

**FOR BEAUTY, NOT PLUMBING**

French Chateau Owner Had American Remove Modern Improvements They Had Installed.

In our anxiety to get results in France we were often tactless from a French point of view. This cause of irritation was exaggerated by our general ignorance of the language. I wonder if the American schools, after this, will teach us speaking French instead of the book French they taught in my generation?

And we ran into certain French peculiarities which we found it hard to understand. For example, early in our war a fine old chateau near Bordeaux was leased for a headquarters. By the terms of the lease we were to leave everything exactly as we found it. The chateau in its four or five hundred years of existence had never known sanitary plumbing; the owners bathed in wash basins or rubber tubs. Expecting to stay a long time we installed, by permission, drains, bath-tubs, toilets, a water-heating system.

When, last January, we ended the lease and moved out the officer who conducted the business offered to leave the plumbing where it was, since its removal would cost as much as it was worth. The French owner refused. We had to take out our plumbing. What he wanted from that chateau was not sanitation, but venerable beauty, and the sense that he dwelt in the same identical home as his ancestor of the tenth generation back.

The American finds it hard to understand such a point of view; and he is a bit brusque in expressing his opinion thereon.—Will Irwin in the Saturday Evening Post.

**FLYERS TO HUNT OUTLAWS**

Cotton Plantations Planted in Defense of Authority Seen Easily From the Air.

The department of agriculture has adapted the airplane to its needs, and plans to have a large fleet of machines to serve the farmer, lumberman and orchardist during the next six months, according to an announcement from Washington recently. The machines will be used to find forest fires, map out forest and other surveys and to act as detectives to find outlaw cotton planters in Texas, Arizona and southern California.

Lieutenant Comper at Ellington a year ago investigated the cotton situation. Owing to danger of an invasion of pink bollworm from Mexico it was necessary to create restricted safety zones where no cotton could be grown. Certain outlaw planters in land surrounded by heavy forests have defied the government and planted in these districts, which are difficult to find. The young Californian took a camera with him, cruised over the forests at a 7,000-foot altitude, and snapped seven outlaw fields. The fields were destroyed. Comper has been released from service and will soon return to California to organize the agricultural aviation scout work on this coast.

**Find a Moth Exterminator.**  
Experiments of the bureau of entomology, United States department of agriculture, have demonstrated that naphthalene is uniformly effective in protecting woollens from clothes moth infestation and in killing all stages of the insect. A red cedar chest readily killed all adult moths and showed considerable killing effect upon young larvae. It did not prevent the hatching of eggs, but killed all the resulting larvae almost immediately. Red cedar chips and shavings, while not entirely effective in keeping the adult moths from laying eggs on the flannel treated, appeared to protect it from appreciable damage when used liberally.—Des Moines Register.

**Trench Mortar Regiment.**  
The wartime organization of trench mortar batteries with the divisions is to be abandoned in favor of a single trench mortar regiment, which will be organized as a part of the army artillery to be assigned for duty by the army commander. Trench guns resulted from stabilized trench warfare, and the divisional batteries lost their usefulness excepting under special conditions when the allied attack turned the warfare into an open struggle. For that reason, the trench mortar units of all divisions were among the first to be sent home.

**Submarine Not Yet Perfect.**  
In spite of the fact that the British have some steam-driven 2,700-ton submarines capable of a surface speed of from 23 to 25 knots, the submarine as a weapon of war is too slow and too blind when it is submerged to be considered a serious weapon of naval warfare. When it can see electrically to a distance of ten to fifteen miles while it is submerged so deeply as to be invisible to the air scout, and when it can steam 20 knots submerged it will dominate the naval situation, says Scientific American.

**Rival of the X-Ray.**  
A physician has contrived a simple camera that seems to rival the X-ray in a limited field. Into a light-proof box, containing the member to be examined, he admits light from a tungsten-lamp, filtered to pass only red rays. Passing through the hand or foot the red light strikes, at the bottom of the box, a photographic plate highly sensitized with an eosin solution. An exposure of one-half second makes the shadow picture.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

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**Gates News**  
GATES, Aug. 1.—Special.—Mrs. E. R. Coddie and three children of Oakland, Calif., are visiting at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Z. M. Bever.

The cherry and hay harvests are nearly over in this vicinity. The weather has been ideal all of July.

Mr. and Mrs. Syverson of the Gates mill made a business trip to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley and six grand children of Niagara were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Goodwin Sunday.

J. P. Robertson was visiting at the home of W. H. Heseman last week.

Charles Thomas died at his home near Gates July 22, aged 83 years. Mr. Thomas was an early pioneer of Linn county. He came to Oregon with his parents in 1845 and lived near Scio for many years. He has lived with his brother, William Thomas, at their home near Gates for many years. He is survived by an older brother, William Thomas and one sister, Mrs. Flook. He was a highly respected citizen and a faithful friend. He was laid to rest in Fairview Cemetery.

The dance given Saturday night in the I. O. O. F. hall was attended by a large crowd as usual. Ice cream and cake were served by the ladies of the Rebekah order and a general good time was enjoyed by all present.

**Riverside Items**  
RIVERSIDE, Aug. 1.—Everett Eastman has returned from Portland

to remain at home for a time. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ingalls and daughter who have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Witcheby for several weeks left Thursday for Salem, Oregon City and other points looking for a location.

A pleasant afternoon was spent by the Thursday club at the home of Mrs. Chas. Masterson. Work of various kinds and conversation occupied the afternoon. Dainty refreshments were served. The guests were as follows: Mesdames Atkeson, Wm. and Jas. Caldwell, Gourley, Dodge, Eastman, Miller, Henry, Leubner, Stewart, Truax, Misses Emma Laubner, Florence and Olivene Eastman.

Mrs. Burbank returned from Albany Saturday, where she has been visiting Mrs. Alice Goddard.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Witcheby, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Miller and Mrs. Burbank attended Tangent Grange Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hastings and Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson visited the China Pheasant farm Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Serfling and son visited Mrs. Austin Bond Saturday.

**Leaves for Cascadia.**  
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Irvin and son Jimmy went to Cascadia yesterday to spend several days outing. Returns to Kansas City.—  
W. E. Davis, a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Holman of West Fifth street, who has been visiting relatives in Albany and vicinity, left Thursday

for his home in Kansas City. Mrs. Davis will remain for a few weeks longer visit.

**First Vacation in Six Years.**  
Conrad Sandstrom, the efficient baker of the Hcinan & Jackson store, left this morning for an extended visit with relatives at various points on the coast. This is the first vacation for Mr. Sandstrom in the last six years.

**Judge Hamilton Here.**  
Circuit Judge J. W. Hamilton of Roseburg registered at the Albany last night on his way to Newport for a few days' vacation.

**Telephone Officials Visit.**  
C. F. Cole and G. P. Knox of Portland, managers of the telephone system of this part of the state, were in the city today on official business.

**Visitors from Holley.**  
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Arthurs of Holley were Albany visitors last night at the A'Jungy hotel.

**Warranty Deeds.**  
S. P. Neal and wife to T. H. Boynton and wife. Lands in Tp. 10 S., R. 2 West.  
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