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## APPRECIATION

We wish to express to you our appreciation of the business transacted with us during 1917, and to extend a hearty New Year's Greeting, and hope that your measure of prosperity and happiness for 1918 will exceed any you have ever enjoyed.

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### HE GAINED PREMIER'S EAR

Men Debated With Others to Receive Free Treatment, and Appealed for Aid for Their Suffering.

Chenango, beneath his bronzed, weathered, masculine and oft-cutting beard, and in spite of the virile character of his features, possesses an essentially kind and charitable heart. He is not rich, and therefore cannot afford to give away much. But he has made a point, both when in office and out of it, to devote a couple of hours each week, remaining to take a few minutes a week to his patients. His specialty is skin diseases, and his consultation room is always crowded with poor patients. One day when last he was in office, being in a hurry, he instructed his servant to tell the last batch of his male patients to step in his auto-chamber, so as to save the time of the unloading in the consulting room. One by one they were carefully prescribed for and sent on their way, until only the last remained. He presented himself in due course in an extremely dejected condition—without a stitch of clothing, and with every appearance of nervousness.

"Oh, Mr. President," he began, with a low bow.

"Well, what is the matter?" asked the doctor, gravely.

The man answered hesitantly.

"Come, come," exclaimed Chenango, with impatience. "Out with it! Your skin seems perfectly healthy. I can see nothing wrong."

"There is nothing the matter with me," said the poor man at last, recovering his voice. "But—don't know—it is all arranged—I only came to talk you, Mr. President, for your powerful influence with the government to procure for my widowed sister a place as post-mistress at Clemont."

### DRIVING CATTLE BY MOTOR

Stock Dealer Introduces Innovation, Which May Sooner or Later Replace Brachs to Background.

A new use for a motorcar has been found by a cattle dealer in one of the middle western states, whose business compels him to drive extensive herds of meat on the hoof along the roads, says an exchange. During the hottest part of last summer this purveyor determined to drive his animals by night in order to spare them the inevitable suffering that attended such operations in the middle of the day. Getting in his car, he started the herd ahead of him in the road, and by throwing the searchlight before and hooking his horn he kept the animals moving quietly in the compact mass.

There are instances of the use of the motorcar in round-up work in the far West, so that the traditional picture of a cowboy herding a bunch of bronchos may have to give way to one of that leather-breasted gentleman crouched down into the wheel of a flexible runabout, his lasso presumably dangling over the windshield.

Height Effects in Airplane; Some effects of airplane flights at very high altitudes are described in a recent English report. "Height effects" begin to be felt at 10,000 feet and become marked in most cases from 17,000 feet up. The principal difficulties are cold and lack of oxygen. Strange to say, no airplane has yet been devised on a plan which deliberately utilizes the heat of the engine to keep the passengers warm, although any tractor model has this effect to some extent. The matter of oxygen is solved by taking a supply in a container, which the aviator mixes with air when he feels oppressed. It is feared that flying at very high altitudes, to be made possible in the future by further development of models, may produce a trouble analogous to the "bends" experienced by workers in compressed air caissons due to the extreme pressure changes.

Clanbers Imprisoned Atop Fuji. The wisdom of erecting huts on Fuji for refuge in case of sudden storms of snow and rain was proved recently when a violent fall of snow and hail burst upon the crest of the sacred mountain. During two days more than 10,000 climbed the mountain and sudden arrival of the storm caught several hundred of them upon the hilltop. They sought safety in the numerous refuges. When the storm burst the police compelled all excursionists to wait for better weather at Gotemba and Tsuru. Helio parties were sent out but were unable to get through the drifts. Anxiety was felt for the food supply, but the adventures came down safely. For two days the people in the snow were incommunicado, owing to the destruction of the telephone wires. These will be buried before next season.

Jerusalem's Great Walls. After 1243 Jerusalem was under the rule of the sultans of Egypt until the year 1517, when Selim I conquered both Palestine and Egypt, taking the title of caliph, and carrying off the sacred banner of the Moslems to Constantinople. Selim's son, Suleiman the Magnificent, once more built the great walls about Jerusalem. These walls of Suleiman are the present fortifications of the city. But the great walls of Solomon the Magnificent are only the last of a long series of walls which, time after time, have been built only to be destroyed. The most tragical destruction not only of the walls, but also of the whole city, was that which was carried out by the Roman armies of Titus, in the year 70 of our era, in the reign of the Emperor Vespasian.

### DON'T FRET ABOUT TRIFLES

Magnifying Petty Mistakes and Troubles Weakens One's Ability to Master Bigger Problems.

Some of us rather over-dressed women get into a habit of magnifying the petty mistakes or troubles of the day, the business day, and making them out very big and terrible. The result is a loss of energy, for unimportant troubles bring worry and anxiety, which in a sort of poison to the mind and even to the body, writes Jennie Roberts in the Houston Post.

Don't hang on to the mistakes of yesterday. Today's will be easier to manage if you haven't that drag on you, and by a little more firmness you can soon get to the point when the annoyance of the moment gets itself settled in that moment and then is dropped.

We would think it a fool thing to feed our body poison, even in the minutest particles; but we feed our nerves poison, even though it be in small quantities, when we deliberately fret and worry over small things, making them huge and important by the mere turning of them over and over.

These are strenuous days. Don't weaken your strength by unnecessary and harmful fussing over trifles. After you have done what you can, turn your mind away from it. Refuse to be dominated by small mistakes. Few of us, by the way, are terrified by a really big thing. We rouse up and meet it definitely and firmly, unless we have a yellow streak. But the small thing often breaks down our nerves—and then our nerve.

### TORPEDOES ON FOUR WHEELS

Explosive Propelled Toward Enemy Trenches and Controlled by Means of Wires Attached to Tanks.

La Domenica Del Corriere, Italy, reports a new war device, the invention of an English engineer, Stratford Talbot. Literally, it is a torpedo on wheels which may be propelled toward the enemy trenches and controlled from the starting point by means of attached wires.

The explosive is mounted on a metallic box which rides on four wheels. Attached to the box is a contrivance consisting of a dynamo which propels the wheels. The entire machine is electrically controlled, permitting the explosion of the charge at the desired moment.

Two parallel wires connect the torpedo with the control station. These are carried on spools and twisted as the machine advances. The power is derived from accumulating batteries at the starting point. When it is desired to fire the charge all that is required is to push a button. According to the inventor the total cost of this contrivance is about \$150.

What He Wants for "Plain Food."

Do you know this man, have you ever heard of him—the man who likes plain food? His tastes are of the simplest; a little clear soup yourself, clear consommé the color of pale sherry. Take a knuckle of veal and four pounds of lean beef. (Notice you "take" you don't "buy.") Fry to a tender brown, carrots, onions, etc. So good on this tender, delicious process until you finally "clarify." The time the cook spends upon the simmering, the frying, the clarifying, and the straining is not of course taken into account. "The man who likes plain food enjoys roasts of meat, joints and rib-roasts."—Exchange.

Chemistry Recognized Science.

Chemistry has been accorded an almost formal recognition as the science at the heart of modern warfare. The British ministry of reconstruction has pointed out that Germany selected the chemical industry for special nurture in making its war preparations, especially that part of the industry dealing with coal tar derivatives, in which field the imperial government gradually won a temporary world monopoly. The ministry of reconstruction has appointed a committee of six chemists to investigate the situation in England and to recommend a plan for making the British chemical industry self-sustaining and equal to any call upon it during and after the war.

Von Hindenburg a "Junker."

"Junker" is philologically akin to "Jonkheer" and has a quasi-equivalent in the English "Squire." The Junker is a man of some birth and of inherited property, especially land, says an exchange. The word is used to describe that large class of Prussians who come of noble, seminaible or at least old and "good" families and whose worldly possessions are such as to give them an appreciable stake in the government. Von Hindenburg is a fine example of the Junker; Euden-dorf, his collaborator, is not a Junker by birth, however much a one he may be by taste.

Capital Punishment.

Capital punishment prevails in all the states of the Union except Kansas, Maine, Minnesota, Rhode Island, Washington and Wisconsin. In Michigan the only crime punishable by death is treason. The death penalty was abolished in the state of Washington in 1952, in Iowa in 1872 and restored in 1878, in Colorado in 1877 and restored in 1901. Hanging is the ordinary mode of execution, but in Indiana, New York, Nebraska, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Arkansas, Vermont and Virginia electrocution is the legal method. In Nevada hanging or shooting is optional with the condemned person.

### BOY ROBBER LOST HIS NERVE

Youth Reported Alleged Victim of Bandit, But Later Was Induced to Produce Stolen Jewelry.

A thrilling story of gun, snare and robbery, which had stirred a country neighborhood by its recital, ended into the make-believe of a yule-back novel, once investigators were on the job, says the Indianapolis News. A talk between two persons, which is said to have occurred behind a farmer's barn, led to the recovery of loot in the form of jewelry and a confession from a boy, who reluctantly dragged from his trousers pocket the remains of a \$100 bill.

Shirley Coffin was called to her neighbors about the boy, whose name is purposely withheld, had communicated to persons with whom he lived that a very dark man, wearing a mask over his face, had visited his home while he was alone; that he had been threatened with a shotgun, and after rifling the house, had forced the boy to leave with him. About a half-dozen from the home, the boy related, the stranger gave him 25 cents and told him to "keep his mouth shut." A duck and a Belgian hare also were taken, the boy declared.

When the sheriff arrived there was a consultation behind the barn, and when it had been concluded the boy dug the jewelry out of the ground, told his friends that he had sold the duck at a nearby grocery for some money; that the Belgian hare escaped while he was on his way to the grocery, and that the masked man was the creation of his own imagination.

"Give him another chance," the sheriff told the grandjurors of the grand jury. "He won't do it again."

The boy nodded consent.

### FOOD ORDERS ARE OBSERVED

Meatless and Wheatless Meals in Conjunction With Lord Mayor's Annual Banquet at Mansion House.

At last the giant figure of famine has slunk into the Mansion House and edited the menu of the last mayor's banquet. There, everybody who knows anything about English history or about good eating, knows that the center, the very palate of gourmandise is situated, according to a London correspondent.

The British empire is ransacked for edibles and potables to furnish forth this abominable holiday. And when the occasion's star guest, the premier, rises to shake the pillars of the world with his address, the guests are often in such a state of torpor that they have to scan the morning papers to find out what he really said. But war has changed all that. When the time for this year's banquet approached, London's constitutional press began to shout for a war menu so loudly that his lordship had to come out and assure the reporters of the meanness and whiteness of the ensuing feast. Another of England's stories vanished!

Sewing Machines in Arabia.

The sale of sewing machines in Arabia has increased since the war began, owing in part to the demand of Red Cross organizations. A recent shipment of 600 American machines, according to a correspondent, will be disposed of as follows: One hundred in Aden, 200 in Abyssinia, 100 in Red Sea ports and 200 in the Persian Gulf district. There is also an increased demand on the part of the natives. Germany formerly supplied the territory with cheap machines, but the stocks of these are low, and American products now lead. Foot-power sewing machines are in growing preference over the hand-operated type, but electrically-driven machines cannot be sold, as there is no general electric service plant in Aden. Dust and rust are difficulties experienced in the use of the machines in the Arabian climate.

### VOICES MUST BE PLEASANT

Hospital Nurses Undergo Course of Training in Some Institutions to Cultivate Refined Speech.

"If the success or failure of a physician in some cases is least determined by his tongue, how much more important is this matter of speech to the nurse, who must be constantly with the patient, and whose every look and gesture are watched—targets for criticism, silent or open," writes Dr. Irving W. Voorhees in the Nurse. "It is said that in some hospitals this question of refined speech has become a part of the nurse's course of training, and that she is demerited for disregard of the principles as set forth by her teachers. Although I have no personal knowledge of these hospitals, it is certainly a consummation devoutly to be wished that every one who comes into the sick room should know how to speak softly and agreeably."

Doctor Voorhees says European nations realize the importance of the nurse's voice and insist upon it far more than we do. And any woman who plans to become a hospital nurse and has not a pleasing voice already should start at once to cultivate one.

The sick are very sensitive to voices; the blind are especially affected by harsh voices, so much so that some wealthy blind men will not permit a person whose voice is not pleasant to come near them.

### AN OFFICIAL STORY TELLER

Libraries in Canada Find Special Feature for the Entertainment of Children is Worth While.

In several of the public libraries of Canada story telling to children has for some years been a special feature, says an exchange. Each Saturday morning from fifty to one hundred children assemble at the library in a room set apart for the purpose and called the "Children's Room." The ages of the children vary from six to fourteen years.

At St. John, New Brunswick, story telling has been continued now for three years. This year it has been found advisable to divide the children according to age and to hold two classes of half an hour each. The work has steadily grown in interest, and the demand for books of a less trivial type justifies the work of the committee in charge. During the summer, when opportunity offers and a story-teller of note is a guest of the city, notice is given to the library, and it is often possible to have a special session.

Arrive and Depart.

"Arrivals" and "departures" have a definite place in French trench philology. When the American troops first entered the trenches their French comrades were very anxious to have them distinguish accurately between the uses of "arrive" and "depart." "I thought they were talking barbaric clearances at first," said one Yankee lad. "Then I heard a low, whining sound and a shell exploded behind us. 'En arrive,' said my companion. He struggled that it was a present from the Germans. Soon there was a louder, sharper sound. It was a responsive roar from our own batteries. 'En depart,' he said with great satisfaction. 'Voula' we had it. The exchange of artillery fire is, after all, a matter of 'arrivals' and 'departures.' Needless to say, the 'departs' enjoy the wider popularity."

Going Too Far.

Mrs. Boffin—I read in the paper that a woman in looking after another woman to see what she had on fell out of a window. Mr. Boffin—Well, that only goes to show that some women in trying to follow the fashions can go too far.—Illustrated Bits.

### NEWSIE KNEW HIS BUSINESS

Magazine Vendor in Passenger Coach Commercialized Lord Northcliffe's Boasting of His Book.

The following is a story related by Lord Northcliffe in a London paper, concerning his book "At the War": "In the United States and Canada the newspapers walk through the lines selling the latest publications, and recently one of them offered his hand-ship, who was on his way from New York to Chicago, a copy of his own book, 'At the War.'

"I've read it," quietly replied the author, shaking his head.

"Oh, you have?" exclaimed the boy; adding, with true Yankee liquidiveness, "And how did you like it?"

"Pretty well," said Lord Northcliffe. Then, thinking of the tedious hours spent in revisions and proof-reading, he added impressively, "I read it five times."

"Read five times?" exclaimed the boy, and two passengers who had overheard the conversation promptly bought copies, while the enterprising news-vendor moved on down the car, saying:

"At the War—new book just out; you must read it five times. Only a few copies left."—Stray Stories.

### MUSIC FOR THE WAR TANK

Graphophone Records Are Gift of Woman; French Officer Requests Bowling Equipment for His Men.

For the amusement of soldiers probably no more unique donation has been made than that of \$50 from a woman for graphophone records to equip a tank. There is something grotesque about music emanating from this sort of contrivance, states a French correspondent.

Other donations have not lacked in element of the picturesque, as the instance, the supplying of a hospital in Paris which was filled with African troops, with 700 fans. They were so appreciated during the summer that the hospital appealed for more. An accordion was sent to fill a specific demand.

One French officer requested games for his men. What else? In one instance in which most of the soldiers were fathers of families the preference, for some reason or other, was for bowling. The French, it must seem, does not make a bad alley if a few balls and pins will live a dull period. Possibly a change of noise is agreeable.

Kitchen Soldiers.

Kitchen soldiers are the latest experiment in practical patriotism. Good Housekeeping, in cooperation with the United States food administration, is conducting the experiment. In the magazine appears this pledge, which women are urged to sign:

"I, the member of the household entrusted with the handling of food, do hereby enlist as a kitchen soldier for home service and pledge myself to waste no food and to use wisely all food purchased for this household, knowing that by so doing I can help conserve the foods that must be shipped to our soldiers and our allies."

This is a movement for the woman who is actually dealing in the food of American homes. Employers and employees are urged to join the force. A soldier may be one who fights just with his brain or one who fights with his hands. In this crisis, she may be one whose ancestors have lived here for generations or she may be one whose parents have seen their heroes pass their very door, and whose brothers bear the arm of England, or France, or Italy, or Russia, or any other allied country. (This you have enlisted as a kitchen soldier, your kitchen is your battlefield.)

WE take this means of thanking our friends and customers of Athena and vicinity for their liberal patronage for the past twelve months. This has been a banner year for our Athena Store. We shall continue to give you the same service the coming year that we have in the past. Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

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