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Sock Knitting.

The following note on How to finish off the toe of socks being knitted for the soldiers by the ladies of the Halton and South Yorks Batts. will be of interest to the workers and satisfaction to the Committee in charge.

TOE—Divide the 67 stitches between the three needles, 23 on each. 1st row—Knit together 1st and 2nd stitches on each needle. 2nd row—Knit together 2nd and 3rd stitches on each needle. 3rd row—Knit together 3rd and 4th stitches on each needle. And so on, beginning again with 1st and 2nd stitches after reaching the last stitches on each needle. Decrease to nine stitches. Draw wool through stitches, and darn in carefully.

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Home Garden Contest

It is generally recognized that farmers as a rule do not appreciate the value of a kitchen garden. People living in towns and cities usually have a greater variety of vegetables in their back yards than will be found on the farm. With a view to encouraging the use of the greater variety of vegetables in the farm home and at the same time to introduce more desirable varieties than are generally grown, the Department of Agriculture purposes conducting a Home Garden Contest in this County which the following regulations will cover:

1. Boys between the ages of 12 and 15 will be given preference in placing these contests.
2. Each garden will be 30x20 feet in size. The following will be grown in each garden, one seed of which will be supplied by the Department free of cost—Strawberries, corn, cabbage, pea, beans, onions, green onions, spinach, radish, lettuce, parsnips, beets, carrots and salsify.
3. A blueprint showing the size of garden and arrangement of crop will be supplied to each contestant also directions as to preparing the land, planting, care, etc.
5. The D.S.R.C. Representative will inspect the garden after which the prizes will be given as follows—1st prize, \$5.00; 2nd prize, \$3.00; 3rd prize, \$2.00.

This contest should be viewed with favor as there is an opportunity of getting garden supplies at a very small cost and as previously stated, varieties being the best to date.

Entries should be forwarded to the Department of Agriculture, Cayuga, before March 18.

Geo. L. Woltz, District Representative

Farm Labor Supplies

The local office of the Department of Agriculture has just received insurance from the Bureau of Colonization on that prospect are bright and applying the demands of our farmers, such a fairly good class of help. Agents of the Bureau of Colonization have been at work in the United States for some time and report that single experienced men can obtain a contract for approximately \$25 a month on a year contract and approximately \$30 a month for terms of 3 months. Married men are asking from \$300 to \$360 per annum with room, house and garden. There are no inexperienced men and boys at prices ranging from \$10 per month up.

Farmers desirous of procuring labor will do well to get in touch with the office at once and proper form or application will be supplied. For further particulars address J. L. Woltz, Cayuga.

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No. 67 to St. Thomas	" 8:45 p.m.
No. 126 to Canfield Junction	" 8:15 a.m.
No. 128 to Canfield Junction	" 6:50 p.m.
No. 123 to Port Dover	" 10:55 a.m.
No. 124 to Port Dover	" 8:45 p.m.
No. 72 to Port Rowan via Pt. Dover and Simcoe	Departs 7:10 p.m.

WRESTLING WITH ENGLISH

Joyous Course in Conversation in a Brazilian Handbook.

Occasionally are heard expressions of discouragement that the South American do not respond warmly enough to our efforts to win their confidence. Let the doubting peruse the pages of a booklet published in the city of Para, a copy of which has been received by a merchant dealing with Brazilian firms.

"English For the Mass" is the title of it, translated by the author. Apparently the "mass" in Brazil, whoever it may be, need not be very fastidious in the matter of spelling, for the first ten or twelve pages, devoted entirely to utomms of words, would not earn a very high percentage in a primary school examination.

"Conversations for the Daily" is the leading of the first round of this battle with English syntax. Then follows a sample of a "conversation" that should take place between two Americans meeting each other out walking.

"Good morning, sir, is it not the day here?"

"Very pleasantly, thank you, and how are you?"

"Very goodly, with your permission, sir. Are you walking?"

"Yes, sir, for the health. Will you read some fast with me?"

"Gracious, yes. Shall we go to the office?"

"With pleasantness, sir. Let us eat and read."

And so each lesson progresses until he mass is supposed to be so advanced as to be able to enjoy a more scholarly essay on "The American Sellsman."

"The American Sellsman," writes the author, "is typically of an energy which is to admire in the warmth of tropics. If a youthfulness generally, he breathes lively and walks springly, searching the customer loyally for the item his."

"To all he greets smiles, and one is to admire his frank. He is fresh of the old northerly. Yet under the breast of the American sellsman beats the heart varminess, therefor let us give greeting miles with two hands open to him crying 'welcome to Brazil, Mister.'"

Need the United States business man be discouraged with such a greeting awaiting his commercial representatives when they sail south to capture the South American trade?

The Russian Moujik.

After he had smashed a Russian army and overrun a province Napoleon collected the moujiks and told them that henceforth they belonged to him and France. They glared at him and gave him the lie. He shot some of them, but the rest were adamant.

Then he had one moujik branded on the left arm with the letter N. "Now," he said, "you belong to me." The moujik lifted to the conqueror's face his bloodshot eyes under his shaggy mane of hair, and then, seizing a hatchet, lopped off the left arm and let the bleeding limb fall at Napoleon's feet.

"That is yours," he growled, "but the rest of my body and my heart belong to holy Russia and the czar!" And from that hour Napoleon realized what he was up against.

A Punctured Metaphor.

"Did you write this note to Maria?" asked the young woman's mother.

"Yes," replied the susceptible youth.

"And you considered it proper to remark that her teeth were pearls?"

"It's customary to say things like that."

"Well, young man, let me tell you something. If Maria's teeth were pearls she wouldn't be wastin' 'em on ham and cabbage an' chocolate drops. She'd string 'em an' wear 'em around her neck an' take her chances on an imitation set of household jewelry for everyday work from the store."

Bridal Customs in Spain.

In Spain a bride has no girl attendants to stand at the altar with her, but instead a "madrina" or godmother. Neither does she have a wedding cake nor any festive going away after the ceremony. The wedding pair depart quietly to their new home, where they remain until the following day, when they start on their honeymoon. Before departing they pay a formal visit to their respective relatives.

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MAKE EXERCISE PLAY.

To Get the Best Results It Must Be Thoroughly Enjoyed.

When you exercise, play. That is one of the points most strongly urged to the attention of the public in recently published public health reports.

No matter whether you are walking, gardening, exercising in a gymnasium or playing golf, keep your exercise free from the spirit of drudgery and make it all recreation. Make it as enjoyable as anything you may do throughout the entire day. If you don't much of the good that it might do you is lost.

"The very best thing a man can do," says the report, "is to make a hobby of his exercise. No matter how poor the hobby, if it induces outdoor exercise it is perfectly justifiable."

The woman who is obliged to take her baby out for two hours' air every day is far more fortunate than she often realizes.

The only advice the report offers the man who is going to take up a hobby for the benefit of the resulting exercise is to choose one that permits of its being followed the year round rather than one that depends upon seasons of the year.

For that reason the amateur gardener or chicken fancier is far more fortunate in his choice than the amateur geologist, botanist or ornithologist. The latter must wait on the seasons and must find favorable locations for indulging their hobbies, while the former have year round pastimes.

His First "Invention."

Edison's taste for inventing began when he was quite a little boy, although the first time he attempted to be original he was a failure.

One day, when he was about five years old, his parents missed him for quite a long time. After a prolonged and fruitless search all over the house his elder sister happened to go into the cow house, where she discovered the missing boy sitting on the floor, his clothes smothered in broken eggs.

"What on earth are you doing there, Tom?" she asked in astonishment.

"Well," replied the youthful genius bravely, "I thought if the hens could hatch eggs by sitting on them so could I!"

Ancients and the Aurora Borealis.

Many people believe that the aurora borealis is a phenomenon peculiar to modern times. But this is not true. The ancients used to call it chasmanata, bolides and trapes, names which expressed the different colors of the lights. The scarlet aurora was looked on by the superstitious barbarians as an omen of direful slaughter, so it is not unusual for descriptions of bloody battles to contain allusions to northern lights. In the annals of Cloon-mac-noise it is recorded that in 688 A. D., accompanying a terrible battle between Lestler and Munster, Ireland, a purple aurora lit the northern skies, foretelling the slaughter.

Dark Stars.

It is reasonable to assume that the number of stars in space having a temperature so low that their radiations do not affect our eyes or photographic plates is extremely large. That these invisible stars are far more numerous than the luminous stars is suggested by F. A. Lindemann, who attempts in the Monthly Notices a rough calculation of their relative number based on the assumption that new stars (novae) are due to collisions. He concludes that there are about 4,000 times as many dark stars as bright ones.

Man's Will is All His Own.

True education lies in learning to wish things to be as they actually are. It lies in learning to distinguish what is our own from what does not belong to us. But there is only one thing which is fully our own—that is our will or purpose. God, acting as a good king and a true father, has given us a will which cannot be restrained, compelled or thwarted. He has put it wholly in our power. * * * Nothing can ever force us to act against our will. If we are conquered it is because we have willed to be conquered.

His Reward.

"Willie," called his mother from the head of the stairs, "did you wipe your feet before you came in?"

"Yessum," replied the young hopeful.

"Did you close the door carefully behind you?"

"Yessum."

"Did you hang up your hat?"

"Yessum."

"Very well. Then you may practice your music lesson."

A Much Needed Improvement.

"Do you believe that we should have a more elastic currency?" asked the man who always talks national finance.

"Not much," snorted the man with the shiny clothes. "It's elastic enough now. What they ought to do is make it more adhesive."

Other People's Burdens.

If we could read the secret history of our enemies we should find in each man's life sorrow and suffering enough to disarm all hostility.

What Did He Mean?

"Have you noticed, my friend, how many fools there are on earth?"

"Yes, and there's always one more than you think."

Barbed.

Agriculture is the chief pursuit in Barbados, and without doubt the island is the most intensely cultivated spot in the West Indies. Sugar is the chief crop and has been from those times that, wherever it grows, it has been busy at all.

A Great Business Man's View of Recruiting



A considerable discussion has been aroused by a speech on the present methods of recruiting made by Lord Shaugnessy before the Montreal Board of Trade on March 9th. The attached complete report is of interest, showing that this speech was not anti-recruiting but was a criticism of unrecruiting methods of hurriedly authorizing new units while many of the other battalions are still far below their strength and without the consideration for the possibility of considerable delay in the transportation to Europe. Lord Shaugnessy suggests an improvement on the present methods of recruiting, namely that employers should prepare careful and intelligent canvas lists of employees who are of military age.

To-day, said Lord Shaugnessy, we had called 275,000 men. Of these 70,000 had gone to the front, about 60,000 are in camp in England, and over 130,000 are under arms in Canada.

"Some of the first contingent are still in camp in England meantime we have 130,000 men here, representing an outlay of \$10,000,000, or probably \$12,000,000 a month, who by the process I know of can be moved across for a very long time to be better to have moved more slowly and saved some \$5,000,000 a month for use hereafter but we have them now and must maintain them."

"But will it be wise for us, with these 130,000 men to go on increasing our financial responsibility, increasing the debt of the country, and therefore decreasing our ability to be of financial service to the Empire when the time comes if it should, when we are called upon for such assistance? (Applause.)"

RESORT TO CONSCRIPTION.

"If the time comes we must make any sacrifice whatever to get the requisite number of troops to the front to save the situation. We must resort to conscription if necessary, although I do not think we are prepared for that or that it will be necessary."

"But should not we follow different methods, confine ourselves to the units approaching completion rather than authorize more new battalions every day and start a competition that cannot but have bad results? In the Montreal district we have the 73rd nearly full the 87th in the same position, and the 148th, 150th, 162nd, 199th and 206th needing all told 3,331 men, the French Canadian battalions needing 2,267."

"Yesterday I noticed another unit authorized in Point St. Charles. In this wise? Does it not occur to you as business men, that you would hesitate about building up an additional force of from 40,000 to 60,000 men, at a proportionate increase in expenditure without any prospect of their getting across for a year or 14 months at any rate?"

"As to recruiting, Lord Shaugnessy suggested that employers should prepare lists of employees of military age who might be canvassed, not with a view to pressure, but for careful and intelligent canvass. The commanding officers could apportion these names to prevent overlapping."

"This, I think," he said, "would be effective. Then in three or four months, when some of our troops have gone to the front and been replaced in England by others from here, we can fill their places, and in any event we must provide to supply losses from military wastage." (Applause.)

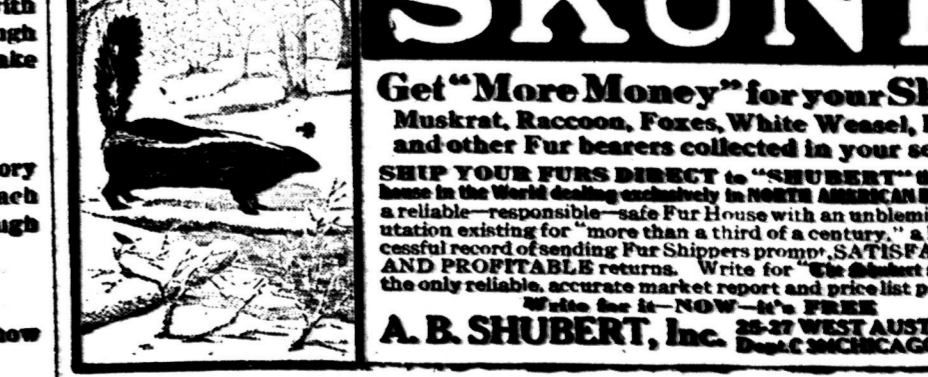
If we were to attempt to raise 500,000 or add 225,000 to our present army we would be making a draft upon the working population of this country that would be seriously felt within the past few days I have received a communication from the Agricultural Department asking if the C. P. R. could not lend its assistance towards bringing 10,000 Russian

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