

MAKING KNITTING GETS RED CROSS MEDAL

Work for Soldiers in War Is Recognized.

160 SWEATERS FURNISHED

Station Agent Prepares Garments for Troops During Lulls in Railroad Duties.

NEW YORK, March 15.—(Special.)—There is a gray waste of snow and ashes and railroad tracks around the wireless station of Marble Hill, N. Y., overshadowed drearily by the 22nd street subway station; but in the hind the grating window where you buy your ticket for New York there is a flashing of garish color, green or pink or reddish-gold, as Joseph E. Doremus, station agent, sits and knits all day. For the making of 160 sweaters, 30 pairs of wristlets and 15 pairs in 27 months during the war Mr. Doremus was given a Red Cross service button by the Westchester county chapter. But he doesn't wear it every day.

Speaker Is Middle-Aged. Mr. Doremus is a middle-aged man, partly gray and partly bald, with mild blue eyes behind spectacles; a friendly, eager manner; two sons, a daughter and a granddaughter, and the pictures of all of them and sundry close at hand to show all comers. In the lower part of a cupboard he keeps his knitting; for, the war over, he has changed gray and navy blue and khaki wool for vivid shades and manufactures for the fair instead of for the brave.

"My hankering was always after fancy work," he said, as a beginning, confidentially. "Fancy work and embroidery. I always wanted to do something fancy. Thirty years ago I began—I made presents and I sold them. Yes, indeed, I can do short waist, corset covers—everything like that. Then came the war and linen and silk went up and I had to raise my prices and I couldn't keep going; and my passengers who come in here, said why didn't I learn to knit. So I did.

Child Is Teacher. "And, finally, I learned how to knit. I didn't know where to learn. I was working long hours then, and the Red Cross rooms weren't open at night. One day I went to the Red Cross and I stopped in the Red Cross rooms there and asked if they could teach a beginner how to knit.

"We don't," was the beginning; "we want knitters," said the woman. Well, if that had been a man I'd have told him something. But since it was a woman I had to swallow it. I was so mad I walked to Forty-second street before I knew where I was, and then I walked in a department store and bought me some wool and needles. I was going to learn to knit!

"Well, I tried for two whole days and I couldn't look it up. I had to go to see two little girls on a bench outside and I walked out on the platform and I watched one of them. She was casting on.

"And I noticed that she was holding it with her left hand and casting on with her right. 'Are you left-handed?' I asked her, and she said she wasn't. So I knew I had been doing it backwards. And I haven't had any trouble since. Now I can cast on three different ways.

Hands Rough but Deft. Here Mr. Doremus walked over to his cupboard, took out the green and white sweater he has just begun and started in to knit. He had a book in what his mother calls "the real old Tanke way," with the thread held in the simplest way, somewhere between the third and fourth or fourth and fifth fingers, taut but pliable. His hands are square and manly and rather work-rough, they certainly are not at all like a woman's—but they seem to fraternize with wool as if that was their natural stuff and as if he had never worked in a blacksmith shop in all his life, which is, in fact, the place where he began.

Now, blacksmithing and embroidery have never been associated casually before, but it is to his apprenticeship in a blacksmith shop, in a wheelwright's shop, in a paint shop and in any number of other artisan places that he attributes his "hankering for fancy work," and his abilities therein.

"Working in all those places I got handy," he says. "Why, 'way back when I was a boy I got a hole in my pants my mother would hand out a patch and a needle, not even threaded, and say, 'Fix it.' And I'd fix it and think nothing of it. I'm 49 years old now and I began doing fancy work and embroidery 30 years ago.

\$25 Sweater Price. "Now I ain't afraid to tackle anything that comes along in the way of embroidery or knitting," he went on, complacently. "I can follow any kind of directions for stitches which I read in books, and I can make up new ones, try them out, and work 'em up. I just finished a sweater yesterday for a lady—black basket weave up to the waist, a purled waist, a plain body, and a long V-shaped collar.

"I've just finished this one," he said, pulling out a long gray and white belt, "and I'm starting on the green. It keeps me busy, and I'm getting \$25 a sweater, just for private customers. Children's sweaters are \$5 and up. You see, I'm busy here in the station for a while in the morning and then I have hours and hours to knit. It's like knitting better than embroidery now—I can get more done."

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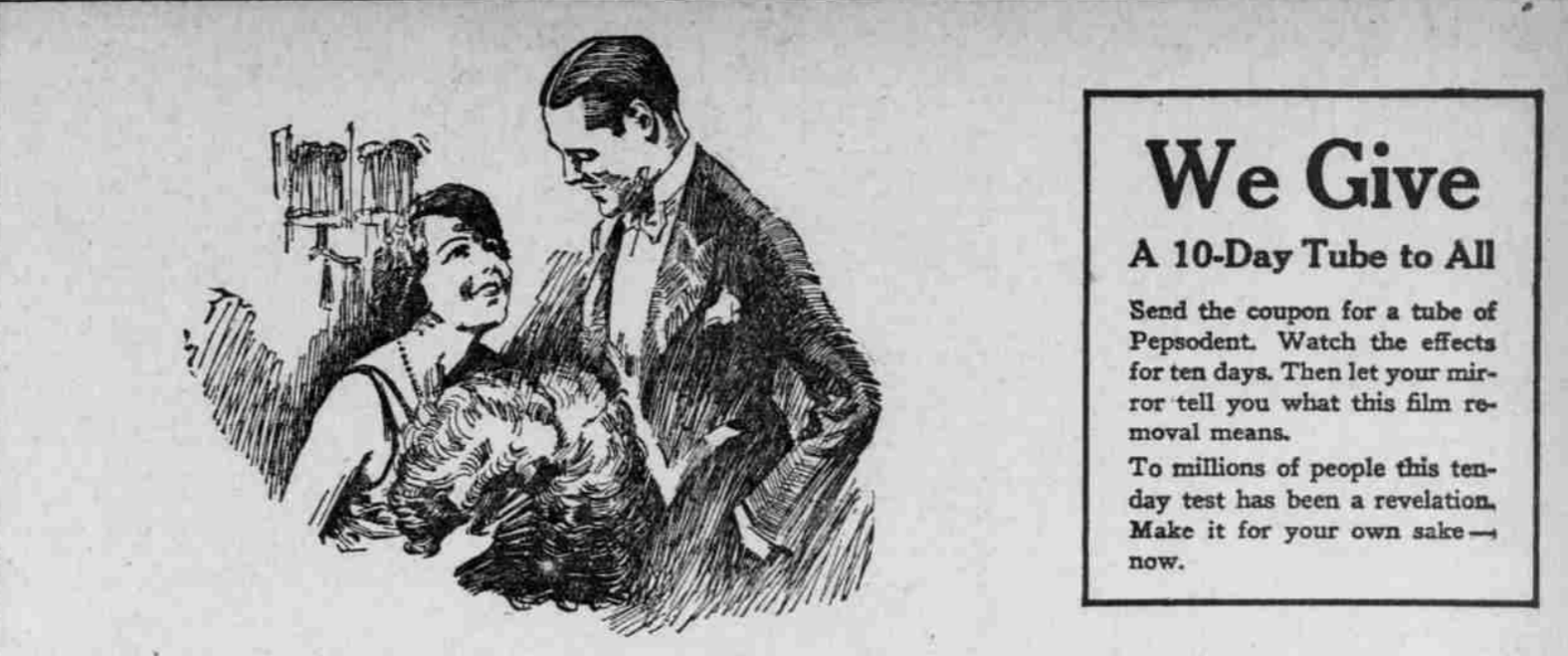
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