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THE RED CROSS.

Its Real Origin Dates to Napoleon's Italian Campaign of 1859.

The Red Cross owes its real origin to the great and terrible campaign of 1859, when Napoleon made it his boast that he would free Italy "from the Alps to the Adriatic." At the great battle of Magenta 10,000 Austrians and some 5,000 French soldiers were left dead and dying on the fields.

A Swiss gentleman, named M. Henri Dunant, made a pilgrimage to that battlefield and was an involuntary eyewitness of the awful carnage of the battle of Solferino, a battle which lasted some sixteen hours and left some 30,000 dead and wounded. Henri Dunant realized that the medical service of what was probably the greatest army in the world was absolutely inadequate to cope with the casualties, and he was at once compelled to take some action to rectify the matter.

The result was that he wrote a small book for private circulation, entitled "Un Souvenir de Solferino," and this, with his private appeal, resulted in Napoleon III. commanding Dunant to his presence, where, with the great Marshal MacMahon, they seriously talked matters over.

The result of this was a conference of the powers, called together by the Swiss federal government, at which Henri Dunant placed his proposals. Out of this Geneva conference of 1864 resulted the Geneva convention, under which all medical supplies and personnel in war time are protected.

A Prehistoric Lake.

One of the most interesting remnants of a prehistoric lake in the United States is that now known as Estancia valley, which lies south of Santa Fe and east of Albuquerque, N. M. From examination of the deposits in this section geologists are of the opinion that this lake existed at the same time as Lake Bonneville, in Utah, and other ancient lakes of the arid west during the cold, humid glacial period. The theory of the existence of an ancient lake in the valley is based on the presence of shore features and lake sediments. Sea cliffs, terraces, beaches, beach ridges, spits and bars are found on all sides of the lake flat at altitudes between 6,100 and 6,200 feet above sea level.—Argonaut.

Modern Uhlans.

The uhlands are a distinctive corps. The name is by no means distinctly German. A body of uhlands was formed for the French army by Marshal Saxe. They were introduced into the Prussian service in 1740, and forty years later the Austrians also had a corps of uhlands—light cavalry armed with lance. The modern uhlan may be classed with the heavy cavalry.—London Opinion.

DEADLY SHRAPNEL.

Good "Man Killers," but Their Effectiveness is Limited.

Shrapnel, so called after their inventor, the British General Shrapnel, are thin cases of tough steel containing a large number of bullets—in the British artillery 253 and in the French and German 300—with a small bursting charge at the base of the projectile.

The bursting charge breaks the thin steel case, when the bullets sweep forward with the velocity imparted to the projectile by the gun. Shrapnel are regarded as good "man killers," but they are quite ineffective against buildings, where shells are deadly. For the attack of field guns and buildings and for action against troops in trenches most armies employ howitzers, which are short, squat guns that toss their projectiles high in the air, high angle fire.

In the British army every division has fifty-four field guns and eighteen howitzers. These howitzers are of 4.5 inch caliber, firing a shell 4.5 inch in diameter and weighing thirty-five pounds. They have a range of 7,200 yards, which is 1,000 yards greater than the range of the British field gun.

The defect of the howitzer is that its shell is very heavy, and consequently much fewer rounds can be carried than with the field gun. There is no security that a single howitzer shell will do twice the damage of an ordinary field gun shell, though it weighs twice as much.

The French do not employ a howitzer in their field artillery. The Germans use a heavy pattern of six inch caliber, firing a shell of about ninety pounds, and a lighter pattern of 4.2 inch caliber.—New York Sun.

Appropriate.

"That's a queer design you have in the corner of your billhead," remarked Sloppy.

"It's merely a little flower," replied the tailor.

"Think it's appropriate, eh?"

"Yes, it's a forgetmenot."—Philadelphia Press.

Do You Wear One?

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Wasting Money.

"I guess it's just as well I didn't marry that girl. She evidently has no idea of the value of money."

"How's that?"

"Spent 60 cents postage sending me a bunch of old love letters."—Louisville Courier-Journal.



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City on a Steep Hill.

The town of Simla, India, is built on the side of a steep hill and the roof of one house is often on a level with the foundation of one on the next terrace.

Hardened Him.

Madge—You shouldn't say he's a confirmed bachelor unless you know. Marjorie—But I do know. I confirmed him.—New York Times.

Two Systems.

When wifey is on the warpath some pin their faith on Dutch courage; others prefer French leave.—Kansas City Journal.

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