

HE GAINED PREMIER'S EAR

Man Disrobed With Others to Receive Free Treatment, and Appealed for Position for Sister.

Clementeau, beneath his brusque, masterful, sarcastic and oft-cutting speech, and in spite of the vitriolic character of his writings, possesses an exceedingly 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 day to free medical advice to the poor, never consenting to take a fee, writes a Paris correspondent. His specialty is skin diseases, and his consultation room is always crowded with poor patients. One day when last in office as premier, being in a hurry, he instructed his servant to tell the last batch of his male patients to strip in his ante-chamber, so as to save the time of the undressing in the consulting room. One by one they were rapidly prescribed for and sent on their way, until only the last remained. He presented himself in due course in an extremely décolleté condition—without a stitch of clothing, and with every appearance of nervousness.

"M. le President," he began, with a low bow.

"Well, what is the matter?" asked the doctor-premier.

The man stammered inarticulately. "Come! Come," exclaimed Clementeau 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—I don't know—it is all strange—I only came to ask you, M. le President, for your powerful influence with the government to procure for my widowed sister a place as post-mistress at Clermont."

DRIVING CATTLE BY MOTOR

Stock Dealer Introduces Innovation Which May Sooner or Later Relegate Broncho 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 honking his horn he kept the animals moving quickly 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 astride a bucking broncho may have to give way to one of that leather-breeched gentleman cuddled 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.

Climbers 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 Taroko. Relief parties were sent out but were unable to get through the drifts. Anxiety was felt for the food supply, but the adventurers 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 1244 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 Suleiman 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.

NEWSIE KNEW HIS BUSINESS

Magazine Vender in Passenger Coach Commercialized Lord Northcliffe's Boosting 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 newsboys walk through the trains selling the latest publications, and recently one of them offered his lordship, 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 inquisitiveness, "And how did you like it?"

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

"Ge! five times!" exclaimed the boy, and two passengers who had overheard the conversation promptly bought copies, while the enterprising newsboy moved on down the car, saying:

"At the War"—new book just out; one man 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 weird iron caterpillar, states a trench correspondent.

Other donations have not lacked an element of the picturesque, as, for 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 sort? In one regiment in which most of the soldiers were fathers of families the preference, for some reason or other, was for bowling. The trench, 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 co-operation with the United States food administration, is conducting the enlistment. 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 forces. A soldier may be one who fights just with her brain or one who fights by doing with her hands the work of women in this crisis. She may be one whose ancestors have lived here for generations or she may be one whose parents have seen war's horrors pass their very door abroad, whose brothers bear the arms of England, or France, or Italy, or Russia, or any other allied country. Once you have enlisted as a kitchen soldier, your kitchen is your battlefield.

Overcoming Camouflage.

An American physicist believes that the advantages of camouflage—or at least certain kinds of camouflage—can be overcome by an opposing army by providing colored glasses or screens of contrasting colors to use with field glasses. When the colors of these screens are properly selected, uniforms and other objects may be made to appear in contrast. Instead of in harmony with their surroundings, he claims. Camouflage as practiced in many cases is accomplished largely by the use of paint, objects being given shades that blend with the landscape. In spite of certain difficulties that would arise, it is believed that such efforts at concealment could be rendered quite ineffectual by the means stated.

One of the Meanest Men.

A lady who went to join her husband in his new western home was surprised to find that among the young ladies of the place he had the reputation of being "the meanest man ever was." Wishing to know the reason, she asked a bevy of damsels one day, when one of them spitefully replied: "Because he came out here looking spruce and young, and went on till all the girls got interested in him, and then he up and sent for you. And that was the first we knew that he was married! Mean? I guess so!"

Knew His Bible.

On board a steamer "somewhere on the Atlantic" a senile soldier boy was having a session at the rail when an officer came along.

"Hello! What's that you're doing?" said the officer mockingly.

"I'm rendering unto the sea, sir, the things that are the sea's, sir," gasped the soldier as soon as he could speak.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

By WANNA MCKINNEY

Prof. R. L. Kirk wants to know how Harrisburg entertained our Basketball team last Friday night. He pointed a committee at assembly Monday morning, composed of Maude Gorie, Audrey Perkins, and Edna Duryee to investigate matters and report to the school. At noon the committee presented the following:

The committee appointed by Mr. Kirk wish to give the following report on the conduct of the Basketball team at Harrisburg Friday night, January 11:

As a whole the conduct was rather poor.

"Pete" Lewis mashed three toes and two corns on one poor girl's foot while trying to "hop."

Jerry Van caught a red headed dame and has received the name of "Red" as the consequence.

Hallie Bryan got a case on a hash slinger in a joint in that burg. We think he writes her about three times a day.

John Dimm has not been squealed on yet but all the girls trust him.

Bill Hill has a few dreams every day about some fair "Jane." All we know of her is that she is a blond.

Walter Gossler and Clarence Keaster behaved well "considering."

Of course we are pleased with Mr. Kirk's chaperoning abilities but Ray Alexander, otherwise known as the "chicken thief" has disappointed us very much. He caught a girl and it had a bad effect on his head as he has been looking pale ever since coming home.

Ben Davidson chose dark hair to go with his bright Auburn and is proudly telling the girls about his dark complexioned girl he got at Harrisburg.

We girls are going to show the other sex our ability about next time they want us to show our faces with them. They will probably find the "ditch department."

THE COMMITTEE

Friday afternoon the periods were shortened and a meeting of the Nekah nian Literary society was held. The minutes of the last meeting were read and an election held to elect officers for the coming term. They were Lynn Grandy, president; Ray Alexander, vice-president; Audrey Perkins, secretary-treasurer; Miss Lindsey, critic; Walter Gossler, Fern Travis and Candace Dillard social committee; Frank De Pue, Ben Davidson, and Claud Nystrom, sergeant-at-arms.

The following program was given: song, school; reading, Alice McBee; original story, Hazel Dean; Song, H. S. quartet; Instrumental duet, Avis Thompson and Dorothy Holbrook; a selection from the constitution of the society was read by the president, Lynn Grandy.

A shore session of the student body was held Monday morning and plans were made for an entertainment to be given in the near future. It is to be in the form of a circus or frolic and will be given in the high school building. A general admission of 5 cents will be charged and there will also be an admission fee for the side shows.

Each class will put on a stunt, for which the class presidents are responsible. Their chairman is Bernice Cagley, senior class president.

Other committees are: Side shows, Wanna McKinney, Audrey Perkins, Walter Gossler, Jean Fischer. Advertising, Ray Alexander, chairman, Fern Travis, aided by English classes, Parade, Mary Harding, chairman, Ben Davidson, Bee Holbrook. Decorating, Lynn Grandy, chairman, Duttee Fischer, Verdon May.

Miss Lena Tilton is visiting her sister at Oakridge. She plans to stay two weeks.

New subjects which will be offered next semester are: Algebra 1; English 1; History 1; Economics, Commercial Geography and Penmanship and Spelling.

Attend Council Meeting

On Monday, evening the Eighth grade Civics classes from the Lincoln school attended the meeting of the city council with their teacher, Miss Lacy Copenhaver. The pupils showed much interest in the meeting and asked many questions which were answered either by Mayor Morrison or some member of the council. The classes appreciate very much the privilege of having been allowed to attend the meeting.



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