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A Problem

Just at this season of the year, every woman in town and country is confronted with the ever-present Grocery Problem. To buy something that is palatable full of nourishment and that will meet the constantly changing government food regulations, surely is confusing, and only experts can meet all exigencies. We are putting our best endeavors into these problems and have a choice, well selected line of Staple and Fancy Groceries, including the various wheat and other substitutes. Your telephone order will have prompt and careful attention.

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LETTERS FROM OUR LADS "OVER THERE"

June 11, 1918.
"Dear Mother: I will just drop a line this evening to let you know I am alive and feeling fine. In this French village. We are drilling hard every day. Are camped in French houses. James Sturgis is here with us. He is a 1st Lieutenant. He is a fine fellow. He gives me good advice whenever he talks to me. I never have heard from Russell—when you write to him tell him to write me. I haven't got much mail since I have been here, just got your letter a few days ago. I don't have much time to write now. Tell everybody 'hello,' for me."
"Hally Piersol,
146 U. S. F. A., Bat. P., A. E. F., via. New York.

LAKE YIELDS TONS OF SALT
Natural Phenomenon in South Australia Constant Source of Revenue to Its Owner.
On Yorks peninsula, in South Australia, says a writer in the Wide World, is a wonderful lake of pure salt. It is a huge depression in the earth which fills up in the winter months. In the hot summer sun the water quickly evaporates, leaving a thick deposit of almost pure salt. Seen from a distance the surface of the lake has all the appearance of being covered with a sheet of ice. That salt crust is so thick and strong that men and even carts and plows can traverse it with perfect safety. Yet below the crust there is a considerable body of sluggish water.

After the rays of the summer sun have played their part, the salt is gathered. It is just raked into heaps, and these pyramids of salt are a striking feature of the landscape. The salt is now shoveled into carts and conveyed to various works on the seaboard, to undergo the process of refining. Gathering the salt is trying work on account of the great heat and the dazzling reflection. Often it is necessary for the men to wear colored glasses to protect the eyes. After the loose salt has been collected from the surface a special kind of plow is run over it, when another harvest of the valuable material can be reaped. The yield of salt from this strange lake amounts to several thousand tons a year, and it is among the finest obtainable. The lake is several square miles in area and is naturally a very valuable property.

WILL SPLIT BIGGEST ROCKS
Seemingly Nothing in Nature Is Able to Withstand Expansive Force of Tree's Roots.
This might very well be considered a nature puzzle. Why should any sensible tree apparently select a dry rock for a home when there is plenty of good soil all about in which to grow? As a matter of fact there is so little rainfall where one tree grows. In New Mexico, that it is something of a wonder to an eastern traveler how any tree, even with its roots spreading through the soil in every direction, can stand the long drought of months' duration. When a cedar tree, however, is seen to be growing out of a crack in a rock in an almost desert region the matter becomes a veritable mystery. Even under such adverse conditions, trees will split the hardest of rock. No rock can withstand the expansive force of a growing tree. Sometimes the rock is cracked off in pieces gradually, but oftentimes a big rock is split fairly in two, the tree roots relentlessly forcing their way downward. Time is no consideration to the tree and every spring it returns to the attack, as the new sap invigorates its roots and trunk, never giving a fraction of an inch of what it has once gained. The fight is a slow but entirely one-sided affair.

Gas, Sam's Only Dread.
Writing to an Athena friend, Sam Starr says: "June 24, 1918. 'We are billeted out in a large city and sure have some time. The streets are paved with cobblestones and are very narrow and the buildings are all so old fashioned that you would admire their historic beauty. In every direction as far as eye can see, there is nothing but vineyards. On nearly every hill is an old castle, some of them almost a mass of ruins and old stone walls that are fast crumbling to pieces. It is a very beautiful country, a large valley with a fairly large river running through it, almost as large as the Columbia."
"All of us boys are together again now, that is in the same town. George Winslip was up this afternoon looking for news from home. He said that he had not heard from Athena for some time. I haven't seen Harry Keller since Saturday, and he lives on the same block at that. He has been drilling and I have been out on telephone construction work between here and another city. You know when I enlisted I seemed to have a certain fear of meeting the Germans in battle; but it has strangely left me since I came over here where I could really see what was taking place. About the only fear that I have left is for gas, and they're going to have to be pretty speedy if they catch me with it, or at least I am confident of myself since going through the gas chamber."
"We are having beautiful weather at present although it is rather hot. Some of the boys went fishing yesterday, the river is just alive with fish and crabs. Swimming seems to be a great sport among the Americans here. I have yet to see my first Frenchman in swimming, also to see them take a drink of water; they drink vin blanc, (white wine) instead. It is sure a good substitute but one can't

drink it as freely as he would water. Sam F. Starr, Bat. D, 148 F. A., A. E. F.
Hally With James Sturgis.
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NAME _____ AGE _____
HOME ADDRESS _____ (Street) _____ (City)
OCCUPATION BEFORE WAR _____ MARRIED _____
ENTERED SERVICE & WHEN? _____ WHERE _____
BRANCH OF SERVICE _____
TRANSFERS _____
RANK _____ (Include promotions and dates)
NEAREST RELATIVE _____
ADDRESS _____ RELATIONSHIP _____
PRESENT ADDRESS _____
SIGNATURE OF INFORMANT _____
Friends and relatives of boys in service are asked to fill out above and to M. R. Chessman, Sec. Pendleton, Ore., Phone 123.

WAR NURSES NEEDED NOW THAT RESERVE IS DEPLETED
The East Oregonian reports that word received from the Council of National Defense by the Umatilla County Patriotic League states that because the nation's reserve has been depleted by the calling of literally thousands of graduate nurses for service in military and naval hospitals, it is absolutely necessary immediately to call 25,000 student nurses for training in American hospitals. These young women are to be enrolled in the United States Student Nurse Reserve and enrollment will begin July 29. The call is for women between the ages of 19 and 35, and they must be intelligent, responsible women of good education and sound health. They may enroll as engaging to hold themselves in readiness until April 1, 1919, to accept assignments in either a civilian or military training school. The latter offers the greatest chance to see immediate service.
Further particulars may be obtained by writing to the Women's Committee of National Defense, Washington, D. C.

Machines Run All Night.
From all over the Inland Empire come reports to Spokane of an unexpected early harvest due to the unusual spell of hot weather which ripened grain at a most alarming rate. Every labor agency, commercial club and employment bureau is besieged with calls for field workers. Threshing outfits are in such demand that crews are working double shifts and in some instances machines are running all night.
Installs Pumping Plant.
A. A. Foss has come to the rescue of his lawn by installing a pumping plant, and now he can use all the water he wants for irrigation purposes. To a force pump, an ordinary hot water tank is attached, and from this hose carries the water to the sprinkling nozzle. The use of the tank does away with the vibration that would result were the hose connected directly to the pump. A gasoline engine is used for power.
Fourteen of the men who reported at Pendleton Tuesday for entrainment for Camp Lewis, were exempted until the next draft, there being that number in excess of the call. From Athena, Jesse Myrick, Roy Read and Charles Payne were left over. They will work in harvest.

Give Your Child His Own Room.
In Farm and Fireside, a woman writing about children says: "The craving for companionship is a powerful factor in the life of every boy or girl, but a certain amount of privacy and wholesome quiet is just as necessary to the child's development and happiness. I have known families where life was made miserable for everyone because of the constant bickering and quarreling among the children. When the house was enlarged so that each one could have his own room, they suddenly lost their fretful ways, and improved rapidly in disposition."
"It means a great deal to a boy or girl to know that his small possessions are sacred from the unsympathetic eyes and hands of the grown folks. I have always trained my children to respect each other's rights. Even if he hasn't a room to himself, each child has certain shelves, drawers and nooks sacred to his own use."

Scripture and Profanity Mixed.
The Bible and profanity were strangely intermingled in the congress a few days ago. Senator Overman made the statement that President Wilson "has been criticized in many instances, for instance, for not taking senators into his confidence." To which Senator Reed remarked: "Oh hell!" Senator Overman expressed the hope that this expression would go into the Record. Subsequently Senator Overman read into the Record a section of the eighteenth chapter of Exodus, describing how Aaron and Hur sat by the side of Moses and held aloft his hands throughout the day while the conflict between the army of Israel and the army of Amalek was in progress.

ALFRED E. FRANZ SHOT BY DETECTIVE
Alfred E. Franz, who lived on the LaBrache place near this city until the death of his wife, was shot by a detective for the New York Central Railroad, near Erie, Pa., Saturday July 14, and died Sunday night as the result of the shooting. Franz was in the draft from this county and was to have reported at Camp Lewis with the contingent that entrained at Pendleton Tuesday. An Erie dispatch gives the following account of the shooting: Earl McCollum, 444 Four Mile and started a motor claiming he was for car-robbing, and this as found he would "get" King. Franz was hurried to the hospital and was apparently improving when a relapse took place. Agatha Franz, niece of the deceased says her uncle had nothing to do with McCollum or his friends. She said her uncle his wife and another niece, had gone to the park to spend the day, as her uncle had been called in the draft and ordered to report this week in Portland, Or. The party was preparing to return home when the uncle suddenly exclaimed: "Oh, my God, I'm shot." The niece says besides a mother in Portland, Franz left a father, brother, wife and grandmother, all residing in Erie. An inquest over the body will be held tonight. Interment took place today in Erie.

PEOPLE OF ATHENA TO ADOPT FRENCH ORPHAN.
The local committee for the Adoption of Fatherless Children in France, have received a list of French orphans, which it is earnestly desired may be adopted at once by the people of Athena. Ten cents keeps a child a day, \$3.00 a month, and \$36.50 a year, in its mother's home in France. Upon receipt of your pledge to support a child for a year, and first payment, the name and address will be given you. Further particulars may be received of the committee, Mrs. H. I. Watts is chairman, and Mrs. F. S. Le Grow secretary, both of whom hold a list of the names given below. The Athena Girls' Honor Guard has already adopted an orphan and pledged support for one year. The name and address of the child is Lucienne Blotiere, 4 rue Mazagan, Elbeuf, Seine-Inferieure, France, born December 3rd 1911. The list assigned to Athena for adoption follows:
Boys—Maurin Le Meye, born June 28, 1914; Joseph Le Mutee, born June 13, 1912; Jean Le Nabat, born July 24, 1909; Jean Le Parc, born February 16, 1904; Louis Le Parc, born July 18, 1907; Etienne Le Pen, born February 20, 1909, (spoken for); Pierre Le Pennoe, born September 9, 1914. Girls—Marie Le Navonec, born May 18, 1907; Marie Le Navonec, born Sept. 9, 1908; Jeanne Le Pallee, born March 24, 1911; Simone Le Pallée, born April 8, 1913; Eugenie Le Pen, born April 14, 1903; Odile Le Pen, born Sept. 2, 1913; Philomene Le Pen, born Jan. 7, 1909; Marie Le Pite, born Dec. 16, 1911.

Soldier Home on Furlough.
Virgil Willaby is the first Athena soldier to be furloughed home from service. He arrived from Camp Lewis Monday evening. He has a month's leave of absence and secured it for the purpose of working in the harvest fields. He looks well and says soldier life agrees with him. He is as hard as nails, as compared to his physical condition when entering the army. He enjoyed a pleasant visit with his mother and brother before coming home, they having gone to Camp Lewis to see him.

Sunset in Reserve.
From the grouping of the American troops co-operating with the French in the second battle of the Marne, as given out by General March, it would appear that the Sunset Division, in which are many Oregon and Washington soldiers, is being held in reserve, although that division is a part of the first army corps and the commanding officer, General Liggett, is in command of the American troops on the firing line.

Team Ran Away.
One of Charles Williams' teams ran away, out at the ranch Monday, and as a result one of the horses was perhaps fatally injured. Mr. Williams' young son was driving down a hill when something went wrong with the rig and the horses lunged ahead at breakneck speed. The boy escaped injury. Dr. Baddeley hopes to save the horse.

Fall Gingham

Just arrived, pretty new fall Gingham in all the new shades, including very pretty stripes, plaids and checks. Our prices are always right, as we buy from six months to one year ahead of time, paying spot cash and selling for cash. That's the reason we are always under other stores in price. Our prices for Fall are very little higher than spring, quality just as good.

We have a very wide range of patterns at 19c per yard
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