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THE FIRING LINE

YOU are out on the "firing line of the world." You know what it is to be tempted, how easy it is to give in to the calls of temptation.

You have seen people fall all around you because they allowed the white flag to go up when they should have still insisted upon holding the "no surrender" sign.

You have seen people fall whom you thought the very embodiment of courageous fidelity and you have sometimes wondered if it were possible for anyone to "run straight."

Then you have looked at yourself and said, "well, yes, I guess it is. Haven't I always managed to do it, and I think about as many temptations come to me as any one. Those who fall are naturally weak."

Yet you know this reasoning isn't right any more than your intolerance of weakness is right. You know that you have never been tempted—really tempted, like these others. You've been a pretty good soldier, but really you have never been where the fighting was really severe.

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Nowadays most men marry at leisure and repent in haste.

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Marrying Men, like other rare genuses, are born, not made.

A girl's indignation when a man kisses her is sometimes merely indignation at having had to wait so long for him to make up his mind to do it.

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Few women are capable of suffering in silence. A thing isn't necessarily overdone when it is done over.

And it's difficult for some girls to live down their relations. A bird in the hand doesn't cause the early worm to worry any.

ROBBED OF MONEY. James Barrett, Drunk on Waterfront, Loses Wad to Stranger

Contentedly enjoying himself on the dock back of the Lockhart Grocery last evening, James Barrett, under the influence of liquor, was approached by a stranger who made the man believe he was a policeman.

"What are you doing here?" he demanded, and picked Barrett up by the collar and started him toward the police station. Arriving at a dark corner the stranger immediately ran his hands through Barrett's pockets, extracting \$15 in bills and \$4.95 in silver.

Having done the deed the pickpocket immediately set out on a run, leaving Barrett to contemplate his loss.

He came at once to the police station and reported the robbery, but a search of the neighborhood revealed nothing and Barrett spent the night in jail, as he was left without money.

FINDING NUMBER OF TONS OF HAY IN THE STACK. CORVALLIS, Ore., Nov. 5.—Subtract the width from the distance over the stack, found by measuring from the ground on one side over the stack down to the ground on the other side, divide by two, and multiply by the width and then by the length, which will give the number of cubic feet.

To find the number of tons, divide by 512. If the stack has stood 20 days or less, by 422, if between 20 and 60 days, and by 380, if more than 60 days. "This is a fairly accurate rule," says Dean J. A. Haxell, in the Oregon Agricultural College text on "Farm Accounting and Business Methods."

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WITH THE TEA AND THE TOAST

GOOD EVENING.

It is easier to perceive error than to find truth, for the former lies on the surface and is easily seen, while the latter lies in the depths, where few are willing to search.—Goethe.

TRANSPORTATION.

If all our cars were motor cars Encumbering the land, And shooting up like shooting stars We'd have no place to stand.

If all our plains were aeroplanes Sweeping the curving sky The railroads might sidetrack their trains Or put on wings and fly.

In many ways and many things, God's wisdom He reveals; To some men he hath given wings, And others—they have wheels.

Charley Hickox is planning on giving a bear dinner to his friends. If he does "it will be a bear."

Still there are a whole lot of people who are not guilty of hoarding money.

LAUGHILOSOPHY.

A philosophy of living that makes a man glad he is alive.

"HOW DEB I AM."

"The melancholy days have come, The saddest of the year;" When Mr. Man can't rush the can To get a bit of beer.

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MANY GERMAN SOLDIERS ARE AT LARGE IN THE COUNTRY OF ENEMY

Separated From the Main Body of Their Troops, They Are in Hiding Throughout France.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

ESTERNAY, France.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—Parties of German soldiers separated from the main bodies of troops during the German retreat from the Marne are still hiding in the woods in this vicinity. The French armies passed on and there are too few soldiers left in this part of France to hunt down the German stragglers. They live upon the country, but otherwise commit no depredations.

Along the whole countryside peasants who have returned point out burial places of those who fell in the fierce fighting in this neighborhood and for sixty miles to the east. The dead were buried by 800 Paris firemen, assisted by 600 civilian laborers. It is said that the tally kept by the firemen shows that 70,000 dead were buried, about 30,000 of them French. The greatest slaughter was in the marshes near Szazanne. Fifteen thousand dead are buried in long trenches at the bottom of a wooded hill.

French and Germans are buried separately. On the long mounds above the French trenches have been set up rude wooden crosses; a few wild flowers have been scattered on the mounds and sometimes large stones have been placed at either end. Caps of French soldiers, showing the name of the regiment, have been placed on the crosses or the stones. The trenches in which the Germans are buried are unmarked. The son of General von Moltke is buried near Esternay.

Champillon, about two miles southeast of Coulommiers, is the farthest place south reached by the Germans on their march for the investment of Paris. The village did not have more than twenty-five houses. All were burned. Twelve inhabitants have returned and among other repairs have patched up the schoolhouse. Six children are being taught there.

Strewn over the plain near Fere-Champenoise are small piles of empty cartridge shells, pieces of broken rifles, artillery carriages, fragments of uniforms and various other wreckage from the fighting. In an open space about two miles long by a mile wide were some thickets where the German quick-firers had been concealed. On the ridge behind were placed German long-range guns, which were doing great damage to the French. It was here that three regiments of Turks asked to be allowed to charge the height on which was the artillery. Nothing was known of the quick-firers in the bushes in the middle of the field. The three regiments started. When they were within easy range the German quick-firers opened upon them. Only about half of a regiment succeeded in getting forward and taking the machine guns. Reserves were then brought up and another charge resulted in the capture of the German guns on the hills after tremendous hand-to-hand encounters.

RUSSIANS CROSS TURKISH FRONTIER (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PETROGRAD, Nov. 5.—An official communication from the staff of the Russian army in Caucasus given out today, says the Russian troops have crossed the Turkish frontier, driving back the enemy's advance guards and taking a number of towns.

TUESDAY'S REVIEW OF WAR (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

Wireless communication between the German defenders of Tchi Tau and Pekin has been interrupted since yesterday and the progress of the siege is not known.

There was no change on the extreme battle line in Belgium and northern France according to the French official reports issued yesterday afternoon. The Germans, who have retired to the right bank of the Yser, appear to be prepared for a new movement to cut the Allies' line.

There has been a renewal of the fighting on the East Prussian frontier, the Germans taking the defensive.

REPORT GERMAN RETIRING. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Nov. 5.—The sound of cannon was distinctly heard at Ghent, telegraphs the Amsterdam correspondent of the Central News Agency, and there is every indication that the Germans are retiring on the whole front from Bruges to Thiel, fifteen miles southeast of Bruges.

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