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and Reserves, They Are Grown Chiefly to Hinder the Advance of an Invading Army.

NE of the greatest obstacles to Mahon was beaten because this forest the German invasion of France, screened the movements of the enemy. and now one of the greatest ob- At that time there were, as there are stacles of German retreat, has been the today, five passages through Argonne, French forests, of which so much has all of them easily fortified. To effect been heard since war began and con- a way through the tangle of trees, opcerning which so little is known by posing armles at various times have the average American.

They have played an important part in in the Franco-Prussian war. German often they have aided. It was because marking them. of the Forest of Argonne, that famous wood now so constantly in the news, that the first Prussian invasion of France was repulsed in 1792. In 1815 the forests provided a cover in which Wellington sprung a surprise on Napoleon at Waterloo. In 1870 the German maneuvers before Sedan were hidden by the tree trunks of Argonne, and later, in 1871, the Forest of Orleans screened the rallying French forces for the last stand.

Sixteen per cent of the territory of France is covered with forests. In the French meaning of the word, a forest is quite different from our own norththe forests in France are varying areas of very old deciduous trees. There is scarcely any underbrush such as characterizes our wildernesses. The big tree trunks tower close together and are singularly clean of impediment, save that afforded by themselves. Mostly they are oaks, beeches, birches and maples

#### Size of France's Forests.

These forests vary in size from 200,-000 acres to 10,000 acres. In point of area they run:

Ardennes (Northeastern France), 200,000 acres; Orleans, 70,000 acres; Jura, 30,000 acres; Compeigne, 28,000 acres; Argonne, 20,000 acres; Ramboull-Int, 20,000 acres. There are several of lesser extent.

"The forests of France," said Professor Daniel Jordan, of Columbia University, "have played an important role in every attempted invasion of France. The first to appreciate the forests as still are in effect.

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he average American. In France the forests are as much of at other points than those occupied by a defense almost as the French forts. the usual passages. Such was the case

every war in which the country has troops leveled sections of the woods for been engaged for the last 200 years, artillery fire, and these positions can They have alike aided and militated be easily determined today because of against the French military, but most the smaller second growth of trees Like Battle of the Wilderness "Argonne and Ardennes are the for-

ests which have been the principal scenes of the woodland fighting in the present war. Ardennes, lying north and east of Argonne, has been occupied by both armies in turn. While reports on the subject have been meagre, it is safe to estimate that in the present crisis, where the artillery is heavier than ever before and where the conflict has been particularly desperate, thousands of splendid woodland patriarchs have been leveled by shot and shell and by axes to make way for western wildernesses. The majority of clear fire from the cannon. Similar conditions must have prevailed in Argonne, further to the south, and in Complegne. "These forests crown hilly, rugged country. The average altitude of the Forest of Argonne is 1100 feet, though in places it is 1500 feet above sea level. The eastern side of the forest caps a rocky plateau that rises abruptly in

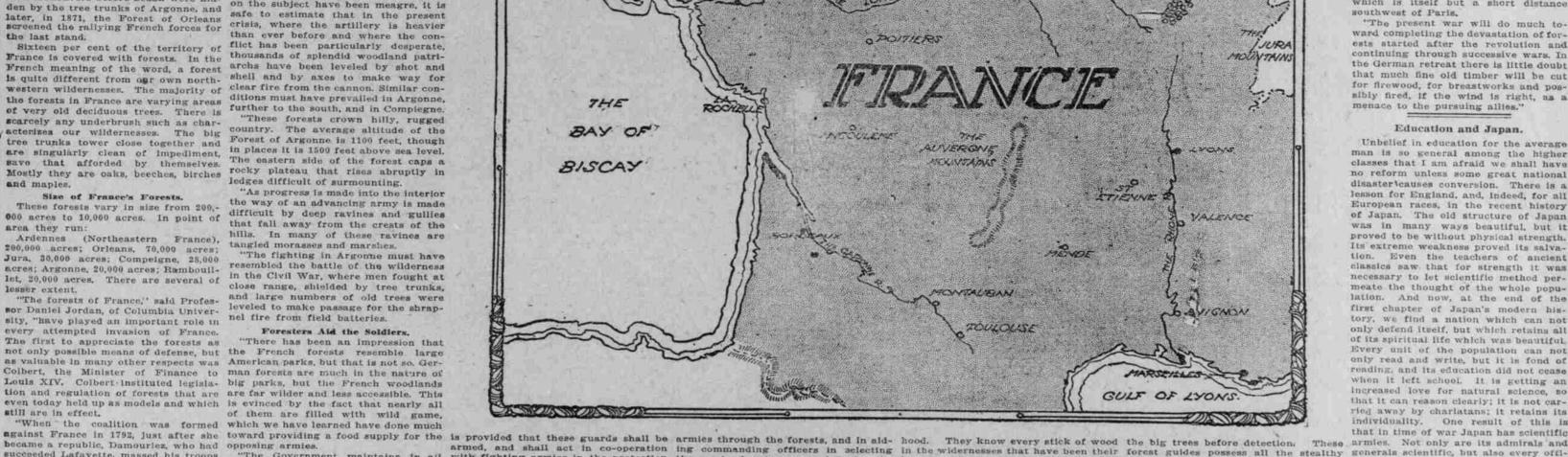
> "The fighting in Argonne must have resembled the battle of the wilderness in the Civil War, where men fought at close range, shielded by tree trunks, and large numbers of old trees were leveled to make passage for the shrap-

"There has been an impression that not only possible means of defense, but the French forests resemble, large as valuable in many other respects was American parks, but that is not so, Ger-Colbert, the Minister of Finance to man forests are much in the nature of Louis XIV. Colbert instituted legisla- big parks, but the French woodlands tion and regulation of forests that are are far wilder and less accessible. This even today held up as models and which is evinced by the fact that nearly all of them are filled with wild game,

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in the torest of Argonne-the same torest a corps of forest guides, mea against invaders several thousand for-hilly and wooded section now playing who live, generation after generation, est guards were supplied with weapons ing of troops. such an important part in the present in the forests, and become infimately when war was declared between the war-and drove back the Prussian in-vasion with heavy loss. In 1870 Mac-embraced in them. In time of war it taken an active part in guiding French brought up in the forests since boy-and sipping sway in the shadows of a crime to cut down or injure a tree an easy lesson.—Popular Science,



# Fontainebleau Bulwarks of War

in one of the German forests. Of the total number of forest acres in France the authorities own about one-third the remainder belonging to private individuals. The care of the forests is directly under the eye of the Minister of Agriculture, who has a separate department of conservation, which has charge of the guards and other forestry sub-departments. In connection with this is a school of forestry, where practical forestry is taught, and a course in this is an adjunct to military training.

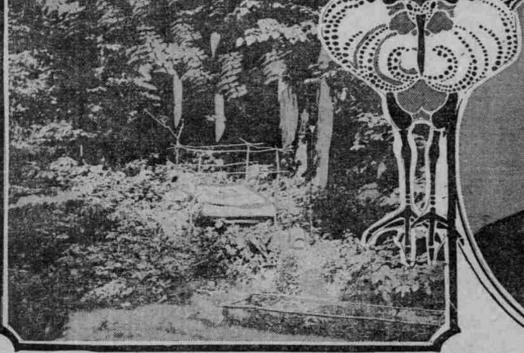
#### Germans May Destroy Forests.

"Most of the forests of France are in the north and east, running along the line from the Vosges to Lille, In the south there was once extensive forest territory, but following the French revolution and the division of territory among the peasant classes much of this splendid woodland was cut off and never replaced. Chief among the forests in the south are Fontainebleau which is itself but a short distance southwest of Paris.

"The present war will do much to ward completing the devastation of forests started after the revolution and continuing through successive wars. In the German retreat there is little doubt that much fine old timber will be cut for firewood, for breastworks and possibly fired, if the wind is right, as a menace to the pursuing allies."

#### Education and Japan.

Unbelief in education for the average man is so general among the higher classes that I am afraid we shall have no reform unless some great national disaster tcauses conversion. There is a lesson for England, and, indeed, for all European races, in the recent history of Japan. The old structure of Japan was in many ways beautiful, but it proved to be without physical strength. Its extreme weakness proved its salvation. Even the teachers of ancient classics saw that for strength it was necessary to let scientific method permeate the thought of the whole population. And now, at the end of the first chapter of Japan's modern history, we find a nation which can not only defend itself, but which retains all of its spiritual life which was beautiful. Every unit of the population can not only read and write, but it is fond of reading, and its education did not cease when it left school. It is getting an increased love for natural science, so that it can reason clearly; it is not carried away by charlatans; it retains its individuality. One result of this is



### The Bustic Bath

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BY ROBERT H. MOULTON. UT in the deep woods about Kenil-worth, a suburb of Chicago, a Sugars

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Chas. E. White

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Charles E. White, grain broker dur- taining suct and nest building ma- But this is in a comparatively small that cannot be eliminated. area, and Mr. White hopes to extend

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about his picturesque place at Kenil-worth. mate. Lack of food has starved them the greedy saws of woodmen, the mur-words, but that which is gone is gone canker-worm moth, and the larvae and formed by telegraph that the lamas of Keep chaste And God protect you? the Bourlattes impose it equally upon

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body falls into the trench and there.

Of course, they are great children.

The monks of St. Sergius recommend.

Keep chaste. And God protect you!"

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that cannot be eliminated. this means chickadees, nuthatches, Of course, you understand, these are them not to risk strange foods, drinks It comes with a sudden awakening woodpeckers and creepers were at exceptions; the mass of Cossacks are or medicines: the tor during his leisure, is the head. In his brief period of experimenting, the work of education to every corner to the unshakable grip which the in- tracted to the orchard, remaining dur- devout orthodox Christians, particularly Side head in the period of experimenting, the work of education to every corner to the unshakable grip which the in- tracted to the orchard, remaining dur- devout orthodox Christians, particularly Side head in the period of experimenting. The work of education to every corner to the unshakable grip which the in- tracted to the orchard, remaining dur- devout orthodox Christians, particularly Side head in the period of experimenting. The work of education to every corner to the unshakable grip which the in- tracted to the orchard, remaining dur- devout orthodox Christians, particularly Side head in the period of experimenting. The work of education to every corner to the unshakable grip which the in- tracted to the orchard, remaining dur- devout orthodox Christians, particularly Side head in the period of experimenting. The work of education to every corner to the unshakable grip which the in- tracted to the orchard, remaining dur- devout orthodox Christians, particularly side head in the period of experiments in the period of experiments in the every corner to the orchard, remaining dur- devout orthodox Christians, particularly side head in the period of experiments in the period of experiments in the every corner to the orchard, remaining dur- devout orthodox Christians, particularly side head in the period of experiments of the full Maladies come because one does the period of the United States, with the result sect pests have secured after months ing the Winter months of the most not listen to the doctors when one is in the period of the tracted to the doctors when one is in the tracted to the doctors when one is in the tracted to the doctors when one is in the tracted to the tracted to the doctors when one is in the tracted to the tracted to the tracted to the tracted to the tra

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## Hat-Trimming in History.

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**COSSACKS ARE COMING!** 

Norking in Combination.

