

Why She Stopped The mistress engaged the girl. At the end of their first day together the maid was instructed to mount the stepladder and wind the tall the cider gets up to the first joint of fourteen-day clock.

"You have to turn the key fourteen times to wind it clear up," said the mistress. "Once for each day the clock runs." The maid turned the key

times, then she stepped down. "Why didn't you finish?" her mis-

'Because," said the girl, "I am not sure I shall be here longer than one and as week, and I am not going to do the

#### How To Gauge The War News. The following credibility index has Necessary Once In Two Or Four been compiled by the military expert of Punch. One hundred, he says, Ferns should be fed once in two or stands in the table for absolute refour weeks in the place of ordinary liability; nil for the perfect and ut-

do., unofficial cles here that" ..... as "A correspondent who has just returned from the firing line

> tells me that" ...... that" .... "Out correspondent at Amsterdam wires" ......

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I learn on unassailable authority" ..... 'It is rumored in Rotterdam that" .....

## Paying a War Indemnity.

Wolff's Bureau states .....

How would such a huge war demnity as may be imposed on thedefeated belligerents, be paid? telling how France paid her \$1,000, 000,000 indemnity to Prussia after 1871. The French Government remitted \$20,000,000 in German notes and coin bought in the market, \$100, 000,000 in French gold and silver \$25,000,000,000 in French bank notes, \$610,000,000 in bills on Germany, \$235,000,000 in bills on other countries, and was allowed \$65. 000,000 as value of the Alsace-Lorraine railways.

The head and the heart don't always pull together. Many a bleached blonde has a light head, with a Heart failure covers a lot of medi-





THE enemy's embittered batred of the British lion and her whelps is manifested by a brooch with the words "Gott strafe England" (God punish England) across the centre, one of which the Canadian Pacific Railway secured as a reminder of the relentless nature of the foe with which we are now in conflict. The brooch is in colors, the two top sections showing the Austro-Hungarian flag colors, and the two bottom the Turkish and German. Millions of these brooches are now being worn in the Central European and Turkish Empires, and even the postal litters in these countries are stamped with a similar inscription.

#### ONE DANGER OF AMMONIA.

This Substance May Bring About the

End of the World. The continuous decay of vegetation generates ammonia. As many scientists have said, there is more ammonia in the atmosphere now than there was 10,000 years ago, and considerable more than there was one million years ago. Fresh supplies are added year after year, so that in s future day there will be an exceed-

ingly great quantity of it. Now, ammonia has a combustive property. If the atmosphere should get laden with it a universal conflagration would be inevitable. The outbreak of a volcano or a flash of lightning would be sufficient to cause the circumambient air to ignite-all space would become a mass of raging flame which would boil the rivers and seas, converting them into hot vapors, which would devour all living creatures, all forms of vegetable life, would bake the earth and perhaps burn it to cinders.

The earth could be converted into smoke within a second. It could be hurled out of its course and made to come into dreadful collision with another planet, or, thrown dangerously near the sun, it would be drawn by the wonderful solar attraction into

arch of the universe. The horror of such a catastrophe appears unspeakably great - something from which the startled imagination recoils and staggers. And yet, after due reflection, we must admit that the prospect is sublime rather than horrible. Anticipation of an intolerable pain is worse than the pain itself. A human being is capable of pain up to a certain degree only, as also of pleasure up to a correspondingly high degree, and no more. Nay, one person is capable of more suffering and more enjoyment than another, and it is altogether a fallacious notion that there is as much agony when a fly is crushed "as when a giant dies."

How often, after long and dismal anticipation of a tragic event, we have found at the last that the anticipation of a tragic event outran the reality. This is caused not only by the quickness and resourcefulness of mind, but also by the circumstance that we cannot bear more than a certain measure of pain and affliction.

Then, too, it must be remembered that as every extreme causes its opposite, as a white heat gives a sensation of cold, as frost can burn like fire, as laughter can end in tears and tears in laughter, as wisdom sometimes subsides into folly, and the jester will utter the sayings of a sage, so excess of pain may end in a sort of thrilling pleasure, and this may account for the sudden ecstacies of martyrs under torture.

The passing of earth, then, would not cause so much human pain as is generally believed. It would probably be nothing more than the sudden awakening into a new world from an outgrown condition of being.

Thumbs of the Gorilla. The gorilla and chimpanzee, which belong to the higher order of apes. 25 have many points of resemblance to man, but there is one thing they can-24 not do-that is, twiddle their thumbs. In the gorilla the thumb is short and does not reach much beyond the bot-18 tom of the first joint of the forefinger. It is very much restricted in its move-17 ments, and the animal can neither twiddle his thumbs nor turn them round so that the tips describe a circle. There are the same number of bones in the hand of the gorilla as in the hand of a man, but the thumbs of the monkey have no separate flexo: or bending muscle. This is why a monkey always keeps the thumb or the same side as the fingers and never bends it round any object that may be grasped.

A Frenchman staying in an American town called at the postoffice and inquired whether there were any letters for him. "I didn't hear the name," said the clerk. "My name is Paul Lorendeau. Don't you know how for understood English?" "How do you spell it?" asked the clerk. "That is not you' business!" said monsieur. "Just give me my mails!" "I can't London economic writer answers by give you your mail if I do not know how you spell the name." "I don't know how for spell him, and I don't care if you don't give to me my mails, but I tell you one thing, you better go straight off and sell dis postoffice and buy some schoolhouse!" said the Frenchman.

> Pain Is a Hint to the Wise One thing that should be regarded seriously is pain in any form in any part of the body. If there is a dull headache frequently, find out what causes it. Pain in the knee, the arch of the foot or at any point should be taken seriously. Pain means something wrong. It may be brave to bear it, but it is not wise. Remember that pain felt in one part of the body may be the result of something wrong in another part. See a wise doctor about

### Looked the Part.

There is one Brookfield story that ! have always liked very much. I have not seen it in print. Brookfield was once stopped in the Strand by an angry person, who said:

"I am told that in the Green Room Club the other night you spoke of me as a - scoundrel. Is that true?" "Well," replied Brookfield, "I don't know who you are, but you certainly look it."—London Sketch.

### Enemies to Peace.

Five great enemies to peace inhabit with us-viz, avarice, ambition, envy, anger and pride. If those enemies were to be banished we should infallibly enjoy perpetual peace .--

Indians In Columbus' Day. It has been computed that at the time of the arrival of Columbus there were 25,000,000 Indians in North and South America.

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