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WHAT CAN WE DO?

We can face another year of work with immense confidence, in the light of the recent report of the American Red Cross on its expenditures in Europe and America. This report is a revelation and an inspiration. It is more than a matter of duty now to be a busy member of this wonderful, wholly modern and efficient organization. If this report stirs no pride of country in the heart of the woman who reads it she may be sure her soul is about dead—or held in a fanishing prisoner by her self-centered mind.

To be in the midst of a world of good deeds and to take no part in them—when the way is always open—can you imagine it?

What happens to your dollar when you send it forth on its errand of mercy through the medium of the American Red Cross was explained in a statement issued as a prelude to the opening of the campaign for another \$100,000,000 war fund. The magnitude of the work which the Red Cross is doing on all battle fronts and for American prisoners in Germany is disclosed by the figures:

Relief work in France.....	\$30,036,103
Relief work in Belgium.....	2,086,131
Relief work in Italy.....	4,588,826
Relief work in Russia.....	1,206,906
Relief work in Romania.....	2,073,368
Relief work in Serbia.....	894,580
Relief work in Great Britain.....	3,200,230
Other foreign relief work.....	4,476,300
For U. S. prisoners in Germany.....	361,004
For Red Cross personnel sent abroad.....	201,300
Relief work in U. S.....	9,723,823
Army and navy base hospitals.....	111,000

There are two things the Red Cross can always use, it seems; they are money and knitted wool socks. Almost

every woman can furnish one or both of these in some measure. Recently the Red Cross ladies in a Kentucky town held a corn-shucking bee for a grain merchant who found it difficult to get laborers. They worked to the merry tune of \$75, which cash they turned in to the Red Cross, thereby making themselves justly famous as an enterprising chapter. They are proud and we are all proud of them.

Julia S. S. S.

Fashion Points of Interest.

There are four things in fashion that are often discussed today: The severe uncollared neck line, the short sleeve, the cape back and the lack of chiffon blouses. A dressmaker drew a patron's attention to the absence of the latter garment because of the prevalence of one-piece frocks, and told how the shirt waist people were depending upon wash blouses to continue their business. Sailor collars are not smart. High collars that roll upward at the back and down in the front are not attached to coats. The collars that go on bodices of one-piece frocks and before they reach the collarbone, and the rest of the décolletage is untouched by any line of white.

To Wash Silk Stockings.
If time permits silk stockings should be allowed to soak for a short time before washing in tepid water to which a little powdered borax has been added. Then wash them in a tepid soapy lather first on one side and then on the other, paying particular attention to the feet. Pull the stockings gently into shape before drying, and when nearly dry press them on the wrong side with a cool iron.

SOME TELEPHONE HISTORY

New York Company Had Hard Time on the Start.

NEW YORK, June 9.—A reading of the annals of the telephone system in the United States reminds one of the day when Manhattan Island was purchased from the Indians for \$24. The right to operate a New York telephone system sold for \$18,000 in 1878. In an article printed in the Telephone Review, Theodore N. Vail, president of the Bell system, describes the acquisition of the telephone rights from Hilbourne L. Roosevelt and Charles A. Cheever forty years ago.

Roosevelt and Cheever were the first men to start the telephone business in New York, which they did under a license from the original American Bell Telephone company in 1877. In less than a year they had exhausted their financial resources without having put the telephone business on its feet, and Mr. Vail was sent down from Boston by the present company and organized the Bell Telephone company of New York, which took over the business. The new company started with a capital of \$100,000; \$60,000 preferred and \$40,000 common.

Soon it became necessary to raise more money and a bond issue of \$100,000 was authorized. Negotiations were had with various parties. Among

these was Jay Gould. Only recently an autographed letter turned up at a sale of manuscripts and autographs in which Mr. Gould declined to purchase the bonds.

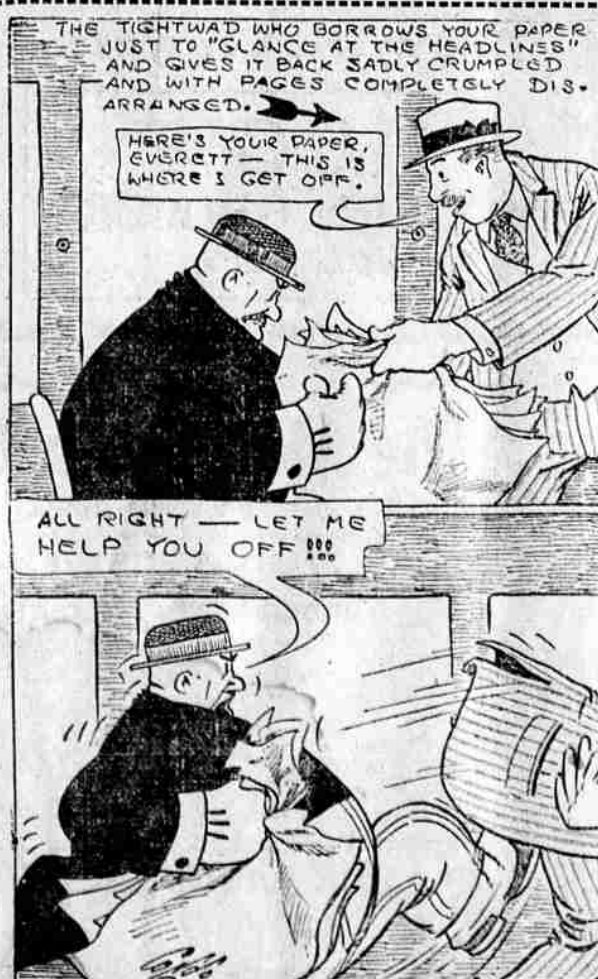
A combination of the two competing companies was effected in May, 1880, when the Metropolitan Telephone & Telegraph company was formed, with a capital of \$1,000,000, with Mr. Vail as president. In 1888 this company authorized an issue of \$2,000,000 thirty year bonds, which matured in May, 1918, and were duly paid off by the New York Telephone company. In 1896 the Metropolitan Telephone & Telegraph company was merged into the New York Telephone company.

July 10th last day to pay water rent without penalty.—Adv. 7-8-21.

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"Yes'm," said Neurasthenia, called Teeny for short. "An' we got a little bread dressin' what went wid the pork, mum. Shall I make some apple sauce out'n hit, mum?"—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

The United States weather bureau has established a station in Honduras that reports to Washington by wire less.

Job printing, The Observer, Main 37.

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