

THAT GOOD OLD RAIL FENCE

Ancient and Honorable and Convenient Institution That Held Honored Place on the Farm.

Among the once necessities of farm life that reflected prodigality in the use of valuable timber was the old rail fence, observes the Columbus Dispatch.

The old rail fence's serrated stretches were the homes of small animal life that now are rapidly disappearing.

The rail fence, with its invariable undergrowth, was the favorite protection for Bob White in winter, and from its top he sang in the warmer seasons.

To the harvest hand it afforded protection at the end of the long row for a brief respite and its corners formed shaded nooks under which the water jug might be kept.

And from what royal timber was this old fence constructed? Black walnut logs, chestnut logs and the smooth lengths of the ash tree were cleft by numerous rail splitters for the "seven high" fence that stood the storms of decades.

NAMES IN ASIA'S GOLDEN ERA

What Genghis Khan, Destroyer, and Tamerlane, Upbuilder, Accomplished in Samarkand.

Whenever one is shown a ruin in Samarkand, the native explains that "Genghis Khan destroyed it." If a monument still wears some vestige of its former grandeur "Tamerlane erect-

ed it." Everywhere is carried down from generation to generation memories of Genghis Khan, the destroyer, and Tamerlane, the upbuilder. It is to Tamerlane, who reigned at the end of the fourteenth century, that Samarkand owes its most beautiful monuments.

Closely Related.

Her aunt had consented to take Bertha to the country for a two-week stay, but had flatly refused her small niece's entreaties to take Dodo, the doggie, along.

Joy of Carrying a Cane.

To go a journey without a walking stick much would be lost; indeed, it would be folly. A stick is the flywheel of the engine. Something is needed to whack things with, little stones, wormy apples, and so forth, on the road.

DIDN'T WANT TO BE LEFT OUT

Doughboy Had Good Job Behind the Lines, But He Hated to Miss the Big Show.

He was an American in France in a uniform trudging along toward the front, a husky chap wearing a worried look on his face.

"Say, do you know where the Ninty-ninth is?" he asked.

"Not through fighting yet, are they?" he queried anxiously.

"Nope; they're never through." "You've said it, Bo. You see, I kind of batted out of luck. They sent me off to school, and I've missed a lot of the show. I'm on permission now, but I figured I'd come up and fight awhile with the old crowd instead. Got six days more before I report for the new job."

"What kind of school did you go to?"

"Horseshoeing school. I graduated first-class horseshoer. Not bad work, but too far back to get any Boches. That's the reason I'm spending permission with the old outfit. I heard they're going right after the Hefales, so I came out to get in on the party. I gotta beat it along. So long."

He trudged along the dusty road, speeding up in spite of his pack, to catch up with the "outfit" before the show was all over.

Misused Donkey.

The British transport to Buku and back again is said to have been largely accomplished by donkeys, writes Norman Hapgood in Leslie's. In Mesopotamia the donkey does nearly everything. He delivers the drinking water to the houses of Bagdad. He transports vegetables, fruit, marble, brick for ordinary life.

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VETERAN MARINE ALTHOUGH BUT 18

Youth Who Fought at Chateau-Thierry Will Enter Naval Academy.

ENLISTED WHEN ONLY 16

Carried His Full Burden of Campaign and Actual Combat While He Was 17—More Veterans Will Probably Be Named.

Annapolis, Md.—A youth who was in the very thick of the fighting around Chateau-Thierry and Belleau Wood and passed a full year abroad as a United States marine has obtained an appointment for the naval academy and is in Annapolis preparing for his entrance examinations next spring.

He is Arthur C. Heller, son of C. Arthur Heller, an attorney of Newark, N. J., and is now a student at a naval preparatory school here.

Enlisted When Only Sixteen. Young Heller is a most modest youth and declines to say anything about his exploits. He wishes only to pass his examinations for the academy and to enter as any other youth, working hard for advancement through the different classes, and finally to win a commission in the navy.

Heller will try for the academy by virtue of a regular congressional appointment. There are quite a number of other service men in Annapolis also preparing for the entrance examinations next spring, young men who have been in army training camps and others from various branches of the naval service.

More Veterans to Be Named. So far as is known none but Heller has had actual battle experience, but doubtless there will be a number of others before the next class is formed. Members of congress will take this opportunity of rewarding worthy youths of their own district who have done creditable work in the service, and are still of the right age.

This year, though the law has been in effect only a little over a year, more than fifty were designated by the secretary. It was said that one reason why the quota was not full was that many of the young men in the service refused to leave active duty while there was a chance of meeting Germany either on land or sea.

Many well-educated youths entered the navy and marine corps for the purpose of getting into the thick of it, and are still of the proper age, that is, below twenty. Any of these can aspire to an appointment to the naval academy through designation by the secretary of the navy.

Man Votes in One Precinct 64 Years. Clarksville, Ia.—Thomas Hunt of this city claims the championship long-distance vote-in-one-precinct race in the United States.

PICKS OUT LAYING HENS

Expert Easily Demonstrates He Knows Laying Hen When He Sees One. Forestville, Conn.—While an enthusiastic crowd of poultry raisers looked on, Leslie E. Card, a poultry expert, went through the flock of hens kept by Oscar Anderson and at sight picked out 51 hens as layers from 127 hens.

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