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HOW ABOUT ARMIES?

Those who insist that the standing army of the United States is too large with 158,000 men are likely to learn with surprise that it ranks fourteenth in size among the world's armies, and twenty-fifth in comparison with the population represented.

Among the little countries having larger military organizations than ours are Roumania, with 165,000; Spain, with 216,000; Poland, with 290,000 and Abyssinia, with 571,000. What Abyssinia wants with that huge army is beyond comprehension.

Great Britain, with 237,000, seems to have a very moderate-sized army, when her vast possessions are considered with the necessity of doing police duty in all quarters of the world and at the same time keeping watch over troubled Europe. France has 818,000 men under arms, China 1,083,000 and Russia, first in number, 1,370,000.

Small as the American army is, however, the majority of Americans are satisfied that it is quite large enough and glad that it is destined soon to suffer another small reduction. This country, isolated geographically, possessing a good navy and feared and courted by all nations, does not need a great military force to protect itself and make itself felt in the world.

DECOY MAGAZINE DOPE.

A newspaper reader who is also an ardent magazine fan, and who would rather look at ads than read fiction, propounds these queries:

Why are all the articles in "Beautiful Home" magazines which purport to be intended for people of small purses and large love of beauty written down as from a great height, in a style intimating that it's hardly worth while to address anyone worth less than a million, and quoting as models homes of wealthy people into one room of which could be tucked the ordinary American home complete?

Why are all the articles on good taste in furniture clogged up with pictures of this antique curly stuff that takes seven hours to dust then doesn't get clean? Surely the fussy carving loved by the princes of medieval Italy isn't well suited to the average American home.

How does it happen that the interiors so exquisitely beautiful in their color, and in the designs of their fireplaces, cupboards, kitchens, furniture and walls, that they take your breath with sheer joy, are devoted to a cork floor covering? And why are the snappiest floor coverings put in the kitchen mop and cleaning compound ads?

And along that line, why are the prettiest hats in newspapers ads attached to skirts whose price and description are given—no mention made of the hat? And why is the prettiest coat or sweater or blouse always in the hat ad girl?

And why is a warm cozy fireside scene used to advertise a dessert which is no good unless it is kept cold?

And why are the food ads so utterly delicious when the doctor has just told you what you've got to do without if you want to reduce?

Florida Cleans House.

Florida, being prosperous at a time when many of the other states had not yet recovered from the influenza slump, was overrun with fraudulent stock promoters. Finally the Florida Bankers' Association got after the crooks. By an extensive campaign of newspaper publicity it has done much to get rid of the evil and protect Florida citizens and visitors from such exploitation. Now it is trying to supplement that good work by obtaining the passage of a drastic "blue sky" law with these provisions:

"That permits shall be required for selling any form of stock in Florida, and no permit will be granted to any agent who has not been a legal voter for at least three years;

"That a report must be filed with the state authorities giving every detail of the project for which stock is issued, including organization, expenses and other items of interest, and that a copy of this report shall be shown to every person to whom stock is offered;

"That no permit shall be granted to anyone to sell stock on which a grant of commission shall be paid or paid."

With such a law, stock life should be made harder for the fake securities people than it has been lately in most of the states. The Florida reformers would like to see the campaign taken up by the American Bankers' Association, because it is in position to handle the matter as effectively on a national scale.

There's no punishment that encourages the reckless driver like depriving him of the right to drive.

No headliner seems yet to have called the German-Russian alliance a Boche-Bolshevik pact.

The Hays Rath spirit tends to make us think more kindly of the Hayses with their famous down.

THE OFFICE CAT

—BY JUNIUS—



THE LATEST OUT.

The latest style is called "The Prodigal Skirt." It brings out the fatted calf.

CHIVALRY.

He rose with alacrity, And offered her his seat. The question was if she or he Should stand upon his feet.

Business may not be very good but it is well spoken of by everyone on the program at a chamber of commerce banquet.

Little Willie was enjoying a play with his kittens on the street when a gentleman passing by asked him the names of the kittens.

"Joe and Jerry," was the prompt reply. "Why not call them 'Cook and Peary'?" the man then asked. "Go on, man," Willie said, "these ain't no polecats!"

GET THE HOOKS.

Far more than for the movies, the speaking stage or the bizarre dance halls is there a need for a censor of those newspaper stories exploiting the super-tramp who is traveling on a wager from Jacksonville to Jerusalem, or some other specified points, with no means save those of his own mousing.

This miserable species of the hom-are happens into Kokomo at more or less frequent intervals and keeps a column or so of space that might more profitably be given over to liver-pill propaganda. Why inspire the youth of the land, already prone to the dissipation of wanderlust, to emulate this peripatetic panhandler?

Is it a particularly proud achievement to break the laws of the land by cheating the railway conductor or by laying on the sympathetic land-lord for an unearned meal? Let the newspaper lads give the hooks to this sublimated hobo.

Why, the typical tramp with protruding toes, rent shirt and the badge of tomato can struggle over his shoulder is far and away the more picturesque figure. His rage is royal raiment, to borrow from the melodramatic Hal Reed, compared with the more reputable customer which foolish folk bestow upon this ingratiating beggar and usually four-armed hure. There! That's off me chest. It may not be "fanny," but there's more sound horse-sense in it than in anything that is at all likely to follow it.

EPITAPHY.

He lies sleeping here Name was Hal Hake— He heard the bell But had no brake.

ABIDE WITH ME.

Credo (Colo.) Candler: There has been a good deal of agitation for the past few years about a new motto for the coin of the realm. Personally, we

have leaned toward "Abide with me."

HE LOSES.

When a girl discovers she can't make a fool of a man, she decides there is no use wasting time with such a fool.

We notice where a girl named Onions has secured a notary commission in a neighboring town. Here's hoping she may be strong enough for the job.

SOUR GRAPES.

Tis better to have loved and lost, Than to win and be forever bossed.

Free love is generally the most expensive kind.

BIBLE IS STILL BEST SELLER

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, June 9.—The biggest year of Bible circulation since the high levels of the war period, is reported by the American Bible Society in the Annual Report just issued. This report says:

"The total number of volumes circulated during the year was 4,355,464, which is more than a million in excess of the distribution of the preceding year. The largest increase is shown in China, where 2,362,750 were circulated. From Japan, the Near East, and all of Latin America there has come an increased demand so great that the society has been unable to meet it.

The Home of the Soul.

In olden times it was believed that the seat of the soul was the stomach. Most likely for the reason that a man is never so completely used up as when his stomach is out of order. For the cure of ordinary stomach troubles, there is nothing quite so prompt and satisfactory as Chamberlain's Tablets.



YOUR KIDNEYS

Your Good Health and Long Life Depend on Your Kidneys. That's Why Insurance Companies Always Insist on Urinalysis.

Beaverton, Oregon.—"I take great pleasure in stating what Dr. Pierce's Anuric Tablets have done for me in a very severe case of bladder and kidney trouble. For ten years I was distressed about every thirty minutes. I doctored and doctored but no relief. My last doctor bill was \$175.00, and I was no better. I went back to my old home and my folks wanted me to give Dr. Pierce's Anuric Tablets a trial so I did and I also took the Golden Medical Discovery with them to work on my liver. Now I can walk, ride, go to town and so for five or six hours without being distressed. I can not praise the Anuric Tablets too much for they are wonderful for the kidneys." Mrs. Caroline Boles, Box 352, Write Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel in Buffalo, N. Y., for free advice. Send 10c for trial pkg. Anuric.

NEW SUMMER Sport Skirts

These New Arrivals Are Beautiful

At the front of the new fashions truly! They've created some beautiful new sport skirts for summer wear—both in white and colors. And it's important that you know just what they are. You can see them all here tomorrow—white skirts of new rough and loose weave materials, and some of the favored white flannels and serges. Platted or plain. All in sports, semi-sports or mannish golf models. Priced from \$10.00 to \$15.00.

Sweaters

Smart dashing colors in both silk and wool sweaters are most appropriate for wear with the sport skirts. There are styles here in many attractive colorings that are priced from \$5.50 to \$10.00.

PRETTY SUMMER DRESS MATERIALS

—The most beautiful wash fabrics in many seasons are found displayed at this store now.

—Rattines, linens, lawns, organdies, tissue ginghams, Zephyr ginghams and a host of other new fabrics—all in a brilliant array of colorings to please Miss 1922.

—Materials for sports costumes too, are in a wonderful assortment at this time. Ask about them.

Misses' Patent Sandal Strap Pumps \$3.25

For girls between the ages of 8 years and 10 years or who wear sizes between 1 1/2 and 2. This is a very new and attractive little pump—it has no lacing strap and a single strap from the throat up that meets the lacing strap—it is a broad toe, a turn sole and patent leather—most fitting and stylish. Priced at \$3.25.

SEVERAL VERY NEW Low Shoes From Armstrong & Co.

New versions of the popular flat heel are shown today for the first time in two exceptionally fine lines of "ARM-STRONG" make.

One a dark Russet calf with beige color suede trimming, two straps and nickel buckles. The heel is very low. In all sizes and AAA to D widths.

Another, a white buck sport pump with black patent trimming, two straps and nickel buckles. A very low heel and welt sole.

Another medium low heel, plain dress pump for street or dress wear. Of fine black or brown kid, a rich color—welted sole and wide instep strap. In all sizes and widths.

lets. They strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its function naturally. Give them a trial. They only cost a quarter.—Adv.

Squeaking Doors.
Drop a little oil on top of the hinges—even olive oil—then swing the door back and forth until the oil works into the hinge and the squeak is gone.

Bad Man to Tackle.
"The man who hates to fight," said Jud Tunkins, "can usually be depended on when forced into a fight to work as hard as he knows how to get it over with."

TAXI-MAIN 580
New Taxi Service Just Started "SERVICE"
Is Our Motto
Located at Imperial Billiard Parlors
208 Depot Street

To Mend Enamel.
Take equal parts of fine coal dust, fine salt and gaffy. Rubbed well together and pack into the hole firmly. Put water into the mended article and stand on a warm stove for an hour. Wipe carefully and leave for a day before using. The mixture will form a cement as hard as the enamel, says a correspondent.

Many Bug Varieties.
We have in the United States a long list of insects or usually designated as beetles. There are some 17,000 different kinds of them, and they range in size from the tiny weevil to the enormous scarab beetle. The use of a microscope to see, to such giants as the spotted horn beetle.—American Forestry Magazine.

DON'T FAIL TO SEE THE Famous Moose Minstrels AT THE COZY THEATRE Union, Oregon DURING STOCK SHOW June 7, 8, 9 A LAUGH EVERY MINUTE This space paid for by AL'S ILLUMINATING STORE
Elm Street near Y. M. C. A. La Grande, Oregon

ICE

Get your ice from the M. A. Stillwell Meat Co. It will be delivered when you want it. PHONE MAIN 700

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Prices

Taken at random from our shelves.

Pint Bottles Preferred Stock Catsup	22c
Quart Bottles Church's Grape Juice	50c
Large Package Kerr's Rolled Oats	24c
Cream of Wheat, each	21c
Full Cream Oregon Cheese	19c
Borden's Eagle Brand Milk	23c
Bread, All Kinds, loaf	9c
Snow Flake Crackers, 15c size, 2 for	25c
Large Boxes Rosebud Matches	5c
Large Tall Cans Pink Salmon, 2 for	25c
Large Cans Log Cabin Syrup	59c
Medium Cans Log Cabin Syrup	52c

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