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SHOWGROSSIGNORANCE

Nearly 700,000 Men of Draft Age in the United States Who Cannot Read or Write in English or Any Other Language.

Secretary of the Interior Lane has sent the following letter to the president and to Senator Hoke Smith and Representative William J. Sears, chammen of the senate and house committees on education.

"I believe that the time has come when we should give serious consideration to the education of those who cannot read or write in the United States. The war has brought facts to our attention that are almost unbelievable and that are in themselves accusatory. There are in the United States (or were when the census was taken in 1910) 5.516,163 persons over 10 years of age who were unable to read or write in any language. There are now nearly 700,000 men of draft age in the United States who are, I presume, registered, who can not read or write in English or in any other language.

"Over 4,600,000 of the illiterates "I believe that the time has come

in any other language.

"Over 4,600,000 of the illiterates in this country were 20 years of age or more. This figure equals the total population of the states of California, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, New Moxico, and Delaware. The percentage of illiterates varies in the several states, from 1.7 per cent in Iowa to 23 per cent in Louisiana. More than 10 per cent of it was in 13 states. Half of the illiterates were between 20 and 45 years of age. It has been estimated by one of those concerned with this problem that if these five million and a half illiterate persons were stretcha half illiterate persons were stretched in a double line of march at intervals of 3 feet and were to march tervals of 3 feet and were to march past the White House at the rate of 25 miles a day, it would require more than two months for them to pass. Over 58 per cent are white persons, and of these 1,500,000 are native born whites.

'I beg you to consider the eco ic loss arising out of this condition. If the productive labor value of an ill the productive labor value of an illiterate is less by only 50 cents a day than that of an educated man or woman the country is losing \$825, 000,000 a year through lillteracy. This estimate is no doubt under rath-

LACK EDUCATION

GREAT HINDERANCE

World War Brings Facts to
Our Attention That Are

or than over the real loss. The federal government and the states spend millions of dollars in trying to give information to the people in rural districts about farming and home making. Yet 3,700,000, or 10 per cent, of our country folk can not read or write a word. They can not read a bulletin on agriculture, a farm pare, a food pledge card, a liberty loan appeal, a newspaper, the constitution of the United States, or their Bibles, nor can they keep personal or busiappear, a newspaper, the constitution of the United States, or their Bibles, nor can they keep personal or business accounts. An uninformed democracy is not a democracy. A people who can not have means of access to the mediums of public opinion and to the meages of the president and the acts of congress can hardly be expected to understand the full meaning of this war, to which they all must contribute, in life or property or labor.

"It would seem to be almost axiomatic that an illiterate man can not make a good soldier in modern warfare. Until last April the regular army would not enlist illiterates, yet, in the first draft between 30,000 and 40,000 illiterates were brought into the army, and approximately as many near illiterates.

"They can not sign their names.

"They can not read their orders in the first draft between their orders."

"They can not read their orders osted dally on bulletin boards in camp.

They cannot read their manual of

arms.
"They cannot read their letters or

"They can not understand the sig-nals or follow the signal corps in time of battle.
"There are 700,000 men who can

not read or write who may be drafted within our army within the next year or two. Training camps for soldiers are not equipped for school work, and the burden of teaching men to read the simplest English should not be cast upon the officers or others in the camps. We should give some education to all our men before they enter the accur. enter the army.

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"SOME" AS AN ADJECTIVE

Popular American Slang Has Attached a Wealth of Meaning to the Word.

The American habit of coining new meanings for words already known is closely allied to that of coining words, writes C. Jefferson Weber in the North American Review. Take, for example the current slang use of that much used word "some." What a wealth of meaning and insinuation the American has invented for the word!

"Some" as an adverb may be heard in many places. For instance, in the Teign valley district of Devon, the natives may say, "It did rain zum yes-terday." But the American would use the word as an adjective and say, "That was some rain yesterday." This use is hard to define. In the middle of the last century "some," meaning considerable, or notable, was called "a modern slaps word." Today "some." modern slang word." Today "some" is almost limitless in its capacity for application. It implies approval, enthusiasm, sarcasm, wonder, admira-tion, disgust—or amusement.

The seeds may have been sown in Cornwall, in Deven or in Lancashire, but I seriously doubt if a native of any of these counties would ever say en thusiastically, "We had some fur last night," or sarcastically, "This is some book!" Another word to which Americans have given a new meaning is the verb "raise." In England, men raise crops; in America, they also raise chil-

CHINA LOSING TRADE IN TEA

General Opinion That Scientific Cultiof the Plant Has Been Begun Too Late.

China's tea trade is not keeping pace with the world's consumption of tea. Scientific cultivation instead of oldtime methods and the use of machin regain the lost commercial ground The ministry of agriculture has estab-lished a model farm, and the first tea grown on it was sent to market this year. It is said to have been of good quality, but no details are yet avail-able of the equipment and methods employed. Foreign tea men seem to have little faith in the results of this attempted reform and consider it unlikely that Chinese teas will ever regain the leading place in the markets of the world. It is said that Chinese teas have less tannin than other teas. and that the finer grades are unsur-passed in delicacy of flavor; but the average tea drinker seems to find the teas of India and Ceylon satisfactory

How Toasts Originated.

The custom of drinking the bealth of the most popular man at the table has its foundation in the ancient prac-tice originated by the Greeks and adopted by the Romans of drinking to the gods and the dead, observes an exchange.

'The Greeks and Romans later began the practice of drinking to each other, and from this arose the custom of tonsting living men. But health drink-ing in its modern form, originating in England in the roystering days of Charles II, begins with the custom of drinking to the ladles or to any wom-an who happened to be the reigning belle of the court.

Many and various were the quain customs associated with the toasts of those days. For example, in certain companies of military officers etiquette demanded that the cup should be pass-ed from hand to hand. In many midnight gatherings of Alsa-

tia gallants stabbed themsel tia gallants stabbed themselves in or-der to drink with their blood the health of the woman on whom their hearts were set.—Kansas City Journal.

When to Shut Your Eyes. In an article about Thomas Edison in the American Magazine, William Maxwell, the vice president of the Edison company, said:

"One bit of executive strategy that I learned from Edison has stood me in good stead a dozen times. He had the wise habit of knowing when to shut his eyes. There are times in every organization when controversies arise between even the most loyal and best selves out. 'I learned a great many years ago,' said Lincoln, 'that in a fight between man and wife, a third party should never get between the woman's skillet and the man's ax-

Tact and Charm. Dinner conversation offers the on portunity to eliminate all disagreeable topics. To lay aside one's worries and keep one's troubles from obtruding The same should be said of all occa sions and good form particularly de-notes that dinners, and formal dinners at that, should be freed of personal

urdens retailed.
At all times give interest as well as try to inspire it and one of the em phatic ways is to let the person who happens to be speaking have your undivided attention. Attention and concentration amount to about the same thing and should apply to what one is oneself saying as well as hearing.

In Prehistoric Times.

Bonechisel—Say, you! Whaddye nean by sneakin' into my cave an'

beatin' up my daughter?
Stonchammer—Yes. I did call on your daughter and beat her up some. But I assure you, sir, my intentions were honorable.

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