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WHY RUSSIA IS DOING BETTER.

There are many people who do not understand the present success by the Russian armies in view of the reverses suffered at the hands of the Germans earlier in the war. The following statement from a Russian paper, the Petrograd Novoe Vremya gives some light upon the situation: At the opening of the war, Russia mobilized 400,000 soldiers, and ordered them to the assistance of Serbia. Two days later Germany, after her ultimatum of 24 hours, began deploying troops all along our frontier. Half of the troops ordered south had therefore to be recalled to defend our line against the Germans. Two hundred thousand men could neither hold the Austrian million, nor the German million, much less go to effective aid in behalf of little Serbia. One million men were therefore called to arms; and without even two weeks' drilling they were rushed to two fronts. They were no soldiers, mere human cannon fodder, and the event proved the prediction of thinking men. Meanwhile another million men were called to arms, and drilled an entire year. They are soldiers, and they are at the front now. Six hundred thousand more are drilling; and another half million has been called to arms this spring. The remnants of the original army is less than one hundred thousand effective of the first recruits not more than six hundred thousand are left; but our total effective today is one million seven hundred thousand, with another drilled million to back them. Economically, Russia hardly feels the war; many provinces have barely heard of its existence. True, we have an increase of twenty billion dollars (forty billion rubles in our national debt) but the pressure has not sunk into the general public. Only one item has brought restriction—the vodka (whisky). Russia today neither makes, sells or uses the article. As a consequence, according to the statement this spring to the duma by M. Barck, Russian minister of finance, the savings institutions throughout the country, the mother house in Petrograd and ten thousand said branches in the provinces have wonderfully improved in deposits. If the statement is to be relied upon it is easy to surmise that in future battles on the eastern front Von Hindenberg will find a different story from what he met with a year ago. Caught unprepared Russia did poor fighting. With her great armies

brought into use and properly supplied with munitions that country is now in shape to take revenge for the loss of Warsaw and the overrunning of Poland.

WHAT OTHER PAPERS SAY

Argentina's Growth. Christian Herald. The last census just published fixes the population of the Argentine Republic at 7,883,287. The census of 1895 gave the population as 3,954,911, so that the record shows almost a doubling of the inhabitants in the past 20 years. Buenos Aires is a large and beautiful city with a population of 1,275,914, about half as many as all of Argentina had 20 years ago. The fertile soil, the form of government the encouragement to industry, the improvement in education, the freedom in religion, have attracted a large number of enterprising citizens from all parts of the world.

Making Our Way. From Charleston News and Courier. How many of us pass our time in waiting for life to give us something instead of trying to find it for ourselves. We even go so far as to think that life owes us always more than we receive, that we fulfill our mission on earth by simply living a harmless existence and that fame and fortune should be ours by right. It is for this latter reason that we so often resent the good fortune of others and allow ourselves to believe that we have been discriminated against by Providence. We do not seem to realize that it is well worth our while to do something more than wait for what may or may not come to pass, that we are the architects in large measure of our own success and that we must make the best of what is before us in order to learn the rights to fulfill the desires of our hearts. If we make but little headway we are quick with our excuses and are always ready to place the blame upon others who can in no way be held responsible. If, on the other hand, we do succeed it seems quite natural to take the credit ourselves, whether we deserve it or not. The chances are, however, that if we amount to very much in this world the credit belongs to us more than to anyone else, even though we do receive assistance at times from those who take an interest in us. The point of the matter is that we must fortify ourselves to meet conditions as they come and to do our best to shape them into happiness and prosperity for ourselves.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

Better wages make better health? Better health makes better citizens? Better Citizens make a better nation? The U. S. Public Health Service found 78 per cent of the rural homes in a certain county unprovided with sanitary conveniences of any kind? Cholera is spread in the same manner as typhoid fever? Scarlet fever kills over 10,000 Americans each year? Hookworm enters through the skin? He who builds up health lays up treasure in the Bank of Nature?

It is estimated that there is 348 billion feet of privately owned timber in Oregon west of the Cascade Range, and 270 billion feet in Washington. The National forests contain 162 billion feet, making for the west side of the two states a total of timber estimated at 780 billion board feet.

Our Want Ads bring results.

CURIOUS CORDOBA.

This Spanish Town is So Compact it Looks Like One Building.

Cordoba is scheduled on the European itinerary as a half day stand. Those who go from Seville to Granada and those who go from Granada to Seville take Cordoba on their way. Fifteen minutes for the cathedral, five for the alcazar, an hour for luncheon and on to further discoveries—that is the Cordoba program. The hotels of Cordoba are, in consequence, unpalatial, a circumstance in itself which endears the little town to the judicious. I do not believe there is a lift in all Cordoba, and if your wife wishes for any reason to buy a new hat she must go out of the hotel for it, and then it will be three years old.

At night all the tourists are gone to Seville or Granada, and you and the Cordobans and the stars share the amenities of Cordoba's one boulevard, of which everybody is very proud, because it is much superior to anything that Paris or even Madrid can show. It was a lucky chance which caused them to build Cordoba so handily between Seville and Granada. It has provided a still little backwater for the traveler's repose, a spot where he may forget that American bars exist, eat his meals untroubled by the squeaking of a tango band and adventure himself among the mysteries of a bill of fare jellily printed in blue and illegible Spanish.

You could put your hat over Cordoba, and very little would protrude. It is the compactest little town. From the tower of the cathedral it all looks like one building. You can hardly perceive the streets, so closely do they wriggle among the houses. The roofs are yellow, brown, gray, red; the walls and their shadows every color in the world. Among the buildings the green of palms, orange trees, lemon trees, chestnuts, soothe the glare struck eye. The Guadalquivir snakes through its rich plains from the faraway flat hills (red, gray brown, yellow), and over all are the great sky of the south and the hazy sun of the south, which imposes silence on the world till night shall set the guitars a-buzzing.—William Caine in Century.

CAUSE OF RHEUMATISM.

Cavities Holding Pus, It is Claimed, Breed the Dread Ailment.

In the American Magazine is an article on rheumatism by Dr. Arthur H. Reynolds, who says:

"The cause of rheumatism is pus formed and imprisoned in some part of the body. It gets into the circulation and is carried by it to the region affected. These pus places may be in spots more or less closed up, so they are not easily drained. They may be located about the teeth, at the end of the roots of dead or diseased teeth, in the crypts of the tonsils, in some of the sequestered places in the nostrils, in the bony sinuses of the head. They may be in the bladder, the kidney, the gall ducts or other places. The pus producing spot may be as small or smaller than a pea or it may be larger. Its existence is frequently unknown to the patient, especially if it be hidden in soft tissue like the tonsil. It may even exist in the bony socket of a tooth without giving pain.

"Several different organisms produce pus, and any or all may produce rheumatism when transferred to the joints or the heart.

"The physician today seeks for the pus cavity when he meets a patient with rheumatism, and he endeavors to clean it up. Rheumatic pains have been stopped with magical promptness by simply extracting the offending tooth. It is not always easy to find the pus places in the hidden parts of the body. The X ray shadowgraph is essential in locating the trouble. It shows definitely and accurately all trouble about the roots of the teeth, and its use is therefore of the first importance in ferreting out the pus in the deep structures."

Duncan Smoked in Church.

Sir Walter Scott in his "Heart of Midlothian" refers to one Duncan of Knockunder, an important personage, who smoked during the whole of the sermon from an iron pipe tobacco borrowed from other worshippers. We are told that at the end of the discourse he knocked the ashes out of his pipe, replaced it in his sporran, returned the tobacco pouch to its owner and joined in the prayer with decency and attention.

Domestic Strategy.

Husband—I am not ready to go out yet. Wife—But I am, and we must go immediately. Husband—But, my dear, your hat is not on straight. Wife—Dear me! Isn't it? Wait a minute till I go to my room and put it right. Exit wife for half an hour and her shrewd husband completes his work.

Argentina.

If the country has the same average potentiality for producing food as land similarly situated in North America or Europe, it would seem that Argentina can support 100,000,000 people easily, as only small parts of it lie outside the temperate zone.

The Point of View.

"The darkest cloud has a silver lining," remarked the optimist. "But it is a dark cloud, just the same," insisted the pessimist.—Exchange.

Silly Fellow.

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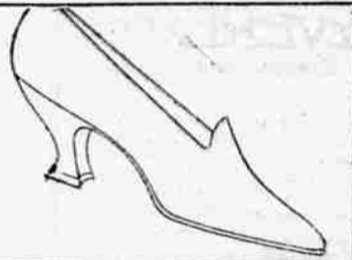
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O. A. C. Man Writes Book For Women Architects

The MacMillan Company, publishers, New York, have accepted for publication a college text book on Domestic Architecture, by Eugene L. Robinson, professor of Rural Architecture, Oregon Agricultural College. This text is designed especially for the use of girls in schools of Home Economics and is the first architectural text book for girls to be published in the United States. It contains about 90,000 words besides 50 ink drawings and problems in house planning. The series which is to include the new text consists of standard works on Home Economics subjects, such as Cooley's Foods and Household Management. This series is edited by Professor Sherman, of Columbia University, New York. The book on Domestic Architecture will appear in August.

Professor Robinson has charge of a rather unique line of work at O. A. C., called Rural Architecture. Included among the courses is the one on House Construction and Decoration in which a hundred women have during the college year made drawings much like the sketches of an architect. The author of the forthcoming text is a graduate in Architecture from the University of Pennsylvania, is a licensed architect of Illinois and was recently promoted to Professor of Rural Architecture at O. A. C.

O. A. C. Hens Beat Own Record

After having shattered all records for one week's laying at the Storrs, Connecticut, Egg Laying Contest, the Oregon, entered by the Poultry department of the Oregon Agricultural College, came right back the following week and did two eggs better. The first week's record that excited the comment of poultry journals and newspapers all over the United States was 62 eggs by the pen of ten hens. This was an average of 6.2-10 eggs per hen a week, almost an egg a day. The following week's record was 64 eggs or an average of 6.4-10 eggs per day. The grand average of all pens and varieties for the same week was 45 eggs per hen.

DEFENDANT TWO YEARS OLD.

Son of British Officer Charged With Improper Guardianship.

New York, July 25.—Audrey Eiddle, Jr., nearly two years old, the son of a British officer now at the front, will be arraigned in the Children's court next Friday charged with improper guardianship. Audrey's mother, Mrs. Audrey Rid-

die is an American woman. She is a wireless operator and an aviator. After the husband went to the front, the British authorities put her under surveillance. For this reason she and the baby returned to America. Since arrival in New York she and Audrey have lived in hotels here.

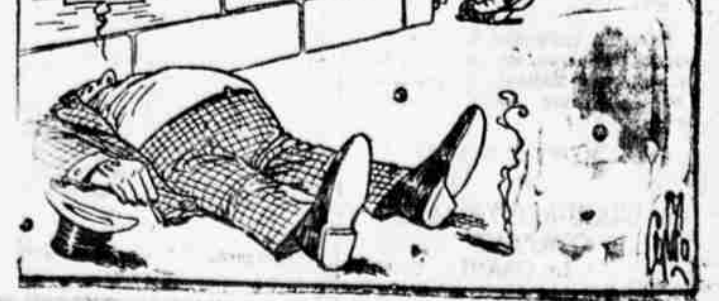
Finally, the child was left, officials of the Children's society say, with a maid at Mrs. Riddle's apartments for several days. The proprietor of the hotel called on the society on May 5 to take charge of the child. The society officials said Mrs. Riddle's mother, a wealthy Chicago woman, has given assurances that she will take the child and care for it if it is legally committed to her by the court.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE----By Condo



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