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TO SHAVE OR NOT TO SHAVE.

FROM the small matter of feminine mustaches in Germany has sprung up a European newspaper discussion of beards in general which is second only in intensity to the war question.

Just why our nation has looked askance at elaborate beards it would be an interesting task for the historians to figure out. Perhaps merely because we are conservative and when our nation took its birth from England clean shaving was the order of the day. Prior to that, beards had been in and out time and again among our ancestors. But with the reign of Queen Anne every vestige of beard, mustache and whisker vanished, and throughout the days of the colonies, when Americans were fixing their speech and dress and habits, hair was not.

Guardsmen began to cultivate mustaches in England again around the days of Waterloo, and the "Piccadilly weepers" marked the climax of returning hair in the '60s. But America never followed this lead with much enthusiasm. Beards of a modest sort were not infrequent in the '80s and '90s, but, taking their record throughout, Americans have well earned their reputation of being clean shaven.

Perhaps we might be more decorative if we were bearded like Abraham, Agamemnon and King Arthur. But what is the use of going behind a national resolve? There is something essentially American about a clean-shaven face. Frankness, keenness, good nature, efficiency—who knows how many of our best characteristics might disappear if we abandoned our national habits in search of art.

EXPERTS DO NOT ALWAYS KNOW.

THE experts are already figuring out how the European war must end and to whom the victory must fall. No doubt those skilled in war can make a more plausible statement as to the final result than the layman, but there is the personal equation, the combination of circumstances that the expert cannot see any better than the average man. All they can do is to estimate the probabilities with the equations before them. The Russo-Japanese war somehow failed to materialize along the lines the experts laid down, and it will be remembered that many of the predictions as to what was certain to happen in the Spanish-American war never got ripe. It will probably be so in the present contest, and what will happen will be far different from what under usual circumstances would happen. Occasionally a "50-to-1" horse comes under the wire and carries off the money while the favorite is an "also ran." It is the same in boxing contests, boat racing and all other sports, and it is much the same in all the affairs of life. Just what will occur in Europe will be definitely known after it has happened, and until that time it is useless to speculate about it.

FINISHING OF THE BIG DITCH.

IT SEEMS but a short time since Uncle Sam took charge of the work of digging the big ditch through the Isthmus of Panama, and yet the end of the job is in sight. Saturday the first ships are to be passed through it, and it will be open to all ships up to a certain draft. For some time we have been talking about getting ready for the big rush of people from Europe and a vast increase in business that would follow the opening of the canal, and now that event is upon us. As it happens, there will not be a big rush of immigrants from Europe for some time at least, as the little differences of opinion now being settled over there precludes practically the desire of many to get away. However, this will pass before long, and so it is well to "prepare to get ready" for what is coming, just as we have been doing.

See America first should become quite the popular cry, especially when the globe trotters get home and tell all about it—and more.

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If you will notice this morning's newspapers, or those of any other morning, you will observe that the important telegraphic news of the day, especially the war news, is the same as that published in the evening papers of the day before. Owing to the difference in time, the evening paper on the Pacific coast covers all the daylight period at the scene of war. The morning papers have only the events of the night to chronicle, with war offices and all other reliable sources of news closed while they are engaged in gathering the news. All they can do, therefore, is to re-write the news printed in the evening papers and let it go at that.

A divorce suit in Portland, in which the holy bonds of wedlock were severed at the request of the husband, discloses that the wife amused herself and also made it lively for the old man by throwing dishes at him. This sounds reasonable enough so long as the amount of dishes thrown was not unreasonable, but it is hard to believe the assertion made in the complaint, and evidently believed by the judge, that she hit what she threw at. However, the husband as "exhibit A" showed the effects of the lady's marksmanship and the deadliness of the family breakfast dishes when used as projectiles by an irate woman with her sights aligned so she scored a bull's eye every shot.

It might be a wise thing to change the election laws so congressmen could at least spend their extra mileage for campaign purposes.

The front of "Grim-Visaged War" takes on an additional wrinkle or two every day. The last one is marked Switzerland.

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

Boyhood Lore.
In order to catch a good string of fish in Virginia or Vermont, or anywhere else for that matter, it is only necessary to bait the hook with a nice, wriggly anglerworm, make a wish and expectorate on the unfortunate bait and place the line in the water. Fish will respond almost immediately.

Snake feeders (dragon flies) along streams or in marshes indicate to all boys the imminence of snakes. All boys take warning upon seeing this insect and give the snake which it is attending a wide berth. Nobody has ever seen a snake feeder arranging the snake's lunch, but it is known to be positively true that the insect is the snake's chef.

Rebus Puzzle.
"If your B is not put:
If your B, putting:
If your grate be (great B) empty put coat on (color); if your grate be full stop (period) putting coat on (color).

Simple Arithmetic.
A fair division makes two happy little negroes.

Musical Monkeys.
A learned professor has been studying the effect of music upon the animals at the Paris zoo. He found the monkeys quite partial to ragtime, especially if it is played on violin or flute, and they stopped eating or scratching or jumping about to listen. Elephants and rhinoceroses took no notice of either ragtime or better things, but the hippopotamus put his head out of the water and listened as if he were enjoying it, a waltz by the famous composer Offenbach.

Out of the Postman's Bag.
1. To remain on one's feet, lose two letters and become a shade of brown.
2. To feel about with the hands, lose a letter and become a thick cord.
Answer.—1. S-t-n-d. 2. G-rope.

The Tale of an Elk.
This is the tale of an elk.
Scarce any tale at all—
But how can you have a long tale?
When the tail of an elk is small!

Glory and Goodness

We can't all rise to shining heights of glory, we can't all climb Fame Mountain's snowy hood, but we can make our lives all hunky-dory, and worth the while, if we will but be good. The lust for wealth bespeaks the spirit's blindness; when I am dead I'd rather have folks say, "His heart possessed the milk of human kindness," than have them speak of seeds I put away. A little fame too often makes us haughty, makes us forget that we're but common mud, and we swell up, until, becoming doty, we take a fall, and make a sick'ning thud. When we've success in sordid worldly matters, we feel contempt for all the ones who fail; we view with scorn the poor man's rags and tatters, and heedless hear the hungry orphan's wail. We waste our lives in tawdry triumphs winning, for useless gawds we strive and toil and grind; and even now, as at the world's beginning, the kind heart beats the proud and mighty mind. Let us be good, be kind, oh man and maiden, let us be true, and squarely play the game, and we'll stack high among the hosts of Aiden, and that will beat your little Hall of Fame.

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THOSE UBIQUITOUS WARSHIPS.
Brindia, Italy, Aug. 12.—The German cruiser Goeben, which, with the cruiser Breslau, had been dodging British and French warships in the Mediterranean for several days, was reported here today to have taken refuge in the Dardanelles.

The rumor was unverified, and from German sources doubts were expressed concerning its accuracy, on the ground that German naval commanders' orders were to fight, not to flee.

The Breslau was unaccounted for.

Keeping Up With Uncle Sam

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IF BACK HURTS BEGIN ON SALTS
Flush the Kidneys at Once When Back-ache or Bladder Bothers—Meat Forms Uric Acid.

No man or woman who eats meat regularly can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which clogs the kidney pores so they sluggishly filter or strain only part of the waste and poisons from the blood, then you get sick. Nearly all rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, constipation, dizziness, sleeplessness, bladder disorders come from sluggish kidneys.

The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys or your back hurts, or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage, or attended by a sensation of stinging, get about four ounces of Jad Salts, from any reliable pharmacy and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia and has been used for generations to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to activity, also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer causes irritation, thus ending bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is inexpensive and cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia water drink which all regular meat eaters should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and the blood pure, thereby avoiding serious kidney complications.

CARRYING MONEY TO STRANDED AMERICANS
Paris, Aug. 12.—Money was being distributed today by the United States embassy here among 5500 Americans whom the war stranded in Paris.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, as special messenger for Walter H. Page, the United States ambassador in London, was on his way by automobile to Switzerland to notify Americans there that arrangements were being made with Swiss banks to cash their drafts, checks and letters of credit. He carried a French permit to traverse France and pass military lines.

Mrs. Anita McLaughry, the late "Lucky" Baldwin's daughter, has contributed \$5000 to help Americans in France and \$2000 toward the fund for the support of families of French soldiers at the front.

London, Aug. 2.—Headed by Dr. John Finley, representatives of the American relief committee here were about to leave today for Germany to assist Americans stranded there. It was said many of them were destitute. The relief workers will make their trip under Red Cross auspices.

DIED IN PORTLAND: BURIED HERE TODAY
John R. Mitchell, father of Fred Mitchell, who lives at Fruitland, was buried this afternoon in Lee Mission cemetery. He was 71 years old at the time of his death, which took place in Portland. He was a former Salem resident and ex-Methodist minister. After his ministry ceased, he moved to Fruitland, bought a farm, and, though he was a member of the First Methodist church here, transferred to Fruitland.

His wife died three years ago and he then went to Portland and entered the Old People's home, where he was apparently happy and contented as he expressed himself as being pleased to have a home and attention during his old age. However, on July 7, he disappeared from the home and up to several days ago no trace of him could be found.

Last Saturday a woman and her children were out picking berries near the Mt. Scott cemetery near Portland and found the body of the old man. It was badly decomposed, but by means of the clothing it was identified as that of John R. Mitchell. The son at Fruitland was notified and the body brought here yesterday, to rest beside that of his wife.

GERMAN CRUISERS SAID TO BE AWAITING FOR RAINBOW
San Francisco, Aug. 12.—Reports that two German cruisers, the Nürnberg and Leipzig, were waiting in the offing outside the heads to give battle to British warships and seize contraband of war could not be verified here today.

The Canadian cruiser Rainbow was reported today north of Point Arena, awaiting two British submarines which are being towed south to meet her. The cruiser was expected to pick up today, the commanders of the United States cruisers South Dakota and West Virginia said they sighted the Leipzig early yesterday morning near this port.

The exact position of the British gunboats Algerine and Shearwater was not known here. Reports that they were en route north with the French cruiser Montcalm to join forces with the Rainbow and the two submarines to give battle to the Germans could not be confirmed.

More flotsam was picked up along the ocean beach in the vicinity of the south end life saving station today. Reports from Esquimaux naval station, near Victoria, B. C., that the flotsam came from the cruiser Rainbow when that vessel stripped for action were believed here to be true. It was said that Captain Hose of the Rainbow had announced he cleared his ship for action so he would not be taken by surprise.

EASY TO DARKEN YOUR GRAY HAIR
Try This! Mix Sage Tea and Sulphur and Brush It Through Your Hair, Taking One Strand at a Time.

When you darken your hair with Sage Tea and Sulphur, no one can tell, because it's done so naturally, so evenly. Preparing this mixture, though, at home is messy and troublesome. For 50 cents you can buy at any drug store the ready-to-use tonic called "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy." You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. By morning all gray hair disappears, and, after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully darkened, glossy and luxuriant. You will also discover dandruff is gone and hair has stopped falling.

Gray, faded hair, though no disgrace, is a sign of old age, and as we all desire a youthful and attractive appearance, get busy at once with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur and look years younger.

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MURDERED BY TRAMPS.
Portland, Ore., Aug. 12.—Sheriff J. Rooney, 30, a railroad man of Fossil, Idaho, whose body, with two deep knife wounds in the throat, was found near the O. W. R. & N. tracks at Fruitland, was murdered by tramps for the purpose of robbery.

No weapon with which the stabbing might have been done was found near the body.