

PATHETIC RUINS OF FRANCE

Once Pretty Villages Which Are as Dead as the Remains of the Roman Forum.

Most of the villages of northern France are as dead and cold as the ruins of the Roman forum—and not half so beautiful. Here were no great architectural splendors. No priceless art collections. They were nothing but plain, humble little hamlets of plain, hard-tilling peasants. The houses were destroyed and the simple, brave, hardy folks who owned them were also destroyed. The graveyards of the men I had seen at Soissons, Champagne, Verdun, row upon silent row. Here were the graveyards of their homes, village after village, as dead as the men. The only difference was that the soldiers had been buried underground while these ghastly mutilated wrecks still remained exposed to view, writes Elizabeth Frazer in Saturday Evening Post.

There was more of this kind of scenery. And more. And more and more. And at last—so soon does the mind become sated by mere flat external spectacles of horror—I began to feel welling up inside of me a vague irritation against all these graveyards of gaping, mutilated specters of what had once been human habitations for being so monotonous, so, repetitious, so drably, blankly, impassibly the same. I wanted them to get better, or I wanted them to get worse—or I wanted them to be blotted clean off the map. Those mutilated corpses of towns, with their stark immobility, their contorted postures, their shattered members lying rigidly outstretched on the pavement, began to get on my nerves. They had the same stiff fixity, the same grotesque sprawl that one notes in a human corpse frightfully mangled by a shell.

I had heard of men blown to pieces in battle and unrecognizable, even their identification plates gone. Here were their counterparts in hamlets. The lieutenant, searching his map, murmured doubtfully: "It might be A—or it might be B. It's hard to say."

These nameless ones I put into a list all by themselves and called them X. But presently I gave it up. It was too much like trying to count the volume of water in a reservoir by means of an eye dropper.

MAN WHO DOESN'T GROW UP

Just What is Wrong With Individual Who Fails to "Keep Up With the Progression."

Insufficient occupation and the consciousness of not being of much use nearly always explain the man who does not grow up. There may have been a period in his life when he was an admired ornament of society, when his cleverness was applauded, when his violent assertions and rash criticisms and absurd resentments were listened to as the outpourings of an interesting and awakening mind and were valued perhaps for some facility in utterance; but the mind has not matured, perhaps because it never was forced to grapple with anything vital, and the facility in utterance that was a charm in youth has dwindled with years to peevish fluency in objection, censure and condemnation. The man who at twenty-five is still a dabbler, with a faculty for raising a laugh by his trenchant disparagements of the achievements of grown men, is likely at sixty to be complaining of the cooking and the weather, the high prices and the policy of the administration—or living only for the purpose of expressing his discontent with the universe.

A man needs time in which to grow up, but if he does not fertilize time with work he will be only the weed of a man.—Youth's Companion.

Quack Remedies.

"Bolshevism can't make this poor world of ours a heaven," said Mayor Cornell Schreiber of Toledo, O. "Bolshevism is a quack remedy, and the bolshevik remind me of Blanc."

"To Blanc, who had a cure for everything. Nore remarked that his over-worked brother couldn't be induced to take a holiday."

"He's terribly run down," said Nore, "but he won't lay off—says he'd be lost without his profession."

"Humph," said Blanc. "What is your brother's profession, may I ask?"

"A chiropodist," said Nore.

"Then," said Blanc, "the thing is easy. Let him take his holiday at the foot of a mountain or in the fertile corn country of the middle West and for holiday reading let him purchase 'The Pilgrim's Progress,' by Bunyan."

They Wouldn't Suit Her.

Mary Pickford was talking about the new French fashions.

"The French," she said, "are trying to bring the long skirt back again."

She frowned slightly. Then, as she glanced down at her little shoe, her brow cleared.

"There's no doubt," she said, "that long skirts would suit some girls down to the ground."

"Key Money."

In many districts of England, and particularly in Yorkshire, where the dearth of houses is acute, the practice of paying "key money" is growing. So keen are prospective tenants to get into a house directly it is vacant that as much as \$50 to \$100 is offered to the occupier for the key, this transaction generally carrying with it the understanding that the landlord will accept the succeeding tenant.

Do You Know Meter and Liter? Better Brush Up

IF YOU do not understand the metric system of measurement, look it up and learn it. For there are strong indications that the meter and the liter will soon displace the yard and the quart in all your dealings. A movement backed by scientific and business organizations in all parts of the country has been started to accomplish this change. And the meter propagandists have made a strong case. The chief reasons why we should abandon our system for the metric system are that the latter is much simpler and easier to learn, that it is more accurate, and, above all, that it is now the compulsory system in every civilized country in the world except the United States and Great Britain. That is the big fact. In all of our dealings with foreign peoples and governments we are handicapped because we do not use the same system of measurements. American scientists were compelled long since to adopt the metric system, with the result that many of their publications are incomprehensible. Now the war has convinced thousands of persons of the necessity for using the universal language of measurement in this country, with the result that the meter has many new and influential backers.



"This country has lagged behind the rest of the world by neglecting to adopt a system of quantity expression so simple that the average child of ten can learn its essential features in ten minutes," is the way H. D. Hubbard, one of the experts on weights and measures at the bureau of standards, puts it.

He also says that our failure to cast aside a clumsy medieval system for one that is modern and practical has greatly handicapped us in business abroad and at home.

Officials of the United States bureau of standards feel certain that this country will ultimately use the metric system.

Hotel Chateau Thierry.

There is said to be a plot on foot for a large American-managed hotel at Chateau Thierry. If it is built a small bet might be placed that the services of a German-speaking clerk will not be required there on the opening day. Their memories of that section will not be so keenly pleasurable that Germans will return there in great numbers.

Her Words of Cheer.

Mary was writing a letter to her Uncle Peter, who had almost lost the use of his legs by having rheumatism.

"Be sure to write a cheerful letter, Mary," admonished her mother; "you know Uncle Peter has been sick."

An hour later Mary showed this letter to her mother: "Dear Uncle: I am so sorry that you have been sick. Why don't you go to heaven? They will give you a pair of wings there and you can rest your poor tired legs."

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PICTURE THAT WOULD LIVE

Study for a Painter Suggested in Incident in the Early Life of Daniel Webster.

When Daniel Webster was eight years old he saw in a country shop a cotton handkerchief with something printed on both sides of it. He gave his whole stock of hoarded pennies to secure it and absorbed its contents that night with his keen dark eyes, on his father's kitchen floor, by the light of the roaring chimney fire. What painter will be the first to make that scene perpetual in our country's history and art? It was the Constitution of the United States, just then in the dawn of its beneficent power under the lead of President Washington, that the New Hampshire lad was then stamping on his memory. He told the story himself in 1850, and archly said: "I have known more or less of that document ever since." Forty years from that winter came the great Hayne debate. But I would travel farther to see a master's picture of the lad, reading the Constitution in the rude home on the edge of the northern wilderness, than to see Healey's great painting of the orator in the senatorial struggle against the theory and passions of secession; as I would go farther to see a picture of the springs of the Amazon, far up under the cold white splinters of the Andes, than the most adequate representation of the imperial river's tropical course.—Thomas Starr King.



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Regular values \$17.50,	sale price	12 50
Regular values \$20.00,	sale price	14 75
Regular values \$25.00,	sale price	18 75
Regular values \$32.50,	sale price	22 50

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If you need a Skirt buy it now and you save money. Many smart models for general wear including—

Taffeta skirts, Gabardine skirts Serge skirts, Baronette Satin skirts, Novelty Plaid skirts, Striped skirts, Belted skirts, Pleated skirts, Tailored and Dress skirts.	Regular values \$5.50, sale price	\$ 4 50
Regular values \$6.00, sale price	4 96	
Regular values \$7.50, sale price	5 75	
Regular Values \$8.50, sale price	7 95	
Regular values \$10.00, sale price	8 50	
Regular values \$12.50, sale price	9 75	
Regular values \$15.00, sale price	11 50	
Regular values \$18.00, sale price	14 75	

July Clearance Sale of Coats, Capes, Dolmans

Pursuant to our policy of closing out what remains of our stock at the end of each season regardless of cost, we are determined to make a clean sweep of coats, capes and dolmans:

Regular values \$17.50 now	\$10 50	Regular values \$35.00 now	\$24 50
Regular values \$22.50 now	13 50	Regular values \$42.50 now	27 50
Regular values \$19.50 now	12 75	Regular values \$50.00 now	32 50
Regular values \$25.00 now	16 50	Regular values \$55.00 now	35 00
Regular values \$30.00 now	19 75	Regular values \$60.00 now	37 50
EXTRA—Women's and Misses' \$27.20 to \$32.50 excellent quality serge capes	\$19 75	EXTRA—\$40.00 and \$42.50 high class Dolmans, made with large sleeves, sale	\$27 50

Lingerie Waists

New and pretty Organdie, Voile and Batiste Waists, made up in a number of new and attractive styles, some are trimmed with lace, or embroidery, some tucked and tailored style \$1.50 value now 98c \$2.00 and \$2.25 values now \$1 50 \$3.00 values now 2 48

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\$4.50 and \$5.00 values, sale price \$ 3 75 \$7.00 values, sale price 5 75 \$9.00 values, sale price 7 75

SUITS—We have only a few of this season's models in young ladies' and women's Suits, those remaining are offered at below cost.