

### British Soldiers Learn to Make All Sorts of New-Fangled Dishes

By P. M. Sartle.  
 London, Dec. 29.—(By mail to New York)—“We are learning to make all sorts of fancy dishes that would make a first-class menu for any hotel,” writes Corporal T. Harper, of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry in a cheery letter home. “Have you ever tried Jack Johnson soup? This is how you make it. You get the usual stuff in a pot, and get it on to boil just with a rag of the German gun. It is and by a ‘Jack Johnson’ shell comes along and drops into your soup, soving out the contents very liberally among all who happen to be near enough whether they said they were going to skip the soup course or not.  
 “Then there's ‘Coal-box soufflé.’ You get a tin of bully beef, and cut a few strips with any old knife, you can lay your hands on. You put the beef on a slice of bread, and before you have time to look around a ‘coal-box’ shall drop on you and your beef is nicely seasoned, if it is still there, or if you are able to take any further interest in beef. We make a speciality of nice shrapnel soup. What you do is light a fire and set water to boil in your billy can. When it is nicely about the smoke from the fire attracts the Germans and their guns begin to drop shrapnel all over the place. Just as you are going to raise the can to your mouth to take a big drink of tea a shrapnel bullet drops into it, and you are lucky if you haven't a call to make on the regimental doctor or sutler.  
 All this makes meal times very much exciting and entertaining as at home, so you will have to start an association for brightening up meal times unless you want us to be terribly bored when we get back.”

been less graft and jobbery during the present war than there was in South Africa. K. of K. has allowed it to be plainly known that any contractor who plays the country false during the administration will hang, and it is reaily reported that one wealthy money-grabber's fate is in the balance. The crookedness discovered has not been so serious as might have been the case under another war secretary, but Kitchener thinks it would be a fine time to make an example, as he holds that tampering with all clothing, supplies, ammunition, etc., for the troops, the blackest kind of treason. King George supports him in this, but a couple of soft-hearted cabinet ministers are arguing that the culprit's crime is not sufficiently serious to justify the extreme penalty.

“Although I have had a rough time in the past this morning boots all,” writes a French soldier, to friends in Essex. “My hair has gone almost white in the first two months. I have not slept in a bed for 112 days, nor undressed ten times in all—always on the move, night and day. For as many as three days and two nights I have been without a meal or sleep. But I am as full of life as ever, anxious to get back to Ypres, whence I have just come. I do not feel as if I have not a note of discontent in either of my noble armies. We live and are prepared to die in hope.”

Arrangements may soon be an actuality, instead of a mere noteholder. In a letter to the Spectator, Lieut. Gen. Tyrrell points out that for the protection of the Suez Canal and Egypt, the correct strategy for Great Britain would involve the occupation of Jaffa, Jerusalem, and Acre and the cutting of the Hejaz railway line. In this event, he observes, a battle would be fought on the very site of Har-Megiddo, or Armageddon.

More mechanical activity, in any kind of work for mankind, is of little worth compared with the inspiration of real interest. Of course such work as she did was bound to stir up the opposition of law-breakers, get the ill-will of people of envious minds, and to enlist against it all the forces that benefit by a lax enforcement of law; but through it all Mrs. Lynch has stood the test and proved herself a worthy champion of morality as a principle to be recognized in the city's administration.

Resolved, that this statement be spread upon our minutes, and be given to the press.  
**More House Bills Introduced.**  
 The following bills were introduced in the house yesterday afternoon:  
 H. R. 87 by Lewis prohibiting sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquor.  
 H. R. 88 by Clatsop delegation, creating Fourteenth judicial district.  
 H. R. 89 by Ritter relating to public libraries.  
 H. R. 90 by Olson defining rights of illegitimate children.  
 H. R. 91 by Hunt dividing counties into road districts.

### THEATRES DEVOID OF NEW FEATURES

### No New Plays of Note Claim Attention of New Yorkers

By Ben Reato.  
 New York, Jan. 16.—The opening fortnight of the new year finds the local theatrical situation almost devoid of features as far as new plays are concerned. The merry holiday spirit and so on always puts a big dent in the paternal pocketbook and the theatre tickets numbered among the luxuries are not bought in any great numbers while the still pocketbook gets back to its former state of good health and soundness. Of course, the managers know all this and seldom is it that a producer will venture forth with a fledgling when the year is still young.  
 The one happy, successful exception is James Forbes' “The Show Shop” at the Hudson. Forbes is pleasantly, gratefully remembered for “The Chorus Lady,” the excellent play which introduced Rose Stahl to the country. This latest play is very much like “The Chorus Lady” for it, too, holds the mirror up to the theatre in its natural colors. In the Stahl vehicle he shows that the life of the footlights is not all honey and jam, that all the chorus ladies do not wear diamonds chest protectors or dine at local Rectors' in “The Show Shop.” Forbes takes a delightful fling at the managers—and nobody likes a manager—with genuine satire flavored with a little sentimentality.  
 He shows in the opening act the office of the manager who is going to put on a melodrama entitled “The Punch.” Into that office stream all the characters who may be seen in real life and sunny afternoon on the east side of Broadway in the neighborhood of the Times Square. Of course, there is the young actress, the doting mamma, the “angel” and all the rest. The millionaire wants to marry the heroine of “The Punch” but another object, she wants daughter to have a Broadway experience first. How the young plotter wins the girl is the story of the play. He does.  
 The cast unusually good with Douglas Fairbanks, Miss Zella Sears, Patricia Collinge, Edna Agn, Ned Sparks, George Sidney, William Sampson, San'oit and Miss Olive May.

The versatility of the modern mixer of the stage is well shown in the career of Ing Chaire, the wisame star of “Lady Luxary.” Theatre goes of another season will recall her demure Quaker Girl. Then, presto, she threw off the soubrette garb of the latter role and now she shines in a part which is more in tune with the much heralded gorgeousness and wealth of Broadway.  
 After the Quaker Girl experience Miss Chaire went to London and showed with great brilliancy in “The Girl From Utah” and “The Belle of Bond Street.” She came back to this country with some very definite notions as



“September Morn”—Rowland & Clifford's tangented musical comedy sensation, the most brilliant musical comedy of the season, is scheduled for an engagement at the Grand on Monday, January 18, with Julian Rubell, Grace Childers, Russell Price, George Dayton and 47 helpers. The big beauty chorus is composed of the most attractive lot of girls that were ever gathered in one company.

to the difference between London and New York. Furthermore, she has had the courage to speak right out in public and say what she thought.

For example, she thinks London people are more loyal to their stars. The English will go to see their favorite players regardless of the value of the piece in which they are playing. This is not the case in New York. Many of those who enjoyed Ing Chaire in “The Quaker Girl” will not go to see her in “Lady Luxary” because the two musical comedies are different.

What a cold, dreary world it would be if the press agent were not here to amuse in his unassuming fashion! The latest joy producer is the gentleman who sends out the advance stuff for pretty Nansen the Danish actress. In order to get the full benefit of her zany personality she has brought along—take it from the 6, 8, 10, 12 trunks of costumes for which her manager put up a bond of \$20,000 with the United States Customs. One gown weighs a little less than fifty pounds—a Paul Poiret creation with a tunic of stiffened cloth of gold, encrusted with seed pearls and tiny diamonds. This gown cost \$10,000 in real money. Miss Nansen is going to play in the movies.

A woman is never more anxious to hide her age than when she begins to show it.

### Earthquakes in History Take Toll of Many Thousands of Lives

Avezzano, the town from which the greatest number of losses have been reported as the result of the quake, lies in the province of Agulita, in the Abruzzi department, sixty-three miles east of Rome. It is an ancient town and had a population of some 19,000. One of the well preserved buildings there was the towered castle built by Gentile Virginio Orsini in 1490.

Most of the towns in which damage has been done are situated virtually in the heart of Italy, in a line running northeast and southeast from Rome toward the Adriatic sea. The country in the province of Rome and the Department of the Abruzzi is mountainous but thickly populated. Numerous villages and towns dot the territory. Mount Rotondo has a population of about 5,000. It was here in 1867 that Garibaldi defeated the papal forces. At Tivoli, where one person was killed, there is a population of some 11,000. It lies 18 miles northeast of Rome and retains many of the antiquities of the old Roman days, among them the Temple of Tiburtina and the Villa D'Este, celebrated for the beauty of its architecture. Pofi is a village of some 1,000 inhabitants.

Zagorola, Paliano, Veroli, Pereto, Poggio, Native and the other places where damage or fatalities are reported, all are small towns.

Italy in past years has had numerous visitations from earthquakes in which thousands of persons have perished and from which millions of dollars of property damage have resulted.

It fell to the lot of Italy to suffer from an earthquake the world ever saw. This was in December, 1908, when in Sicily and Calabria 76,485 persons were killed, 93,470 injured and 1,100,000 made homeless.

In 1807 came the disaster to Kingston, Jamaica, in which over 1,500 lives were lost and \$25,000,000 damage was done. Carriago, Costa Rica, lost 1,500 lives in 1910, from an earthquake and in Turkey in 1912, 3,000 perished while 40,000 were made homeless in a similar disaster.

Last year Sakura, Japan, was visited by an earthquake and the eruption of a volcano which caused much property damage but did not result in large loss of life. Last May in Sicily 200 persons were killed and 1,000 injured.

The financial loss never was accurately computed, but it ran into millions of dollars.

Up to the time of the earthquake in Lisbon in 1755, which cost 60,000 lives, caused the great number of casualties. Nineteen hundred and six was the first time the body to the morgue, where the coroner diagnosed the cause as one of death by exposure; and since the earth was frozen so hard that burials were impossible, the unknown was sent to the crematory.  
 On arrival there an attendant said the body into the white-hot interior of the receptacle and went off to bed. Next morning another body was brought to him. As he opened the steel door of the crematory and drew back from the gush of terrific heat that shot out into his face, a complaining voice came forth from the inside, saying: “Who is dat openin' dat do' and lettin' all dat cold air in back on me?”  
 But one doesn't need to be a botanist in order to recognize a blooming idiot.

### MRS. LYNCH ENDORSED

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the W. C. T. U.:  
 Whereas, our sister and coworker, Mrs. Lola Lynch, has been relieved of the duties and responsibilities of police matron, we feel it is fitting to express to her and to all friends of the W. C. T. U., our hearty and sincere recognition and appreciation of her work. She has been one of our most active and efficient workers for many years, has had special training for the work so that during the two years of her police activities she has made a record that is unique. Literally hundreds of our citizens bless her name for the care and protection she has given to girls and young women at the time of need. Social conditions have been made safer for the young. Her work reflects credit upon herself, and honor upon her friends and supporters. But her special fitness was in the character of heart and soul that prompted her efforts. Even her salary was devoted to the work she had in hand.

### DANDRUFF SURELY DESTROYS THE HAIR

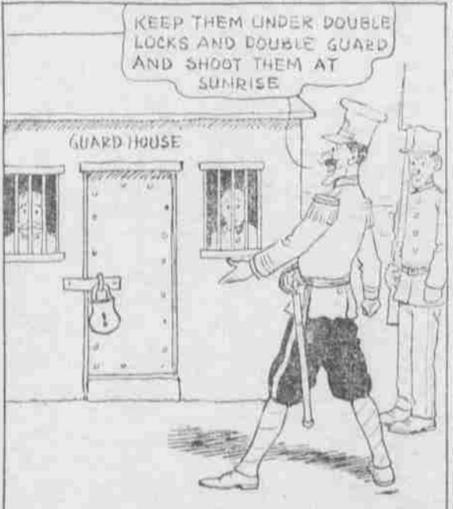
Girls—if you want plenty of thick, beautiful, glossy, silky hair, do by all means get rid of dandruff. For it will starve your hair and ruin it if you don't brush or wash it out. The only sure way to get rid of dandruff is to dissolve it, then you destroy it entirely. To do this, get about four ounces of ordinary liquid arsenic apply it at night when retiring; use enough to moisten the scalp and rub it in gently with the finger tips.  
 By morning most if not all of your dandruff will be gone and three or four more applications will completely dissolve and entirely destroy every single hair and trace of it.  
 You will find, too, that all itching and digging of the scalp will stop, and your hair will look and feel a hundred times better. You can get liquid arsenic at any drug store. It is inexpensive and five ounces is all you will need, no matter how much dandruff you have. This simple remedy never fails.  
**Journal Want Ads are a big help to the farmers when they are too busy to come to town.**

## Hairbreadth Harry—Beautiful Belinda Comes to the Rescue

Drawn by C. W. Kahles



WE ARE COMPELLED TO ADMIT THAT OUR GREAT RESCUE ACT ENDED IN A TERRIBLE FIASCO! RELENTLESS RUDOLPH NIPPED THE PLOT IN THE BUD!



BACK! BACK TO THE GUARDHOUSE FOR GENERAL DEBILITY AND HIS NEAR-RESCUER, HAIRBREADTH HARRY, TO MEET THEIR DOOM AT SUNRISE!



ANY ORDINARY DUFFER WOULD LOSE HEART IN A DESPERATE SITUATION LIKE THIS BUT IS OUR HERO DOWNHEARTED? NO-O-O-O-O-O!



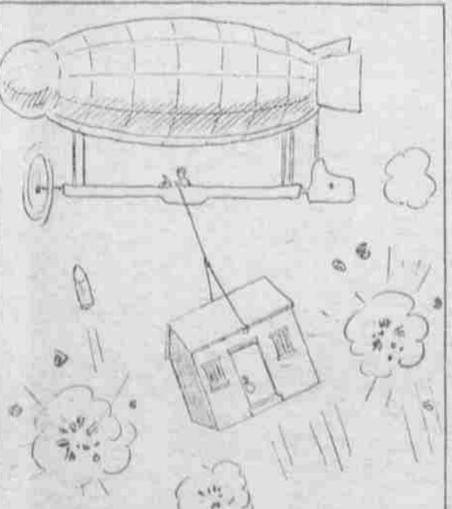
WHAT APPEARS HERE TO BE AN INNOCENT LOOKING WASH LINE IS IN REALITY A CLEVERLY CONTRIVED WIRELESS STATION WHICH BELINDA HAS RIGGED UP.



TO DASH TO THE NEAREST MILITARY AIRSHIP SHED, UNLIMBER AN AIRSHIP TURN ON THE POWER AND POINT HER SKYWARD IS BUT THE WORK OF A JIFFY.



SUDDENLY THE PRISONERS FELT THEMSELVES YANKED VIOLENTLY UPWARD!!!



MID A RAIN OF SHELL AND SHRAPNEL THE DARING DAMSEL STEERED HER WARY WAY WITH HER PRECIOUS BURDEN DANGLING BENEATH!



YIP! YIP! HUIZZAH! ONCE MORE INSIDE THEIR OWN LINES AND SAFE! GREAT WORK, BELINDA! TWO LEATHER CRASSES AND DOUBLE RATIONS OF PIE FOR YOU!