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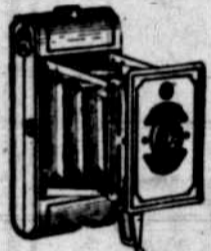
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### ELBA'S SUPPLY OF IRON ORE

Mines Have Attached a New Importance to the Island—Napoleon Was Held Prisoner There.

The Island of Elba, celebrated as the place where Napoleon was imprisoned in 1814, has since Italy's entrance into this war attracted much attention as the location of valuable iron mines, writes a correspondent.

In view of the scarcity of iron mines in Italy and the difficulty of transporting ore or pigs from the United States for use in the munition factories the mines of Elba have given a new importance to the island. Travelers on the Genoa-Rome Express, which skirts the seashore of the mainland, permitting a view on a clear day of the blue island rising out of the water six miles distant, think rather of the tall foundry stacks in the foreground at Piombino than of the great soldier of other wars.

In the days before the war this express stopped at Campiglia to put off fourists for Piombino and Elba. Today it stops to put off business men, skilled iron workers, Italian soldiers and their Austrian prisoners interned on the island. The side track at Campiglia has been enlarged since the war, too, for the purpose of handling the large quantity of iron freight brought over from Elba. Napoleon's name has almost been forgotten on the island, so busy are the inhabitants with war

work. "How can I get to the Villa San Martino?" a visitor arriving on the stone wharf of the harbor inquired of a workman. The workman looked at the visitor blankly, when the visitor added: "You know, the place where Napoleon used to live." The man shook his head. "I'm a newcomer here. Never heard of the place."

### HARD LINES



Miss Antique—My face is my fortune.

Miss Caustique—Then the bankruptcy court is staring you in the face.

## TO CURB "U" BOATS

"Sea Jitneys" Suggested for Attack on German Bases.

Canadian Naval Airplane Fighter, Home to Recover From Shrapnel Wounds Expresses an Opinion.

Theorizing about war conditions has grown quite as tiresome, no doubt, to the people who read newspapers as it has to most of the people who write for them. Yet, now and then, you meet a man who theorizes from the facts of experience and knowledge and who points something out that gives food for thought. Such a case, it seemed to several of us, when a quiet little chap, son of a Canadian millionaire, told us his view of the war in its present stage, a New York correspondent of the Cincinnati Times-Star writes. His brother was killed at the Marne and he himself is home to recover from shrapnel wounds received when he was flying a naval airplane some thousands of feet above a town on the Belgian coast.

"The outstanding fact, just now," he said, "is that the German U-boats are doing pretty nearly as much as they were expected to do and that we have no effective defense against them. The Germans are almost justified in believing that they are on the way toward starving England into submission. If we don't find a new and successful way to combat the U-boats the situation in England will soon be very critical. Of course, I fancy a way will be found. But it must be something entirely new in warfare. For my part, I am convinced that success can be obtained only by the apparently desperate undertaking of assaults by sea upon the U-boat bases. I say 'apparently' desperate. By any known or tried method such assaults would be simply useless and suicidal.

"The German harbors are mined, netted from end to end and fortified with tremendous shore batteries of heavy and aircraft guns. How can the bases be attacked? Well, of course, that will be settled by some one else than I, but I have heard a theoretical plan of attack proposed by one of our naval men which made a great impression on me. He said we must build thousands of small submarines—something like the 'sea jitneys' which manufacturers have talked about—and go into the German harbors with swarms of them, at the risk of losing ninety-nine out of every hundred boats and crews. Barrage fire and bombing have been the new and successful things in land fighting.

"This officer's proposal is for something like an undersea duplication of this plan of attack. Most of the little boats would be lost, no doubt, but most of them would succeed in doing material damage with one or two torpedoes. Nets would be blown away, mines exploded, guard ships sunk and such other disorganization of the harbor defenses accomplished as to give the big ships a chance to complete the work. Yes, it's true that a man would hardly need to worry about his return trip if he went in on one of these little boats. It would be work for volunteers. But the volunteers would be plentiful enough. That I am sure of. "If such attacks promised to win the fight against the U-boats, men would be willing to go. It would be enough for them to know that they were striking the sea murderers at their home, and that some of them might possibly get back."

### German Schooling.

German schooling has proved antagonistic to co-operation, although demanding unity of action through mass obedience. It has failed to foster real co-operation, for co-operation is a method by which persons of their own volition and by no compulsion may work together harmoniously, writes Winthrop Talbot in the Century Magazine. Only when training and schooling are the common privilege of all is that state of civic development possible which permits society to become co-operative in its action. In other words, a socialized society becomes more and more possible only as all individual members acquire each the widest vision, and thus the power to co-operate harmoniously.

### The Crow.

I have seen no bird walk the ground with just the same air the crow does. It is not exactly pride; there is no strut or swagger in it, though perhaps just a little condescension; it is the contented and self-possessed gait of a lord over his domains. All these acres are mine, he says, and all these crops; men plow and sow for me, and I stay here or go where, and find life sweet and good wherever I am. The hawk looks awkward and out of place on the ground; the game birds hurry and skulk, but the crow is at home and treads the earth as if there were none to molest or make him afraid.—John Burroughs.

### The Mystery of Love.

Love is the great mystery of life. It may be the growth of years, months or an instant, says the Christian Herald. Man sees a million beautiful faces; he hears a million sweet voices; he meets a million women with flowers at their breasts and light in their eyes—and they do not touch him. Then he sees the one, and she holds him for life and death. She is no nobler, better or more beautiful than were those he passed by, and yet his world is empty without her. Assuredly there is far more than fashion in this universal force we call love.

## WOMAN PLEADED FOR CANDOR

Matron Announcing Nearness of Birthday Found Truth Not So Attractive After She Got It.

A woman with a birthday in sight spoke earnestly to three men who were her friends, writes Ella Randall Pearce, in life.

"Tomorrow will be another birthday for me," she said. "I know the freshness of my youth has departed, but I should like to know just how old I appear in the eyes of the world. Tell me, my dear friends, if you were looking on me for the first time what would be your impressions?"

Said the first man glibly: "I have known you for several years, and you appear the same as when I first saw you. Your beauty is undimmed; your charm is undiminished. If I did not know otherwise, I should say tomorrow would be your twentieth birthday."

Said the second man more slowly: "I, too, have known you for several years, but it seems to me you have been favored by time. Your beauty has ripened and deepened until now you, who were once a lovely bud, are a lovelier rose in bloom. I should count tomorrow as the beginning of your twenty-fifth year."

"And you," queried the woman of the third man, who had been regarding her with clear-eyed frankness.

"Between friends there should always be truth," he replied gravely. "I acknowledge your beauty and your charm and both have been wonderfully preserved in semblance of youth. But you ask for candor and you shall have it. Looking at you closely, I should not expect you to see thirty—after tomorrow."

The woman faced the three men who were her friends, and her eyes were gleaming while her cheeks' pink turned crimson. She pointed an accusing finger.

"You have lied," she said tremulously, "and you also. But I will forgive you both because you lied to please me. But you"—she whirled toward the last speaker—"you are a barbarous egotist. You have wounded me in order to maintain your own reputation for veracity. Truth, indeed! Your honesty offends me. We are no longer friends. Go—and quickly!"

"When?" exclaimed the third man as he strode through the outer darkness. "I wonder what would have happened to me if I had really told her the truth?"

### New Boomerang Bullet.

The discussion of the war is heard everywhere. Even negro janitors find time while shoveling on the coal to talk about it, says a New York news letter. Two of them were discussing the wonderful inventions brought about by the war. "The man Edison is some boy," said one of the negroes. "Hoy's that?" inquired the other. "Why he's done gone and invented a magnetized bullet that can't miss a German, if it sees his steel helmet." "That's what I call some invention," exclaimed the other. "But dat ain't all what that bullet can do," continued the first speaker. "Whenever that bullet don't hit nothin' it comes straight back to the American lines. 'Dat so?' asked the second janitor, with some doubt. "How do they manage to keep them there comin' back bullets from hittin' our own men?" "Well, mah frien', didn't splain that," answered the first one, "but you can betcher life that man Edison has got dem bullets trained. You don't s'pect he'd let 'em kill any Americans, do you? No, sir. He's just got them fixed so dey will come back and fall around our gunners' feet."

### Ground Moles Are Big Eaters.

A Scotchwoman has just announced the results of an interesting series of observations on the common mole. The most striking point to the layman is the inordinate appetite of this tiny creature. A mole will eat its own weight in earthworms in 24 hours. An ordinary man eating in the same ratio would require 150 pounds of food a day. If the human race were constituted like the moles, comments an exchange, Mr. Hoover's task would be hopeless from the outset. One of the moles which was a subject for study weighed four ounces and devoured 120 ounces of food in a single month.

### Electric Ship Has Future.

The electric ship is no longer a dream but a reality and I should not be surprised to find, within a few years of the close of the war, every new vessel of any size driven, steered, stopped, reversed or turned, merely by the pressing of a series of buttons on the bridge, says a writer in the Electrical Times, London. The application of this principle will enable ships to be run with the highest efficiency at an even speed, permit marine engineers more liberty of design and yield proportionately greater cargo space than the present cumbersome form of machinery allows.

### An Old Habit.

The recruit at bayonet practice had just given the dummy a vicious jab, when the drill sergeant noticed that he was grimacing in a rather unusual manner.

"Number Four!" cried the sergeant; "what's the idea of all that mugging?" "Why," said the recruit, a former movie actor, "you want me to register hate or fury or something don't you?"

### Back-Handed Comfort.

"They say men of brains live longer than others."

"Don't worry about that, dear boy; you may be one of the exceptions to the rule."

## COMPREHEND IF THEY WISH

Foreigners Reluctant to Admit Knowledge of English, but Understand When It Is Advisable.

Many of the foreigners are extremely bashful about admitting their ability to speak and understand English, when there is work to be done, according to the officers, observes the Boston Herald. On the other hand, if they desire a pass or any similar official boon, their comprehension becomes exceedingly acute. On one occasion, a captain announced:

"Kabbible, you are on fatigue duty; you will sweep the mess hall and the office."

"No spik English," murmured the conscript, with a blank look at his superior.

"Hm—wait a minute."

The officer whispered to one of the sergeants.

"Sure, he understands all right," the latter affirmed.

The captain returned to the still uncomprehending Kabbible.

"Look here, if you don't sweep this mess hall quickly, you'll lose your pass for the next month. Do you understand that?"

"All right; where the broom?" the private replied with astonishing facility.

## WOMAN LOVED HER CANARY

Matron Charged Brother With Theft of Bird and He Narrowly Escaped Being Sent to Prison.

Mrs. James Farmer was the complainant against her brother, George Clark, in special sessions recently, writes a New York correspondent. She lives at 302 West Fifty-ninth street, in excellent style, and on the witness stand was fashionably dressed and cultured.

"My brother called with a friend," she said, "and stole my pet canary—the best one of the thirteen I keep, and the sweetest singer you ever heard."

"Do you want me to send your own brother to the penitentiary?" asked Justice Bixby.

"Well, he is in bad health," she replied hesitatingly; "he's had chills and fever for a long time; but—"

"But you think more of the bird than you do of your brother?" suggested the justice.

"Well, your honor," said the lady half-reproachfully, "this canary was a special pet."

The brother escaped, however, through a technical error in the complaint.

### The Cow Won.

An official of the board of health in a Massachusetts town notified a citizen that his license to keep a cow on his premises had expired. In reply to this letter the official received the following communication:

"Monsieur Bord of Helt—I just get your notis that my licens to keep my cow has expire. I wish to inform you, M'sieur Bord of Helt, that my cow she beat you to it—she expire tree week ago. Much oblige. Yours with respect. "PETE."

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Dated this 2nd day of January, 1918.

ROSE E. NEWBY and RAY S. NEWBY, Executrix and Executor of the Last Will and Testament of L. M. Metcalf, deceased.  
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