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SECOND SECTION

STORIES OF AIRMEN

ANECDOTES TOLD BY AN AVIATOR FROM CANADA.

He Tells How a Democratic Fellow-Countryman Greeted King George During One of His Visits to France—Other Adventures of the Men at the Front.

HERE are some of the stories going the rounds among the airmen at the front who are fighting with the allies:

In the spring of last year, when the Fokker was doing its greatest damage among some of our slower machines. Lieut. A. was out on a reconnaissance flight. Unfortunately he was unable to get back with his information as he got into a fight with two Fokkers and in his less speedy machine he was no match for the two of them. A bullet went through his gasoline tank so that he was forced to land. It happened that he got down into a German aerodrome. Naturally the first thing he attempted to do after getting out of his machine was to set it on fire, so that it could not be used by the enemy. He was in the act of carrying this into effect when a German officer appeared on the other side of the machine and in very good English remarked: "What you have finished with that foolishness you might come in and have lunch; your old machine is of no use to us!"

Last summer when King George visited the troops at the front he inspected among others a certain squadron of the flying services. During the inspection several officers had the honor of being presented to him. As he passed down the line accompanied by the officer who was making the introductions, the latter momentarily forgot a certain Canadian officer's name. This Canadian not wishing to have the King go by without knowing him, stretched out his hand to shake the King's and said: "Bamwell, sir; glad to meet you, sir." Report sayeth not what the King's thoughts were. (It is only right to acknowledge that "Bamwell" was not the officer's name.)

My friend, Lieut. G. was just a youngster. He even looked younger than he was. I remember the day previous to his going over to France he explained to me that the reason his mother called him Reginald was because he was born in 1897, the year of Queen Victoria's jubilee, and Reginald was derived from Regina, Queen. He seemed so young to me.

However, he had not been at the front two days when he flew over the lines on a reconnaissance mission. He was doing very well, but something went wrong with his engine, so, as he knew he must be near Holland, he glided in that direction with the hope of being able to land there. Having got down safely and thinking he was in Holland he was just congratulating himself when he saw some soldiers in grey uniforms running toward him. It was not until then that he realized that the Dutch border was still one hundred yards away. He had no time to destroy his machine, as it is said he established a new record for the "in yard dash." However, he got safely over, so is now interested in Holland.

Flight Lieut. R. of the Naval Air Service, was out on a morning patrol off the east coast of England last spring. He sighted a number of warships near the land which he took to be British from the height at which he was flying. Thinking to entertain the Jack Tars, he proceeded to do some fancy flying, including spiral, vertical banks and a loop. During these "stunts" he came down from 5,000 feet to 1,500 feet. Suddenly the air seemed filled with bursting shells—they were German cruisers! Flight Lieut. R. managed to get back to his station, but with a broken arm and the wings of his machine showing visibly his contact with the enemy. However, he was able to hand in a very valuable report as to the position of the enemy ships.

Adjutant B. of the French Air Service, got lost when on a flight over the enemy territory. He managed to get back safely over the lines, but could not be seen in what section of them he was when he saw our aerodrome. He decided to come down and make sure of his whereabouts. As he was about to land he noticed some Germans working on the aerodrome. Thinking that he must have been mistaken and that it was really a German aerodrome, he went through some marvelous evolutions at only 500 feet up in order to confuse any gunner who might fire at him. However, after two or three minutes, when he did not hear any shots fired, he took another look and saw some buildings with our distinguishing marks on the planes, which confirmed him in his original supposition, so he landed. The Germans were merely prisoners.

When going on long raids into the enemy country many of the pilots get dressed in their very best uniforms, etc., the reason being that in this branch of the airman's work an engine failure means being made prisoner, so that one wants his very best clothes since they may have to last a long time. Also some can be seen taking along a safety razor and brush, a comb, tooth brush, etc., and one chap I know always takes a manicure set!

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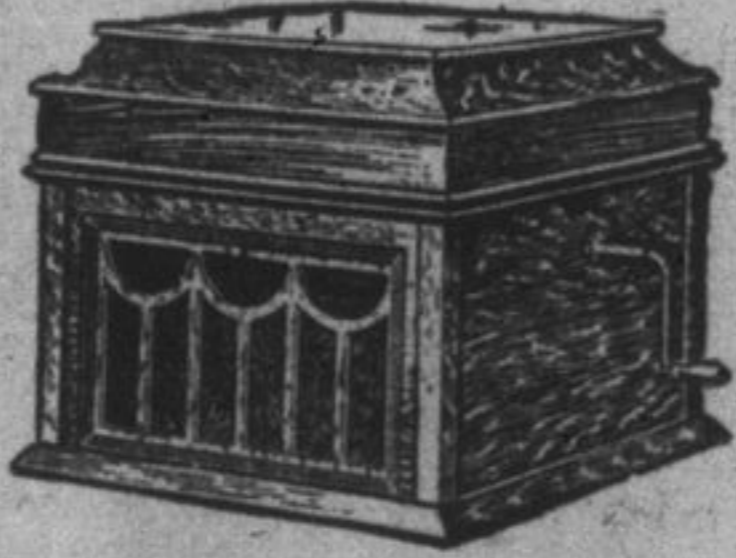
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has resulted in an order being issued prohibiting from the mails all solidified forms of alcohol, matches (including safety matches) cartridges and explosive articles. This applies particularly to parcels addressed to soldiers overseas. The post office

authorities state that persons found sending prohibited articles will be prosecuted. The disagreeable duty you meet and do to-day gives you strength and courage to meet those of to-morrow.

Turtle Catching. A curious mode of catching turtle is practiced in the West Indies. It consists in attaching a ring and a line to the tail of a species of sucker-fish known as the remora. The live fish is then thrown overboard, and immediately makes for the first turtle it can spy, to which it attaches itself very firmly by means of a sucking apparatus arranged on the top of the head. Once attached to a turtle, so firm is its grip that the fisherman on drawing the line brings home both

turtle and the sucker. The latter is then ready for a new excursion.—Family Herald.

There is considerable truth in the statement that the more dollars you get together the louder they talk.