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Disappointed.

"I don't understand why your father has taken a sudden dislike to me. He seemed friendly enough when I first began to call."

"Why—er—I think I can explain it," answered Miss Peacher. "Father is naturally courteous and I suppose he thought you would be drafted or something before you and I discovered that we were soul mates."

At Watertown, N.Y., Frederick A. Fisher died on Sunday after an illness of some days.

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DISTRESS IS PRONOUNCED

THE FOOD SITUATION HAS BECOME VERY CRITICAL.

Flour Ration Reduced—Impossible to Supply Towns With Their Proper Quota of Meat.

London, June 18.—The food situation in Germany is becoming more critical. Rations of the most indispensable articles of food are reduced or are no longer procurable, and people are again beginning to ask when there will be sufficient food to feed the population of the large towns during the three critical months ahead.

As to the situation in the immediate future everything indicates that the period until the fruits of the new harvest become available is likely to be one of grave anxiety and distress for the German people.

Only dire necessity could have compelled the Government to reduce the flour ration from seven to 5½ ounces, and though the Germans expected great relief from the Ukraine they cannot hope to derive much assistance from that quarter.

In this connection the Chemnitz Volkstimme says: "Kindly spare us Ukraine promises. We have been fooled too often with empty words. Tell the people the plain truth."

The Berlin Vorwarts declares that the physical and moral privations of the population to endure winters have been substantially diminished through another year of war, and that further reduction of the rations must constitute "a serious danger."

Meat is scarce, and even now it is impossible to provide the large towns with their proper quota of meat. The whole cattle-breeding industry of Germany is threatened and with it the supplies of meat, milk and fat.

In April there was a further reduction in the milk supply in certain large towns, including Berlin. The inhabitants of Breslau, recently have received only one ounce a week of butter and margarine together.

In order to make up for the shortage of food still more substitutes have been made. German newspapers recently published an advertisement of a special drug "for stilling hunger and enabling people to hold out till the next meal."

In regard to the effect that the shortage of food is having on the health of the nation the great decrease in the German birth-rate is a matter of interest. A report compiled by the local Government Board of Infant Welfare in Germany showed that in 1916, 40 per cent fewer babies were born than in 1917, and from 1915 to 1917 the total decrease was equivalent to 40,000,000.

AUSTRIAN GUNFIRE CAUGHT OWN TROOPS

Enemy Casualties Reckoned in Thousands While Those of British Are Light.

London, June 18.—Austrian troops who had as their objectives on the British front, the range of hills including Clima di Fonté, Pan and Caveletto, telegraphs Reuter's correspondent at Italian headquarters, were much discomfited before reaching the British wire entanglements.

In front of the Cesma positions, the Austrians suffered heavily from the British machine gun fire, and they were also caught by their own artillery which fired short.

The Austro-Hungarian casualties, the correspondent says, are being reckoned in thousands, while those of the British are very light. The number of prisoners taken by the British has been increased to 400. Besides re-establishing their line the British patrols again are pushing out into no man's land.

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Unconsumable Fire.

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Such a cloth was much used in ancient times. The fact of its fire-resisting properties gave it the name of asbestos—that is, the unconsumable. The finest variety of asbestos is known as amiantus, and the most beautiful specimens of this come from Tarrantaise, in Savoy. Hence the fabric woven from asbestos is sometimes known as amiantine cloth.—Family Herald.

The Persian Diet.

The lower-class Persians will eat several pounds of grapes, cucumbers, or apricots for a meal; they eat what is called apples. Pomegranates and melons are in great demand by them as food, and melons, which run to fourteen pounds in weight, are very nutritious. Cucumbers are looked on as a fruit, and are eaten in large quantities by rich and poor.

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"HAASENSTEIN UND VOLLGER." GERMAN BORDER STATES

German Plot to Control the Press of the World.

Of the many world-wide preparations made by Germany during the thirty or forty years preceding the outbreak of the present great struggle, in 1914, not the least significant was her effort to secure control of the world's press.

This effort had not, of course, been carried on altogether in secret. Those who knew something of German history and German methods, especially Bismarckian history and Bismarckian methods, had no difficulty, for instance, in detecting the pen of the German armor baron in many articles that appeared, from time to time, in the French press.

Like everything else, however, connected with the great German dream of world domination, the half was never told, and it is extremely doubtful if it has even yet been told. Be this as it may, an able French Paris it did business, and its plan of action was simplicity itself.

Aiming to secure the monopoly of the advertisements in the paper which it got into its toils, it first approached the proprietors with the offer of certain advertisements. This step was followed, later, by the offer of a very enticing contract to supply a full-page advertisement, and, later still, by one to save the newspaper all further trouble by taking over all its advertising.

Now the contract which settled this matter contained one significant and all-important clause. It provided that the firm of Haasenstein and Volger, or by what other name it might be called, should have the right of absolute veto over "all insertions which might be considered prejudicial or inopportune from the point of view of the character of the paper."

From this to exercising an absolute veto over what should or should not appear in the news columns of the paper was only a short step, and one which, ultimately, was in every case taken. And so Lyautey makes himself responsible for the statement, and supports it by proofs, that in Italy, before the war, Haasenstein and Volger controlled the advertising, and so to a large extent the news, of not fewer than ninety-six Italian newspapers.

More remarkable still, so little difference does the war make in the activities of the firm, that at the present time the firm of Haasenstein and Volger controls eighty-one Italian newspapers. Similar work was successfully carried on in Switzerland and in France, and yet even that was by no means all, for, in the December of 1916, the Haasenstein and Volger agency is found to have been endeavoring to secure a footing in the British Dominions, and maintaining, in circulars sent out, that it was already in correspondence with all the important London papers.

Finally, in the July of last year, a circular was issued from Paris to all the great American houses, telling them that a member of the Societe Europenne de Publicite would be in the United States in the following September, and would be glad of the opportunity of conferring with the firm to which the letter was addressed, as to the possibility of extending their sales in France and Continental Europe.

When it is recalled that the direction of the whole of this vast organization was from Berlin, and that so unsuspecting was everybody concerned in the matter that the outbreak of the war had no more effect upon the firm's activities than to cause a diplomatic change of name, and in some instances of premises, the success, up to a point, of the German method may be adequately gauged. The German method, however, has one cardinal defect, a defect shared in common with all other forms of deception, namely, that it ceases to be effective as soon as it is adequately found out. And German methods are being found out every day.

The world is littered with their wreckage, which is to be found everywhere from Shiraz to Buenos Ayres, and from Buenos Ayres back again to Shiraz. Haasenstein and Volger, if the change in metaphor may be forgiven, are spent rockets, and they must take their place in that great and growing collection of spent rockets, all the way from Bernstorff to Wasmans.

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Entire War Has Become a Family Affair of the Hohenzollerns.

Amsterdam, June 18.—A scene was caused in the Reichstag yesterday by Dr. Cohn, a Socialist member, when, according to the Cologne Gazette he declared: "The border states have become a Golgotha, where lie bleached the bones of the best in the land who have been slaughtered by the mistle German soldiers."

An uproar followed this declaration, and Deputy Cohn was called to order, but he continued: "The entire war has become a family affair of the Hohenzollerns. It is possible that we may finally remain the only warriors in Europe and the Entente will have to submit, but Europe will have become a continent of beggars and we shall all suffer the consequences of such a peace."

Members of the Centre and the Conservative parties who upon left the Chamber, it is reported.

A BROKEN TYRANT.

The Statue of Napoleon Serves as a Symbol.

There is a statue in the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington that repays study in these strenuous days. It will restore high ideals and demonstrate again the truth that unbridled ambition is foredoomed to failure.

It is the statue of a man old, sick, powerless, alone a prisoner, dying. Vola's presentation in marble of the last days at St. Helena of that almost conqueror of the western world, Napoleon I.

Napoleon sits in an armchair with a pillow at his back and his feet resting on a cushion. His dressing-gown lies open, showing one swollen and emaciated shoulder. A thin lock of hair strays carelessly over his forehead. His hands rest, listless. But his face! In that look of his out over the imprisoning seas is the pent-up story of his life.

"I was the man of iron," the look says; "yet here I am like this, and I don't, I can't comprehend."

In his lap lies a map of Europe, just as probably it now lies constantly before another tyrant trying to bludgeon his way to a Pan-European empire.

"I was the great conqueror," that forehead chin and set line of mouth maintain. "I forced the haughty Austrians into my hand, I, a notary's son, bargained with the Spanish Bourbons and beat them, Prussia, the Rhine provinces, Bavaria, Italy, Holland, Switzerland, these too I brought under my sway. I could have made a French lake of the Mediterranean, if—"

And there the upper part of the face takes up the story. "I bewitched, I don't understand," say the baffled eyes. "This map shows just how I was to proceed. What cared I for a million lives, or a million million? I would rather have opened the dikes of Holland and let the sea than give her up! There were only the English and the allies to subdue. How could my plans have failed?"

And then the eyes and chin and mouth cry out together: "I was the man of iron. I was, and am, and ever shall be the strongest man on the earth. And since I could not conquer the world, nobody can, nobody ever can."

A marvelous monument to a sublime defeat! Soldiers and sailors, men and women of every degree, all stop at the head of the splendid stairway before the statue and linger. They look and look. Others press forward, and they go away unsatisfied. They sit on the bench beside it, if there is a space left, to await another chance. They tour the galleries and come back.

That wonderful face draws like a magnet. Its faint message seems fairly to ring through space. "If I could not, no man can," it reiterates till it brings a feeling, a settled conviction, that history does move in cycles. And what comfort and inspiration there is in that conviction! For once again the wheel of time has brought a man who must be taught that his greed for power has led him to attempt the impossible.

Straw in Brickmaking.

Everyone is familiar with the story of how Pharaoh commanded his task-masters to increase the burdens laid on the Israelites by withholding from them the straw wherewith to make bricks; and doubtless many have wondered wherein the hardship lay.

By most people, probably, the view has been held that the straw was added as a binding material, much as hair is used in mortar; but such an explanation is scarcely satisfactory when it is remembered that the straw fibre is a very weak one. Alexander Findlay says in his "Chemistry in the Service of Man":

"About fourteen years ago it was found by Dr. E. G. Acheson, to whom we owe the discovery of carborundum and the process of making artificial graphite, that when clay is mixed with a dilute solution of tannin, it becomes much more plastic, and the strength of the dried brick is, moreover, greatly increased. Although straw does not contain tannin, it was found that when straw is treated with water, the extract obtained has the same action on clay and the hardness of the brick being greatly increased."

Popular Science Monthly.

RATIONS IN NEAR FUTURE.

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DESERTIONS HEAVY FROM BROCKVILLE

Some of the Men Who Fled Across River Have Been Recaptured.

Brockville, June 18.—Uncle Sam's domain, captured from Brockville by the River St. Lawrence, has been a favorite rendezvous for the soldiers of the Engineering Corps stationed here, numbering between 1,500 and 2,000. Some have gone on passes to their American homes and have not returned.

An estimate of deserters in this category is given as 20 per cent. Those accorded the privilege of last leave, reports would indicate also that there have been heavy out-and-out desertions from the colors to the U. S. A. by way of the river route. The soldiers make use of small craft from the boat livery, and these have been utilized in the get-away on the pretense of going out on pleasure jaunts.

A large number are said to have crossed the line yesterday and to-day. Military police and immigration officers were very active keeping an eye on the men in uniform. Half a dozen delinquents were rounded up in Morrisstown, the American village across from here, and were returned to Brockville in charge of an officer of the Engineers' unit. Just previously twelve men in uniform were noticed beating their way on a New York Central Railway freight train leaving the American hamlet in the direction of New York City. Subsequently they were arrested at Redwood and turned over to a United States marshal.

CATTLE BRING RECORD PRICE.

Agincourt Drover Pays \$16.75 Per Cwt. for Prime Steers.

Toronto, June 18.—Four thousand five hundred and forty-five dollars was the price handed over to Thomas Crow for the first twenty head of fat cattle he had ever raised, an average of \$227 per head. They weighed 272 hundredweight, and the price paid per hundredweight is \$16.75.

Alfred Steer of Agincourt bought them. He stated that in all his thirty years of cattle buying they were the highest priced cattle he had ever handled.

Mr. Crow, of the firm of Crow & Murray, although he had never before dealt in cattle, has an international reputation as a horse exhibitor. He bought the cattle grade Durham short-horns in the fall and fattened them through the winter.

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REGISTRATION

In order to help relieve the congestion on Registration Day, June 22nd, and as an accommodation to the public, we are opening our store for registration purposes every day this week, commencing Tuesday, June 18th.

Registration hours, 9 to 12 a.m. and 2 to 5 p.m.

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Keep Up Flow of Recruits.

London, June 18.—William M. Hughes, the Australian premier, arrived in London Saturday to attend the Imperial Cabinet. In an interview he said: "All things were going well in Australia for the Allied cause when I left the shores of that country. The feeling now is what it has ever been—one of staunch loyalty to the Mother Country and to the cause for which all the Allies are fighting."

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are able, I'm thankful to say, to keep a continuous flow of men to the seat of war.