

FEW NEW PHRASES COINED

In That Respect the Recent Appalling Conflict May Be Considered to Have Been Tame.

In one particular it was not the greatest war in history.

We know that more men lost their lives, more soldiers were in battle and more money was spent than in any previous war.

But colossal as was the conflict in other respects, it was quite tame in its supply of new words and new phrases. "Girard" writes in the Philadelphia Press.

Hardly a word came into the language as the result of four years of appalling disaster.

Only a few new expressions were born.

Even in the matter of war songs this German war was different.

It was more sentimental and less militant than some great wars of the past.

Of all new English phrases coined since that memorable August, 1914, "Over the top," is by far the most frequently quoted and the most significant.

It is now in general use to express an emphatic finish. But what other did we get?

Of course, we had the "Hun," but that was old, and it lacked the punch of originality.

It didn't carry the hatred and sting that went with what our ancestors called the Hessian, nor the fathers baptized the Copperhead.

"Pacifist" was entirely new, but that lacks the venom that signified "Tory" of the Revolution and even yet carries on with that phrase in this country.

The South got many a wild curtain call with its telling phrase, "Northern Mandrills."

"Doughface" was a highly expressive title that still reeks with the campaign against slavery and was first used by John Randolph of Virginia.

Oliver P. Morton's graphic phrase, "waving the bloody shirt," had a whole bootful of meaning behind it and really summed up a great national issue.

Since the Mexican war "Greaser" has been a fighting word from the mouth of the Rio Grande to the Gulf of California.

Gen. Ben Butler's interpretation of the status of a negro during the Civil war gave an entirely new meaning to the word "contraband."

No unit of this new and greater American army had a title that will stick longer than did that of the "Bucktails."

No general in any of the allied armies won a sobriquet to match that of "Stonewall" Jackson of the Confederate hosts.

A presidential campaign in 1840 was keyed upon the slogan, "Tippecanoe and Tyler, too," the "Tippecanoe" being old General Harrison, who won the name and his fame in Indian forays.

California Writer Arises in Wrath to Deny That Seventy-Two Should Be Considered a "Ripe Old Age."

A newspaper item, a few days ago, stated that a certain man named So-and-So died "at the ripe old age of seventy-two."

Commenting on this the Los Angeles Times says that seventy-two is not a ripe old age and adds:

A ripe old age is an age when the person who has attained it is ready for old Father Time to come along and pluck him from the tree of life. If you will take a bird's-eye view of the activities of the world at the present hour, or even if you will look about you in your own community, you will see that men and women of seventy-two are among the foremost hustlers everywhere.

Active heads of great nations, big business men in the biggest businesses, leaders and go-getters of all descriptions in every direction you look have passed the seventy-two mark and are still going strong.

Why, a man should be about at his best at the age of seventy-two. And it is at that age that woman should really begin to enjoy life in high-heeled shoes, short skirts and a hat with roses all over it.

Cato did not begin the study of Greek until he was eighty years of age, and it was at the same age that Plutarch began the study of Latin. Hobbes, the English philosopher, published his best book when he was eighty-seven, and Chevreul, forever immortal in scientific research, was busy as a bee at his work in his one hundred and second year.

One of the most active lawyers of the Los Angeles county bar is past his ninetieth year, and we know of another Los Angeles man who has just been appointed cashier of a new bank at the age of seventy-four.

In short, the cold fact is that seventy-two is very far indeed from being "a ripe old age."

New Splint Works Well.

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Happiness Never a Thing One Lightly Casts Away.

Too Beautiful, Even Though Evanescent, to Be Passed By When One May Hold It, If Only for the Moment.

We were coming home from a dinner party together, my friend and I. It was late at night and rather rainy, and as we sat together in the damp, almost empty trolley car, my friend spoke very suddenly and seriously, writes Margaret E. Sangster in the Christian Herald.

"Just now," she said, "I've a chance to be very happy. But I'm almost afraid to take it!"

The rain beat in a futile manner

against the car windows. I listened to it for a moment before I spoke.

"Why?" I questioned at last—"why are you afraid to take your chance—to be happy?"

"Because," answered my friend, and her eyes looked far away—past the car and the rain, even—"because I'm afraid that it won't last!"

When it is autumn and the leaves are crimson and gold-colored and very beautiful, we know, even as we admire them, that they will be brown and withered some day. But that does not keep us from loving their glorious colors.

It's like that, too, with flowers, and springtime, and the blue sky of summer. We know that the flowers will fade away and that springtime will go and that there will be winter storm clouds where there were once sparkles

of sun.

And so this is the answer to my friend and to other friends of mine: Never be afraid to grasp at happiness because it may not last. For happiness is as beautiful as the flowers of spring and the sky of summer and the vivid leaves of autumn. And even though it might not last, happiness is too beautiful to pass by with never a glance.

And then, as the philosopher said, and as we know, don't be sure, as you take your chance at happiness, that it will not stay. Look around your circle of friends, look at your business associates, look at the casual crowds and note the average of happy faces is rather high. You'll see more smiles, I think, than frowns; more merry faces than sad ones!



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Lady — Well, do you know, we were in the same predicament the day of our Red Cross festival, but we had the foresight to cover the ground with straw.—London Opinion.

Two Ways.
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