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One reason why corporations have not been looked upon with friendly eyes is the fact that they have adopted financing methods of which we don't approve.

You and I have been taught to believe that we'd better do without a thing unless we have the money to pay for it. To us that seems to be safe and sane thrift doctrine.

But when corporations became numerous they adopted another plan. They decided not to wait until they could pay for what they wanted if they could borrow money with which to make the purchase. They began to load upon themselves "deferred charges."

Certain charges of this kind, of course, are justified; when it can be proved without the shadow of a doubt that what will be earned by borrowed money is more than the cost of the loan, borrowing is justified. But not otherwise.

So intelligent thrift practice in the home and the family can be measured by the same test. If you're going into debt to buy a home you should be able to demonstrate mathematically by borrowing money to buy a home you will in the end save more in rent than the cost of the land and house, repairs and taxes and insurance.

You have no business to place any "deferred charge" upon your individual resources or those of your family that those who come after you will not cheerfully pay because they recognize that it is a just charge. The test ought to be:

"If I should die tomorrow would my heirs prefer to go on meeting these charges rather than allow them to be defaulted?" It is when the answer of either the individual or a new board of corporation directors is in the negative that we see the unwisdom of much borrowing in anticipation of benefits or earnings.

If you're honest, "deferred charges" have to be met, and if you have had much experience you will know that it isn't often that the future develops as well as you think it will.—John M. Oskinson in Chicago News.

Fixing the Blame.

She—I wonder what makes the baby so wakeful? He—Hereditarily. That's what comes of you sitting up at night waiting for me to get home!—Philadelphia Ledger.

Avoid arguments if possible, and especially avoid them if impossible.—Judge.

The Duke Struck It.

"The duke was about bankrupt when he married Miss Millyuns."
"Then you don't think it was a love match?"
"No; it was a safety match from the duke's point of view."—New York Globe.

He Took It.

While James H. Beard, the artist, was painting a portrait of Zachary Taylor he said to him, "Well, general, I suppose you are to be our next president?"

"I hope not," grunted the bluff old hero. "No military man has any business in the presidential chair, but if they offer it to me I suppose I'll be fool enough to accept it."
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The care of soldiers' feet is one of the important things in war. A soldier is no better than his feet. Many things enter into the sum total of military efficiency, but two of the great factors making for efficiency in troops are marksmanship and marching power. Infantry that cannot march would be as unfit as infantry that could not shoot. It may be because of the importance of the feet in infantry that the men of that branch of the service are called "foot troops." Infantry without good feet would be more useless than cavalry without mounts, artillery without cannon or a flying corps without an aeroplane.

Napoleon has been credited with saying that an army marches upon its stomach, which, of course, is true as far as it goes. Soldiers to bring or maintain their efficiency at the highest point must be adequately fed, and a world of endeavor has been put forth by brainy men to insure the proper supply of food, to put into the ration the constituents needed by the human system and to have the food well cooked. But it is just as true, figuratively as well as literally, that an army marches on its feet.

When a recruit or a prospective recruit comes up for his physical examination the examining surgeon gives just about as much attention to the applicant's feet as to his lungs, heart, kidneys, teeth, vision and hearing. He will not pass a man with flat feet, because that man could not march. He will insist on a certain amount of arch to the foot. Too high an arch, which, however, is rare in men, would result in his rejection. Any defect in the feet which would militate against his endurance on the march would be a cause for rejection of the man.

With the recognition of the importance of the soldier's foot came long and earnest study and experimentation with the soldier's sock and his shoe. The sock question was soon satisfactorily adjusted. The necessity of frequent bathing of the feet, especially on the march, was early determined on, and woolen socks, light or heavy, according to the season, were decided on for marching men. Fresh and clean socks are insisted on, and a sock with a hole in it or a sock that has been darned is not to be worn. At least that is the idea as developed in the American military service. In the matter of the fit of a soldier's socks it is prescribed in regulations that "the socks will be large enough to permit free movement of the toes, but not so loose as to permit wrinkling."

When it came down to the study of the shoe the military men had a serious problem which it is believed in this country to have been correctly solved and with the result that the best of the American army are the best shod troops in the world. The cost of the United States army shoe, garrison or marching, is in round figures \$3, and so popular is it with the men of the army that they rarely buy a pair of private shoes for use when absent from post on pass or on furlough. The quartermaster shoe of the present day is considered an excellent specimen of the shoemaker's art and is vastly different in fit and finish from the army shoe of a generation ago.

In those states where these shoes are issued by the national government to the organized militia it is one of the perplexities of the national guard officers to keep their men from wearing the shoes in civil life.

Before the foot and shoe fit question came under the study of men concerned with the efficiency of troops there was always a great deal of foot soreness among the soldiers on the march.

This trouble was always severe and annoying among new troops and among old troops with new shoes. The old idea was to equip a soldier with a pair of shoes that would wear long. The sturdiness and durability of the shoe was the main consideration. There was very little consideration for the foot that went inside the shoe. If the shoe was large enough and not very much too large for the man the matter was thought to be settled. Foot trouble among regular troops on the march has been greatly reduced, but of course has not been eliminated. Probably that ideal never will be attained.

A soldier's marching efficiency depends not alone on the size or what is commonly called the "fit" of the shoe, but on the shape. It has been said that Dr. Herman Meyer was the first to formulate the theory that the great toe must lie in such a position that its axis when carried backward shall pass through the center of the heel. The foot is a lever of the second class; the fulcrum is at the ball and great toe and power at the heel, which is transmitted through the tendo-Achilles from the calf muscles and the weight of the body between. This lever is the prime factor in walking or marching. The leg and body muscles balance the load or shift the levers, which are the foot.—Washington Star.

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Pour a wave mountain high on the ship, mixing the passengers briskly together; then turn the entire mass suddenly into the sea. Put the young man's arm providentially against a floating spar, chicken coop or a door torn off a stateroom. Have another convenient wave sweep the maid in his direction. Put in a "strong young arm." Add "then all grew black."

Drop in a sandy beach unexpectedly. Put the hero on the beach. Have him "come to" with the sun shining brightly or brightly. Close by put the maid, a la daughter of the skipper of the schooner Hesperus, minus the salt sea being frozen on her breast.

Inject into the situation at this point one handy cave, with another ditto near by. Add signals daily to passing ships. After basking thoroughly for six months on the island put in a rescue after hope had been abandoned, a trip to the good old U. S. A. and one church close to the corner. Mix in sufficient detail to suit, place in an attractive cover and serve to the public at \$1.35 per serve.—Indianapolis News.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

Code of Honor by Which Their Treatment Is Governed.

In ancient times prisoners of war were killed unless, of course, the belligerents found it more profitable to exchange or liberate them for ransom. But today nations are bound to one another by a code of honor which forbids inhuman treatment of prisoners.

Prisoners are subjected to no punishment in any form. Neither must they be placed in a convict prison, although they may be detained in a fortress, camp or town. A reasonable supply of nourishment must be provided them by their captors, and they are regarded as being in the power of the government of the captor and not under the control of those who actually capture them.

All personal belongings remain in the custody of the prisoner, but arms, horses and military papers can be confiscated, these constituting booty.

Governments can put their prisoners of war to work, but only such work as accords with the prisoner's rank and capacity; also the work must not be excessive or relate to military matters, and in all cases must the labor be paid for.

A prisoner always lives in hope of being exchanged for a prisoner of his own government. The exchange is effected in accordance with agreements, in which time, place and method of exchange are fully detailed. This is generally that of strict equivalents, man for man, rank for rank, disability for disability.

An officer can obtain a greater freedom of movement or certain privileges while being a prisoner of war if he makes out a parole, a written or verbal promise. An officer giving his parole pledges his honor to refrain from a particular course of conduct, and if he makes a breach of this guarantee he is liable to the extreme penalty.—Pearson's Weekly.

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