

TREES SPARED BY LIGHTNING

Bolts Seem to Pick Out Species for Destruction, and Leave Their Companions Untouched.

The lightning seems to have its favorite victims among the trees. I have never known it to strike a beech-tree, Hemlocks and pines are its favorites in my woods. In other regions the oak and the ash receive its attention. An oak on my father's farm was struck twice in the course of many years, the last bolt proving fatal. The hard, or sugar maple, is frequently struck, but only in one instance have I known the tree to be injured. In this case a huge tree was simply demolished. Usually the bolt comes down on the outside of the tree, making a mark as if a knife had clipped off the outer surfaces of the bark, revealing the reddish-yellow interior. In several cases have I seen this effect. But a few summers ago an unusually large and solid sugar-maple in my neighbor's woods received a charge that simply reduced it to stove-wood. Such a scene of utter destruction I have never before witnessed in the woods. The tree was blown to pieces as if it had been filled with dynamite. Over a radius of 50 or more feet the fragments of the huge trunk lay scattered. It was as if the bolt, baffled so long by the rough coat of mail of the maple had at last penetrated it and had taken full satisfaction. The explosive force probably came from the instantaneous vaporization of the sap of the tree by the bolt.—Century.

WOMEN AS FORESTERS



English women foresters are taking the place of the men at the front. Here are two of the land workers engaged in putting a sharp edge on their ax for tomorrow's toil. These women are showing themselves to be worthy successors of Britain's lumbermen. The felled trees in the back are a proof of that.

D'ANNUNZIO GETS EVEN

Poet-Airman of Italy Raids Pola in Reprisal.

Austrians Having Attacked His Quarters, He Drops Bombs on Their Naval Arsenal.

By WARD PRICE.

Italian Headquarters at the Front.—Maj. Gabriele d'Annunzio, Italy's poet-airman, who led the raid on Vienna, has carried out an adventurous personal reprisal for an Austrian night air raid during which one of the enemy machines dropped a bomb literally within yards of his sleeping quarters. The bomb did not explode, but its impact knocked over and broke a glass from which d'Annunzio had drunk an hour before. The soldier-poet gaily started off in the afternoon with his pilot in a new type of a fast, weight-carrying land machine, flew about one hundred miles straight across the Adriatic sea to Pola, the Austrian naval base, dropped 14 bombs on the arsenal and returned safely to his aerodrome.

I was waiting there when he arrived amid a round of cheers from his squadron. "There was a heavy barrage fire," he told us, "and once I thought our trail had been struck. But not a single one of the Austrian chaser machines got up after us. The Austrians were very keen to get me, but they missed a good chance this afternoon."

D'Annunzio will wear henceforth in his flights an ivory-tipped dagger. This weapon is the distinctive mark of the Italian storm troops, and all the eight airmen who took part in the raid on Vienna have been named by their comrades "The Storm Troops of the Air."

HELPS MOTHER OF SOLDIERS

Yank Takes Woman's Flowers, Collects \$40 for Her and Sends Her Home in Taxi.

New York.—A certain white-titled rendezvous, famed for its butter-cake acrobats, was filled to overflowing early the other morning with the motley jinkle-jumble of night birds, semi-respectables and the curious. The place is all that is left of the pre-war night life of Gotham. A little white-faced woman eddied into the place with just a few bouquets, soiled by an evening of handling, which she shyly tried to sell. On her black blouse was a service pin with three stars. An officer of the National army alone at a corner table washing down a sandwich with a glass of milk saw her.

He did not hesitate. "Come," he said, taking her gently by the arm. "Selling flowers is no occupation for the mother of soldiers. Let me have them." She gave them over with a look of wonderment. He went among the crowds and collected \$40 for her for the flowers, then he put her in a taxicab, paying the fare himself, and she rolled away, leaving the officer at the curb with his head bared.

WOMEN WORK ON HIGHWAYS

Take Place of Men Called to War Service in Oregon Highway Department.

Salem, Ore.—Women are replacing men called to war service in the state highway department of Oregon. They are driving water carts used in wetting down macadam roads before they are rolled, and are employed as checkers and weighers at the various gravel pits and rock bunkers. State Highway Engineer Nunn has issued orders that wherever practical they are to replace men, who will be discharged with orders to get into more essential forms of labor.

Strike Big Gas Flow

Warren, Pa.—A gas well making 15,000,000 cubic feet a day was drilled in by the Pennsylvania Gas company at Bear Creek in Elk county. It is the biggest well drilled in northwestern Pennsylvania in the last three years. Its roar could be heard for two miles.

As London Sees It

The American Rainbow (Rainbow regiment) is at the front—an augury, of course, that the present reign will soon be over in Germany.—London Opinion.

Society

KIDDLE-FARTHING WEDDING.

An event which came as much of a surprise to the many friends of the couple, was the wedding on Wednesday evening of Lyle B. Kiddle, of Island City, to Miss Helen Farthing, of Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Only immediate relatives attended the ceremony and Mr. and Mrs. Kiddle left immediately for their new home in Imbler. Mr. Kiddle being in business there.

younger set and prominent in social activities during his school life here.

GARNER-DANA WEDDING

One of the prettiest weddings of the year was held Sunday morning when Joseph Garner and Miss Vivian Dana were united in marriage at the Sacred Heart Academy, Rev. P. J. Driscoll officiating. The bride was attended by Miss Katherine Dana and the groom by Ned Deason.

The bride was attired in a gown of maize colored silk muller trimmed with georgette crepe. The latter material was also used in a veil which was clasped with a wreath of pink carnations.

The remainder of the day was spent in receiving friends and feasting after the time-old Italian custom.

Mr. and Mrs. Garner will make their home in La Grande for the present.

FRANK CLARK ENTERTAINED

Frank Clark, who was the guest at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Richardson, the fore part of the week was pleasantly surprised on Monday evening when a number of friends met in his honor. Light refreshments were served after an evening of dancing and an informal social time.

Mr. Clark, who is now in service in the information bureau of the United States Naval Station at Seattle, was very popular among the



Over the Top in a Charge.

Optimistic Thought. It is a sure indication of good sense to be diffident of it.

Cables Improve With Age.

It is found that the insulation resistance of telephone cables increases with the age of the cable, when it lies in the ground, because the moisture it possesses appears to be dried out.

Why Keep Sunday.

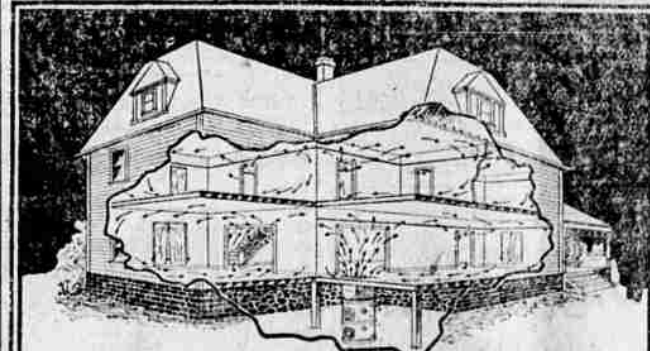
One reason for keeping Sunday is that it has a polishing and civilizing effect. We polish our shoes, clothes, body, mind and soul. Sunday wasn't meant for lying and laziness around.

Troubles Hardness of Leather.

A Norwegian engineer claims that he has discovered a process by which leather can be made two or three times as hard as it is normally, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. This is of very special interest in these days of high prices for footwear and other leather goods. While the leather can be made as hard as wood, it does not lose its elasticity, it is said, and also acquires greater resistance to both heat and moisture.

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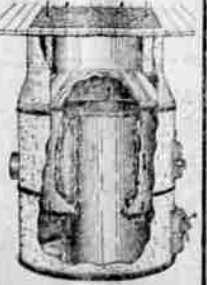
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