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A Story With a Moral

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While the English were preparing for a move against the Germans in which they proposed to use the tank the general of the tank brigade found himself short of engineers who were competent to run the big caterpillars. He called on the commander of the United States troops for a detail of American soldiers who were skilled engineers, as well as brave, to put such tanks as were deficient in men to run them. Ike Rogers was one of the Americans who were selected to conduct a tank in the attack that was to be made on the enemy.

Ike's tank was some distance behind the others, and he was instructed to move it forward, generally in the night; but Ike in order to catch up and being on the edge of a wood, drove it on in the day time.

Beside the road a young peasant girl stood gazing at the big machine. This girl—Clochette was her name—was very pretty. Ike fell in love with her at first sight. He asked her for a drink of water. The French people drink wine in place of water, so Clochette gave him a glass of wine. She spoke a few words of English and Ike while in a training camp before going over the big pond had studied French, so they managed to understand each other after a fashion. Something in the tank needed fixing and Ike was detained where he had stopped a long time. When he was about to move on he said to Clochette half in French, the other half in English, "I love you," and Clochette almost swooned with joy to be told that she was loved by the guiding spirit of the big war monster.

Clochette having been caught by the power of the tank rather than anything attractive about Ike's personality, soon after his departure was caught in a different way. A cavalryman rode by who carried a flag, its staff resting on the toe of his boot. His steed danced and curvetted so beautifully that Clochette was much moved, and since the rider was a handsome young fellow she transferred her heart to this man who, compared with the greasy tank runner, was a marvel of beauty.

The cavalryman spoke French fluently and not having seen a pretty girl since he left England, there was another case of love at first sight. Clochette responded favorably. Well, the fight came on, the tanks made a big hit, and Ike's tank went wallowing over the field like an elephant that had escaped from its keeper. But Ike's guiding hand was in the monster's throat turning it here and there to trample under its hundred feet scores of Germans and cutting its way through barb wires as a mowing machine will fell a field of wheat.

When the armies settled down again to ordinary work the commander of the tank brigade ordered a long rest for all who had manned the giant centipedes. He complimented Ike as having done extraordinary service and asked him what sort of a reward he would like. Should it be a decoration or promotion? Ike said he would think it over. But Ike's thinking powers were upon Clochette—the pretty French girl who had fallen in love with either him or his tank—it is not certain which—and he asked for a leave to go back and see her. He found the cavalryman in possession. He too had received a leave, and had returned to his love. Ike finding himself supplanted was much cast down. He looked at his greasy clothes, and his begrimed hands, then turned his gaze upon the handsome, well-dressed cavalryman and having a mind capable of perceiving cause and effect resolved upon a course that he hoped would give him an advantage. He returned to his general and said:

"General, I would like a transfer, 'To what corps?"

"I wish to be made drum major of a band."

"Great Scott man, what do you, a fine soldier, desire to sink to such a ridiculous position?"

Ike told his story and the general sent him back to the commander of the American forces with a request that his petition be granted, and Ike obtained his coveted position. In the changes that occurred the fighting afterward fell on the American army. Clochette determined to go as a nurse to the American camp and appeared there just before a battle. The American general ordered that the hands play martial music to inspire the men. Ike at the head of the band marched by a hospital where Clochette stood ready to help take care of the wounded. Amid the bursting of shot and shell, the thunder of guns, the cheers of the charging troops, Ike flourished his staff, tossed it in the air, caught it as it came down, and his very appearance, to say nothing of the music of his band, was enough to make any soldier plunge into the jaws of death.

Clochette had no eyes for anyone or anything else. Ike, the engineer of the tank, the mechanic covered with grease, was converted to be the finest specimen of a man. Apollo was not so much to a Roman girl as was the drum major to Clochette.

The story of Ike and Clochette illustrates that there are different ways of winning the feminine heart. Power impresses woman but it is hardly equal to beauty, but the beauty must be adorned.

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OLD LANDMARK IS PRESERVED

Historic General Schuyler Mansion at Albany, N. Y., Associated With Revolutionary Times.

By the dedication of the General Schuyler mansion at Albany, N. Y., another interesting landmark of revolutionary days was permanently preserved from the devastating hand of modern improvement, notes a correspondent. The house is 155 years old, having been built in 1762. Its recent dedication by Governor Whitman, marked the one hundred and fortieth anniversary of the surrender of Burgoyne at Saratoga. General Schuyler took an active part in the campaign against the invading British army from the North, and, at Saratoga, he suffered a serious loss in the burning of the British of his country home and mills. Notwithstanding this, he acted the part of the chivalrous conqueror a few days later, when he entertained General Burgoyne and his staff, including the Hessian general, Baron Riedesel, and his wife, at his Albany home, when, as prisoners of war, they stopped there on the way to Boston.

With the single exception of the famous Washington headquarters at Newburg, purchased by the state in 1849, the Schuyler mansion is more closely associated with revolutionary times than any other of the historic memorials purchased from time to time by the state for preservation.

WAS CALLED BY WASHINGTON

First Cape Cod Canal Engineer to Be Pressed into Service Because of Demand for Experts.

Thomas Machin, the engineer charged by a committee appointed in 1776 by the colony of Massachusetts with the task of making the first survey for the Cape Cod canal, was "drafted" as an army engineer by George Washington before he could make a fair start on the survey, says the Engineering News-Record. George Washington's letter to the chairman of the committee which appointed Mr. Machin read:

"The great demand we have for engineers in this department has obliged me to order Mr. Machin hither to assist in that branch of the business."

This bit of American engineering history is recounted by William Barclay Parsons, in a paper (published in the Proceedings of the American Society of Civil Engineers) on the Cape Cod canal, which was first proposed more than three hundred years ago and finally opened to commercial traffic in 1914.

Meaning of "Sinn Fein."

"Sinn Fein" (pronounced Shinn Fein) is a Celtic expression meaning "ourselves alone," and is the name and motto of an Irish party which construes it as meaning both for and by the Irish alone. It dates actively from 1906 and claims to be more practical and comprehensive than any of the old parties that have aimed at Irish independence or self-government. Among other things, it proposes to establish a purely Irish parliament, army and navy, mint, civil and consular service, judiciary and school system; also the economic reorganization of Ireland by its own people on a purely Irish basis, including merchant marine, stock exchange, banks, etc.; all official and business matters and correspondence to be conducted in Gaelic, the use of English language to be boycotted in public offices, schools and business. These and many other interesting results are to be accomplished by passive means and peaceable methods. It is not stated exactly how, but by some kind of social and political pressure without violence.

The West Point Course.

The course of instruction at the West Point Military academy requires four years, and is chiefly mathematical and professional. Each cadet is paid by the government \$700 a year while at the academy, that sum being about sufficient for his support. Only one leave of absence is allowed during the four years, and this is granted at the end of the second year. The regular session of study and academic duties continues from September 1 to June 1, the intervening months being spent in camp, where practical military training is given. At the end of four years cadets are graduated and commissioned as second lieutenants in the United States army.

Lapps Wanted Laws Changed.

An unusual venture in representative government was made by a recent conference of 100 Lapps in northern Sweden. These delegates represented the whole nomadic people, and their purpose was to frame a united protest against certain laws affecting their reindeer herds. The Lapps rarely have any settled habitation, moving from place to place after the herds and often coming into hostile contact with the settled Scandinavian farmers. The law of Sweden requires the Lapps to pay fine and damages when

their reindeer damage crops, and it was to secure a modification of this statute that the Lapps held a representative conference.

The Next Step.

"The Germans," said a noted surgeon, "are vaulting their war surgery. Two years ago 80 per cent of their wounded returned to the front. Last year 90 per cent returned. Rubbish!" The professor made a gesture of repudiation. "Why, at this rate," he said, "the Germans will be telling us that, every time an enemy bullet hits a German soldier in the head, its only effect is to fill a hollow tooth for him."—London Opinion.

Wonder World.

Surgeon Gen. Sir A. Sloggett, who has recently been made a K. C. M. G. by King George, is responsible for the following:

Mamma, it appears, was one day biting her fingernails at dessert, and little Johnny was moved to ask the reason why.

"Nervousness, dear," answered his mother. "It made me so uneasy to see you swallow your grapes whole that I didn't know what I was doing. You'll get appendicitis, if you're not careful."

A few days later, however, Johnny's mother was herself taken ill, and the case was diagnosed as appendicitis.

An operation was performed and the patient was relieved. The surgeon discovered that what had caused the trouble was the presence of a small piece of fingernail in the appendix.

"It was all your fault, Johnny," she said. "This would never have happened if you hadn't swallowed those grapes whole."

How Bombs Are Dropped.

The bomb-dropping mechanism of a Zeppelin captured by the British was described in a recent number of the London Sphere. There are 60 bomb droppers for conical bombs. The base is slung in straps, and there is a strap around the neck. The latter has a releasing hook, and when the hook is operated the small end first drops down and the base slides out of its straps. The bomb then rights itself and drops base downward. The bombs are slung in one or two lines along the under side of the mail hull. The releasing hook is operated by an electromagnet, and there is a small switchboard in the cabin for controlling the release. Each bomb has a separate switch. The bombs can be released by hand levers also in case the electric means fail. Each bomb has a safety device and is not "alive" until it has dropped several hundred feet.

On the Jump.

"Growing little town, this!" complimented the wise drummer.

"Growing? You just betcha!" replied the landlord of the Petunia tavern, who is surcharged with local pride. "Why, we've already got an east side and a west side, and the first thing you know we'll have a north side and a south side. Oh, Petunia has got the bit in her teeth and her tail over the dash board, and there ain't no stopping her!"—Kansas City Star.

Light Best Suited to Eyes.

Recent investigations into the kind of light best suited to the eyes have important practical significance. The studies were made from the point of view of "contrast" to determine the ideal contrast between the object looked at and the surrounding background. It was found that the usual contrast in brightness between objects out of doors rarely exceeds the ratio of 1 to 20. The eye can detect contrasts as delicate as 98 to 100. Indoors, contrast in light and shadow often runs as high as 1 to 200, and a dark window frame against a bright sky presents a contrast of 1 to 10,000. The scale of contrasts best suited to the eye lies between 1 to 20 and 1 to 100.

Agriculture in France.

The French government has undertaken to supply the depleted ranks of the farmers and to give assistance to the amateur farmer by means of a correspondence course, which has been eagerly received. The pupil receives instructions as to a course of reading, the management of a small experimental plot, the carrying out of simple experiments, visits to neighboring farms, etc. The Union of Agricultural Syndicates, which has assumed charge of this work for the government, has appointed a number of "monitors" to supervise the work of pupils. The pupils prepare monthly examination papers and render monthly reports.

To Reduce Airplane Explosions.

Airplanes equipped with machine guns run a certain degree of risk from an explosion caused by the flame at the muzzle of the gun. Hence considerable study has been devoted to obviating this danger, and a young Florentine chemist is said to have recently given a demonstration before an Italian military commission of a new powder invented by him which burns without either flame or smoke and does not flare on detonation.

Oregon Man is Dead.

Washington, Dec. 31—General Pershing today reported Private Henry J. Griffin, engineers, slightly wounded during an air raid on December 23. No details were given. Griffin's mother, Mrs. Margaret Griffin, lives at Niantic, Ill. General Pershing also reported 15 deaths, including five Washington men and one Oregon man.

We have declared war against Austria-Hungary, but we clearly inform the world that we regard her merely as the tool of Germany. Why not declare war on the whole bag of tools?

A Bad Lot.

Senator Weeks, apropos of the Luxemburg, Bernstorff, Von Ugel and other German exposures, said in Washington a short time ago:

"Germany seems to approve the unexampled wickedness of her sons. She reminds me of the old man at the club. 'An old man sat reading a newspaper in a club while a group of young fellows talked excitedly about the marvelous power for lying possessed by a certain Jack Courtenay. When their talk ceased the old man cleared his throat and said:

"Gentlemen, I have just heard you decide that Jack Courtenay is the biggest liar in the United States. I am his father."

"A young man, very red in the face, started to apologize, but the old boy said:

"No, no; don't apologize. It isn't necessary. I merely wanted to say, gentlemen, that if you consider my son Jack the biggest liar in the United States, it's very evident that you have never met my other son, Jim."

REINDEER OF THE FAR NORTH

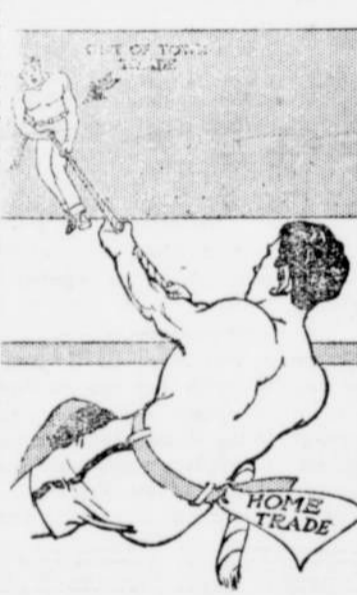
Herd of Animals Imported Several Years Ago From Labrador Have Greatly Increased in Numbers.

Though perhaps most of us, young and old, associate reindeer chiefly with Santa's jingling bells, still there are, besides the dear, familiar phantom reindeer, the very real reindeer who are serving a very real and much-needed mission among the people of the far North, among whom Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell works and lives his life of brotherly aid and uplift, Mary M. Davis writes in Our Dumb Animals.

About six years ago Doctor Grenfell imported from Labrador a herd of reindeer, number about 400, which during their six years in Newfoundland have increased to somewhere between 700 and 1,000. The idea of bringing them from their native Lapland was suggested to Doctor Grenfell by the great abundance of reindeer moss in Newfoundland. The reasons for the experiment are many and far reaching.

The reindeer are valuable, not only for their rich and delicious milk—which would be a boon indeed to the dwellers of that northern part of Newfoundland in which Doctor Grenfell works—but also are invaluable as beasts of burden. In every way they are as well adapted to the requirements of the North as are the Komatik dogs, which in many ways are an absolute menace to the development of the country.

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Weather Report.

Following is the report of U. S. Volunteer Cooperative Observer, E. Britt, Jacksonville, for month of Dec. Latitude 42 deg. 18. min. north; longitude 123 deg. 5 min. west.

Date	Maximum	Minimum	Precipitation
1	40	33	1.67
2	49	30	
3	35	29	
4	36	39	
5	36	39	
6	42	30	
7	36	30	
8	33	28	
9	33	26	
10	33	28	
11	32	27	
12	42	27	
13	47	36	
14	46	35	06
15	44	32	
16	49	37	10
17	52	41	
18	53	39	
19	49	38	
20	50	44	10
21	47	39	09
22	48	39	
23	51	41	13
24	52	41	1.02
25	56	36	06
26	56	44	17
27	53	44	23
28	57	45	05
29	52	45	05
30	49	43	05
31	48	37	3.84

Temperature—mean max. 45; mean min. 35.67; mean 40.31; Max 57. on 28. Minimum, 26, on 9. Greatest daily range, 16. Total precipitation 3.84 inches. Greatest in 24 hours, 1.67 in., on 1. Number of days with 0.1 inch or more precipitation, 13, clear, 0; partly cloudy, 6; cloudy, 25.

Total snowfall inches
Precipitation for season, 9.56
Precipitation for last season 7.90
Seasonal average

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Cooperative Observer.

Wounded U. S. Airman Reports, Then Dies.

Paris, Jan. 1—An American aviator was killed yesterday while making a test flight at an aviation center before French and American pilots and observation aviators. Although the wind was blowing violently he made a loop successfully, but on attempting to repeat the feat, he fell. He was dying when picked up, but insisted on reporting to his American comrades with his last breath the observation he had made.

The public is always unanimous against the increase of railroad rates and the reduction of railroad wages.

The Germans are to try again to take Calais. The post mortem will reveal "Calais" written on Kaiser's heart.

Japanese profiteers also know a good thing when they see it. Some 172 of the leading firms announce a profit for six months in 1916 and of 137 per cent.