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ALL OF WAR'S HORRORS

Capt. Geoffrey H. Gilbey is trying to persuade the British public that he is not merely a gallant soldier, but also a real live humorist. So from "somewhere in France" he has written an article telling Londoners how to get the "thrills of the front without leaving their present surroundings."

Here is his advice:

How to Be Under Fire.

Invite your grocer, your hair-dresser, your tailor (your draper, if feminine) and your bootmaker to a day's rabbit shooting. Give them a champagne lunch before you start shooting. Remember that soldiers always have field dressings with them. You should have the same.

How to Be Gassed.

Buy a box of the cheapest cigars obtainable, get into a packed third-class carriage, close all the windows and ventilators, and hand round the cigars.

How to Get Trench Thrills.

Choose a very muddy plot of ground and dig a hole four feet deep and two feet wide. Fill it half full of dirty water. Put an old saucepan on your head and a bag of stones on your back, and get into the hole and sit down. It will be more realistic if the gardener comes along with a water can every half hour and waters you. (This is one of the best thrills of the lot.) When it gets dark the gardener should bring you some corned beef and some biscuits. Let him drop them twice before he finally deposits them in the mud. About midnight make him bring two rats and let them loose in your trench. The longer you stay in the trench the more thrilling it will be.

How to Enjoy Patrolling.

This is most realistic and very exciting. Lie flat on your chest on the pavement outside the Cafe Royal and work your way across Regent street to the Piccadilly tube station. About 11 p. m., when the people are coming out of the theatres will be the most exciting time.

How to Get Bombarded.

This is exceedingly simple. Go to a race meeting and offer 2-1 against an odds-on favorite.

NEBRASKA SOLONS TO MAKE DRY LAW AN EFFECTIVE ONE

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 18.—With the convening of the Nebraska legislature's thirty-fifth session here January 2, interest will center on the wet and dry line-up and the legislative battle for laws to make effective the dry amendment passed by almost 30,000 majority at the recent election.

The wets, realizing that prohibition would carry, centered their fight toward the last on winning enough members of the legislature to block, if possible, passage of laws aimed to make prohibition effective.

The dries have a slight majority in the house. In the senate the majority of the members are personally wet, but of the thirty-three members, six are known as "law-

enforcements." These are men who before election admitted that they were personally not in favor of prohibition but would be governed as legislators by the verdict of the people on the prohibition amendment. These "law-enforcements" combined with the dries outnumber the out-and-out wets in the senate.

LONDON CRIME DECREASES

LONDON.—War in spite of its terrors brings some compensations to the folks who stay at home; and even if the compensations do not balance their anxieties and sorrows they are welcome.

Among such indemnifications is a decrease in crime. That this decrease has been considerable in Great Britain is shown by the report for the year ended March 31 of the commissioners of police and the directors of convict prisons. Prisoners received under sentence were 64,160, as compared with 114,283 in the previous year—a decrease of 50,123.

MUSIC IN THE HOME.

Its Refining and Joyous Influence Should Be Welcomed.

So much is done for the children nowadays. So many different sorts of knowledge are crammed into them at school. They devote themselves to so many things unconnected either with childhood or home life. Meanwhile one opportunity—rich in possibilities for happiness—is too often neglected. Mr. Josef Stransky gives wise counsel in this matter:

"The way to love music, to increase its production, is to know it when you are young—young individually and young as a nation. It is much more difficult to prepare people to enjoy music after they are grown up and their minds have become crowded with various interests in life. The American nation should not let its youth slip by without filling the souls of the children with music."

"As yet the young people here do not have their minds directed definitely enough in musical channels. I do not see groups of children standing about a piano in the twilight and singing to a mother's accompaniment. I do not see the boys of a neighborhood forming a small orchestra and playing really fine music, as they do in France and Germany."

Mr. Stransky overstates his case somewhat. We know of a New England farmer's family of six children, each playing a different instrument, who, with father and mother, make a real little orchestra. And there are a good many such groups of the sort Mr. Stransky says he has not seen—youngsters about their mother at the piano. But there should be still more—many more. There cannot be too many, for, as the wise conductor says, music is something more than mere entertainment. It is "a serious and permanent joy in life . . . to keep the emotions stirred, the imagination young."—Collier's Weekly.

Something Lacking.

A resident of Nevada who has recently returned from a trip through the east was interviewed by the Post "How did Niagara strike me?" said the traveler. "Well, to be candid, it was a little disappointing. There seemed to be something lacking—something. I couldn't see what, but something that I didn't see and felt I ought to see to make the picture complete." Perhaps it was a man going over in a barrel.—Kansas City Times.

Free Advice.

"There are a great many people in this world who don't know what's good for them."

"Perhaps so," replied the cynical man, "but they always have plenty of neighbors who would gladly tell them what is good for them if they would only listen."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Can't Go Far.

"Just met with a heavy loss. A ship in which I was interested was wrecked."

"I got my money in canal boats. When one of them is wrecked we know where to find it."—Louisville Courier Journal.

Of Course.

"My friend, the glazier, has a sad life."

"Why shouldn't it be? Isn't it full of panes?"—Baltimore American.

LIFE IN ROUMANIA

A Nation of Peasants, With Curious Customs and Beliefs.

RULED BY SIGNS AND OMENS.

Many Superstitions Enter Into the Everyday Life of This People, Who Are Little Given to Money Thrift. The Way a Lad Goes A-courting.

"The great bulk of Roumania's population belongs to the peasant class, for there are comparatively few cities, and most of them are small," says a bulletin of the National Geographic society on Roumanian folklore and customs, which gives an intimate insight into the home life of that nation. The bulletin, which is based on a communication to the society from John Oliver LaGorce, says:

"Many of these peasants live on the great estates, where their forebears for generations have farmed for the absentee landlords. And an interesting class these peasants form, with their peculiar customs, their primitive ways of looking at things in general.

"The evil of race suicide has never invaded rural Roumania. It is regarded as worthy of honor to be the head of a large family. As in all lands where many of the people are more or less illiterate, there is a high death rate, though the fact that the bottle fed baby is almost unknown in peasant Roumania tends to overcome the high infant mortality that would otherwise result.

"The average Roumanian peasant is not given to the kind of thrift that leads him often to a savings bank. The patrimony of his sons and daughters is more often good will, good health and an honest mind than it is land or money or houses. So narrow is the margin upon which a young couple starts out in life that it has come to be a proverb among them: 'Married today and out at the elbows tomorrow,' for children come apace, and the prices of the things the peasant has to sell are even lower than the prices of those he has to buy, and not until his own labors are supplemented by those of his sons and daughters has he much chance to prepare for even the shortest of rainy days.

"When a young Roumanian peasant lad's thoughts turn to love and his mind begins to incline toward marriage he goes to his mother rather than to his sweetheart with his tale. The mother acts as an ambassador to the father, and if he can be induced to look with favor upon the lover's choice he calls in two of his best friends in the village, tells them of his son's dreams and asks them to accompany the said son to the house of the object of love's young dreams.

"Mayhap the girl herself has not received from the youth a single hint of his love; but, even so, as he and his spokesmen approach the house she suspects the object of his visit and peeps through any crack or cranny that is convenient.

"If it happens to be winter the father of the girl invites the company in and, surmising their mission, gives some hint as to his attitude by the way he looks after the fire. If he keeps it burning brightly they know that he is favorable. If he lets it die down a little they understand that he is only of an open mind on the subject. But if he lets it go out entirely there is no use arguing the question.

"The Roumanian peasant is much given to superstition, and he has a sign for everything. If shingles are not nailed on a roof in the proper sign they will turn up at the ends; if potatoes are not planted in the proper sign they will grow on top of the soil and be a failure; if you have money in your pocket when you see the new moon you will not "go broke," at least not until another new moon has come. On the other hand, it is held to be dangerous to announce to those in the house that the new moon has appeared, for in that case all the pots and pans in the kitchen will be broken before the waning moon passes.

"When a peasant child is christened all of those present assume the relation of godparents, and it is a superstition that there must be no intermarriages between godfathers and godmothers. The result is that christenings are not widely attended, and those with matrimonial ambitions eschew them entirely.

"The utmost care is taken by some to prevent a child from seeing its image in a mirror before it is three years old, for if it does it will become a victim of the 'falling sickness,' which will send it stumbling through life.

"There are many customs which still proclaim the olden time rule and influence of ancient Rome that have persisted through the centuries since the departure of her glory. For instance, there is the old Pyrrhic dance, the robes with bells on sleeves and girdles. The Roumanians still shout in unison to prevent Saturn from hearing the voice of the infant Jupiter, and even their oxen proclaim the 'glory that was Rome' in their names, for here you may see Caesar and Brutus as yoke-fellows and there Cassius and Augustus."

The Later Education.

"Well, how did things come out in your school contest?"

"Trifle mixed. A girl won the hammer throwing contest, and a boy took first prize for fruit cake."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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