Voice of the Press

Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

CANADA

Eating More Meat

Canadians are becoming larger meat eaters, to the benefit of the livestock industry. The Ottawa Bureau of Statistics announces the consumption of meats in Canada in 1931 was estimated at 1,540 million pounds, an increase of 54 million pounds over the estimate for the previous year. Beef figures showed a decrease, and pork and mutton figures an increase. The per capita consumption of meats was estimated at 148.16 pounds for 1931, compared with 145.61 in the previous year.—Brandon Sun.

Canada's Second Big Crop

While all eyes are fixed on the wheat crop, it is pertinent to note that Canada is this year also producing a crop of oats that is estimated to run 422,000,000 bushels. Over the great part of Canada oats take the place that corn holds in the central states, as the standard feed crop. Only a small portion of the oat crop is exported as grain. A moderate percentage goes into the canned goods that figures in the kitchen at breakfast time. The bulk of the crop is fed to horses or turned into beef and pork and mutton and milk and eggs. A big oat crop is the signal that "mixed farming" is to hold its place, and a large place, in Canadian farm operations during the coming year. That is the only way in which the oats can be turned to account.—Edmonton Bulletin.

Dining Car Simplicity

We are hearing much these days about reductions in the two great railway systems in their efforts to cut down their ordinary running expenses. This office and that is being done away with, and this economy and that is being affected, to help the system to its feet. But there is one side of things which does not appear to have received attention. We refer to the elaborate menus served on the trains from which travellers are compelled to select their meals, and from which it is next to impossible to get a decent meal with the cost running far beyond what any but the extremely wealthy are able to afford. There may be some few who are able to order what they will regardless of cost, but their number is few and it is decreasing. We suggest that some consideration should be shown to the rank and file and that simplicity in the diner and in the hotel would not only be in line with public sentiment, but would also bring in a better return to the railways and hotels, benefiting all parties.—Halifax Chronicle.

Beyond the Pale

Drinking and driving cannot be allowed to go together, and the man who insists that he is going to combine the two operations puts himself outside the pale of sympathy and deserves nothing better than to lose the right to operate a motor car.—Peterborough Examiner.

Juvenile Delinquency

The only question is, in breaking away from the inhumanity of the past, are we swinging too far in the other direction? There is much juvenile delinquency, and if it is habitually treated with sentiment at forbearance, one despairs of any improvement. It is not fair to the young offenders themselves to be let off too lightly; they should be made to realize that laws are made to be observed by young and old alike and that no orderly community can tolerate acts of brigandage. If a boy—still more a group of boys—have wrong notions about the gravity of crime, it is kindness to them to put them up short before their propensities land them into lasting trouble. The harsh methods of 1872 have gone, let us hope, never to return; but it is a moot point whether the methods of 1932 are perfect.—Hamilton Spectator.

Woolen Mills For Alberta

A recent announcement indicated that prospects are bright for the establishment of a woolen mill in Calgary. As Alberta annually produces about 3,500,000 pounds of wool, and as a fair-sized woolen mill operates at a capacity of some 500,000 pounds of wool in the grease, and a large mill from 1,000,000 upwards, it is obvious that the annual wool clip in this province is keeping several large mills outside the province busy. The woolen industry, as distinct form others, enjoys perhaps the longest economic life of all industries for the reason that it is not extractive in the sense that other industries exhaust the sources or their raw material. Many woolen mills have been in existence a century in the same location. Hence the establishment of an up-to-date woolen mill in Calgary infers the establishment of a basic industry whose life, under proper conditions, should continue for generations. — Calgary Herald.

THE EMPIRE

Australia's Recovery

Australia has still a hard road to travel and privations still to endure. She will not fully regain her former prosperity until, by co-operative international effort, the trade and prosperity of the whole world have been restored. But it is already possible to say with confidence that the worst of her troubles are over and that the reward of her labours and of her sacrifices is now within sight. — London Times.

Scientific "Progress"

Gone is the old unquestioning rapture of the scientist of the Victorian age, who assumed as a matter of course that every triumph of mind over matter, every new harnessing of the forces of nature to the will of mankind must be an unqualified boon, and that all movement must be progress to a better and a happier state. The reflective scientist of today is not so sure. Ultimately, and in the long run perhaps, there must be benefit. But he cannot shut his eyes to the fact that while the mechanical sciences have added enormously to the pageantry and variety of modern life, they have produced by no means unmixed blessings. Industrialism's glaring sins of ommission and commission; the perverson of science to the perfecting of instruments of destruction; the terrible ruthlessness of revolving wheels; the smashing effect which a single new invention may have upon the lives and homes of thousands—these have to be remembered when we worship mechanical progress.—London Daily Telegraph.

Another Little Drink

The beverage of the Army today is tea. It is estimated that in the region of Salisbury Plain, where manoeuvres were in progress, between twenty-five and thirty cups of tea are sold to every one pint of beer. And, according to an officer, the tea-drinking soldier compares "damned well" with the old "beer-swiper." Old-fashioned soldiers will hear this, no doubt, with disgust, and suspect that the officer is biased in favour of the present-day soldier. But customs change in everything, and old soldiers (who never die) would find some reason to disaprove of the new soldier whatever he did.—London Evening News.

Eglish Irony

There are few things more mystifying to the foreigner or more satisfying to the student of national psychology than the vein of popular irony which crops out again and again in history in the English common man.

Shakespeare, of course, knew and loved it, witness (one example among many) Hamlet, Act iv., Sc. 6:

"First Sailor: God bless you, sir.

Horatio: Let him bless thee, too.

First Sailor: He shall, sir, an' please him."

That nonchalant mariner is the very ancestor of the troops who went into action singing "The Bells of Hell go ting-a-ling-a-ling": and today their younger brothers are facing the severest economic crisis of modern times with the chorus "Ain't it grand to be blooming well dead." England is all right.—Letter to The Spectator.

The Ottawa Agreements

If a revival of trade within the Empire is stimulated, as we may hope it will be, by the Ottawa agreements, then foreign countries stand to gain more from the rehabilitation of a great market than they may lose as a result of particular arrangements for Imperial purposes. It will be wise for critics both at home and abroad not to fasten on particular details of the agreements, but to judge them as a whole in the light of the object aimed at, which is to give an impetus to world recovery through tariff adjustments designed to promote the flow of trade between the largest group of nations in the world.—Glasgow Herald.

OTHER OPINIONS

Inevitable

A new war debts deal between the Allies and America has now become imminent as well as inevitable. There is reason to believe this country will accept its share of the necessary sacrifices when the time comes and with good grace—providing its sacrifices release constructive, not destructive forces.—New York World-Telegram.

Sermons in Stones

Roger Babson's gift of exhortation has impelled him to carve oratory inscriptions such as "Prosperity Follows Service," on various boulders in the vicinity of his summer home on the Annisquam shores. Another summer resident of the Gloucester region, Mrs. Leila Webster Adams, has expressed disapproval of this defacement of common rocks, which, in her judgment, look much better without the carved mottoes. It would be idle to pretend that all rocks are beautiful, but most persons who love the countryside would probably agree that "sermons in stones" are preferable when not of the literal kind.—Springfield Republican.

The actor was in trouble about his rent. The landlord called, exerting pressure. "Look here," said the tenant, "you ought to be glad to have a fellow like me in your flat. In a year or two's time people will be pointing to this house and saying 'Jones the actor used to live there'!" "Mister," said the landlord, "if you don't pay up, people will begin pointing to-morrow."

The Latest in Inventions

There's going to be much fun turning in fire alarms—especially "false alarms"—since they've introduced this contraption which holds you tight till the reels arrive.

Paris Claims Credit for Skyscrapers in United States

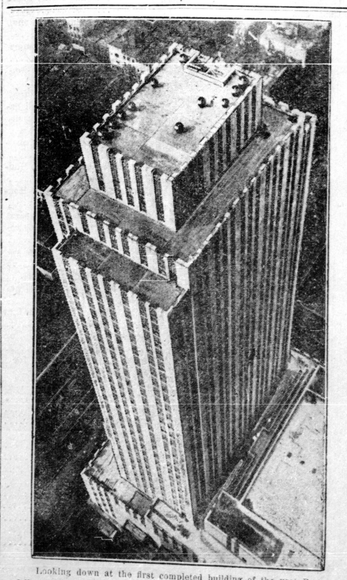
Paris has no skyscrapers—except, of course, the Eiffel Tower. Indeed, in all France there is no building that really could be called a skyscraper. Yet, writes the Paris correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor, M. Jacques Greber, well known French architect and professor at the Universite de Paris, who designed the Rodin Museum in Philadelphia, told a Paris audience that it was French, and particularly Parisian, influence on American architects which gave rise to the skyscraper style of building.

It was not until Americans began to come to Paris in considerable numbers to study at the Ecole des Beaux Arts, in the latter half of the nineteenth century, that the English influence on American architecture was modified. Then the French ideals of proportion and perspective began to be felt, and particularly, M. Greber holds, the American students of architecture were influenced by the vertical style of building which is the glory of so many late Gothic cathedrals in France.

24,074 New Titles Seen In German Book Output

German book production for 1931 amounted to 24,074 new titles, the lowest production for the previous nine-year period, with the exception of the year 1924. Production for the years 1927 to 1930 inclusive, follows: 1927, 31026; 1928, 27,794; 1929, 27,002; 1930, 26,961.

Over 90 per cent. of the books, or 22,066, were of German authorship, while the remainder were either translations, mostly from the English, Russian and French languages, especially French, English and Latin.



Looking down at the first completed building of the vast Rockefeller centre project in the heart of old Manhattan. Thirty-one storeys of iron and steel.

Mercantile Wonder

Milton MacKaye in The New Yorker

S. Klein grow rich by breaking all the well-established laws of retailing except those of honest value and honest dealing, and now his ramshackle store on Union Square, New York, does a gross of $25,000,000 a year. His personal income is more than $1,000,000 a year. Klein is to-day one of the wonders o fthe mercantile world, and the heads of great department stores come to his converted loft building to study his methods. Just this April, Gordon Selfridge, famous London merchant, sailed over to survey Klein's store, and commented that the ways of commerce had once more undergone revolution.

The Klein store deals only in women's and children's wear and it is the largest women's-wear shop in the world, despite the fact that its average sale price of a dress is less than $5. It is one of the bonafide "sights" of New York. On a Saturday thousands of ruthless and voracious women fill the aisles and elevators, pushing, jabbing, clawing, slugging their way toward bargains. All is fair and the only rule s a rule of self-preservation: keep a stiff knee in your neighbor's midriff and a firm hand on your pocketbook.

Klein doesn't dare use advertising. Every time he has announced special bargains in the newspapers there have been riots. The size of the crowds has forced him to close his doors, people have been injured, traffic has been paralyzed in the Square, and police reserves have been called out. Therefore, he advertises only to announce that the store is closing for a holiday, thus saving customers a futile trip to 14th Street.

The answer to Klein's success is four prices. Some of the prices just can't be believed: a sports dress for $1, a silk suit for $5, an evening dress for $7.75. Excellent styles and neat getups can be obtained by the occasional patient and well-armored shopper of taste.

Klein has adapted the cafeteria system to ready-to-wear. Monstrous racks run angular miles through the store. There are no clerks, no showcases, no folderol. Every customer thumbs through the racks, grabs what she wants before the woman behind her does, and carries her prize off to the dressing-rooms. On busy days the less modest gals have been known to hoist their skirts and get on with the business of fitting right in the middle of the store, but that practice is discouraged. In the dressing-rooms no overweening fastidiousness is tolerated. You can undress with half a dozen women or you can go somewhere else to trade.

Klein has a stock of between 200,000 and 200,000 garments and the stock changes constantly. If a dress does not sell in two weeks, it is automatically reduced in price. A garment priced at $4.45 is reduced in a fortnight to $3.45. If it fails to sell in two weeks fore it is cut to $2.45, and the process continues until the customer may have it for $1. Klein, to whom every inch of floor space is so much good dirt, cannot afford to have it in the shop. A system of stock control, which he devised, allows him to take inventory twice each day, an unheard of thing in business.

The son of a tailor, Klein was born in Russia, and came to New York when he was five. He attended public school only a few years. He obtained his first employment running errands for a clothing concern, ben he learned the cutter's trade. By scrimping and saving, he amassed $9 and started the manufacture of skirts in 1906, in one room. After six years, with a capital of $600, he set up shop as a price-cutting retailer. In those early days Klein's greatest assets were a pocketful of cash and the nose of a terrier for manufacturers in trouble. He knew goods and he knew workmanship and he could locate infallibly the firms which were about to close their doors. At the last minute before the sheriff came, Klein, his stocky shoulders hunched in an old brown coat, would appear with $500 in cash to buy the $2000 stock. He was hardboiled; and the bargain he drove he passed on to his customers.

It was a lucrative days, too, that he developed his "Beware of the Dog" methods of dealing with the shoplifter problem. Self-service is a great temptation to the light-fingered; so Klein has plastered all over the store great signs, printed in English, Italian, and Yiddish. They bear such legends as "Don't Disgrace Your Family!" and "The Punishment for Dishonesty is Jail," and each placard is adorned by a rude chromo of a distraught maiden peering from behind big, black bars. Girls on high platforms maintain a constant surveillance of the customers, and matrons in the dressing-rooms receive the comforting assurance that "Detectives Are Always Watching You."

Klein says that he loses $100,000 a year through shoplifting. When he apprehends a professional shoplifter, he prosecutes to the limit; it is a sort of insurance that his store should be known as tough hunting grounds. The kleptomaniac wife of a prominent man pilfered most of the Fifth Avenue shops and got away with it because of her husband's influence.h She was caught at Klein's and sent away to the island for three days despite everything her husband could do.

But where first offenders are concerned he shows a rich vein of understanding, and calls in a representa-

Prairie Provinces Value Fishery Output at Million

The fisheries production of the Prairie Provinces of Canada, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, says "Canada Week by Week," in 1931 was valued at $1,909,040, over $500,000 less than in the previous year. Nearly the whole of the commercial catch is sold for consumption fresh; the only prepared products are smoked goldeyes and tullibee in Manitoba.

The fisheries of Manitoba are of first importance with an output in 1931 valued at $1,241,575. Saskatchewan is second with $453,056 and Alberta third with $184,859. The fisheries production of the Yukon Territory was valued at $29,550. Whitefish is the principal item for the three provinces and the territory as a whole, the value of the output of the variety in the year under review totaling $779,698.

Pickerel is next in importance, followed by trout and tullibee.

Taking each province separately, whitefish is shown to be first in Saskatchewan and Alberta, while pickerel is first in Manitoba. Trout is found chiefly in Saskatchewan and Alberta, the catch in Manitoba being comparatively small. The total quantity of fish of all kinds caught in the three provinces and the territory in 1931 was 291,147,000 pounds.

Telephone Net Grows

London.—The Anglo-South African telephone service has been extended to include Johannesburg and Pretoria. The charge for a call from London to either of the places is £6 for the first three minutes, and £2 for each subsequent minute.

A man loses his time who comes early to a bad bargain.

Wild Life of Canada At $53,000,000 A

The value of the wild life of Canada has been estimated at 000,000 annually, the Honorable G. Murphy, Minister of the ... told those in attendance at the ...ial-Dominion Game Conference in Ottawa. This figure, he said, embrace the worth of pelts ...casses sold, the value of the firearms and ammunition, ... for hunters and sportsmen, ... transportation, guides and ...tions.

Murphy also pointed out ... of the people of Canada, especially Indians and Eskimos, depend ... wild life as their chief means ...hood, and called attention ... thetic value, the joy and delight ... the songs and the plumage ... and the study of their habits ... millions of citizens.—Detroit ...

...tive of some welfare agencies ... girl has responsible parents ... to them. Often the matter ... his presenting an outfit of ... the guilty girl together with ... tion to go and sin no more. ... the fluttering school girls ... ington Irving High School ... corner were considerably ... nuisance. Finally Klein ... rapprochement with the ... cipal. Schoolgirls now are ... rested when they sneak a dress over, Klein has created a special ... in custody of the principal. ... are told to keep a look ... youngsters whose poverty ... them before the other girls ... always a free outfit at Klein's ... one who comes with proper ... tials, and judges and social ... often draft the store into service.

Fifth Avenue stores must ... one-tenth of their gross ... rent; Klein's occupancy ... three-fourths of one per ... may turn over their stock ... four times a year; Klein turns ... 35 to 45 times a year. His ... no window space; he has no ... pets on his floors, and shop ... store is as brutal as ruthless ... let. But his overhead is less ... per cent. and that is why he ... money on a ten per cent. ...

Since he has no taste ... matters—he never goes to ... never reads a book—Klein ... swank, Klein's store and ... become his career. And ... unself-consciously and quite ... cally, he has become a social ... New York. His overwhelming ... of cheap dresses has made ... sible for the merest shopgirl ... at least to the unfunored ... world. Klein is interested ... recently the' he had made ... York. He want to behave ... happy than any other man ... and it probably is.

Now, in a manner, he is plan... drum up trade in the high ... brackets. Klein has made ... folk happy; perhaps he will ... thing for the rich. Somebody ...

Soviet Merges 7 Words For Linguistic Ex...

Moscow.—The Soviet ... combining one syllable each ... group of Russian words to ... single word, usually in cases ... of government departments ... izations, has produced the ... nine-letter appellation "Mos... shosportransport."

It is a contraction of the ... words meaning "Moscow ... Railroad, Highway and River ... port Bureau."

Some of the combinations ... ing a definite place in ... lexicon are:

Narkominyoel Commissariat ... Foreign Affairs; Narkomzem ... missariat for Labor; Narkom... Commissariat for Supply; ... Council of People's Commissars ... komzem, Commissariat for ... ture; Narkomput, Commissariat ... Transport; Gosindat, State Publishing Society.

600 Miles an Hour For Planes of Present

Ultimate top speed for ... with present wing characteristics ... 600 miles per hour, according ... clusions reached by the National ... visory Council for Aeronautics ... ing a series of experiments ... world's highest speed tunnel ... ley Field, Va. These tests, ... speeds as high as 880 miles ... demonstrated that present ... wing designs now employed ... prohibitive "drag" above 500 ... hour, says "Popular Mechanics ...zine."

Present-day propellers ... at 1,800 revolutions per ... may waste power, the ... showed. At that speed the ... blade is travelling so fast ... hinders rather ... said.

281,250 Seal Pelts Exp... in St. Louis for Furs

Approximately one ... twenty-five seals in the ... government herd of 1,250,000 ... that this summer started ... swim from the tropical ... Pribilof Islands in the ... of the Bering Sea, finally ... St. Louis. That is, the ... part of a seal in which ... world, and especially ... world, is interested. ... Louis for treating and dyeing ...

GIRLS OUT OF FASHION

Women of All Nations Slimming

...the world Kruschen Salts ... ...ing to girls and women who ... ...ing for an attractive free... ...figure.

...e the method, they are following ... ...le fat and being into shape ... the natural attractiveness that ... ...ess; every morning they ... ...ntelespoonful of Kruschen ... ...n a glass of warm water before ...

...e this every morning—within ... ...ter one—for "it's the daily ... that takes off the fat." When ... ...ion is taken daily, every particle ... ...ous waste matter and harm... ...ids and gases are expelled from ...

...e same time the stomach, liver, ... and bowels are toned up and ... fresh blood containing Nature's ... ...ing salts is carried ... organ, gland, nerve, and fibre ... body, and this is followed by ... ...Kruschen feeling," of cheerfulness ... and activity that is reflected in ... clear skin, cheerful vi... ...and a charming figure.

MINOR GIFTS

...e there be no intellectual gifts ... the production of chef-d'...vres? Surely God's dew falls ... ...ly flowers as well as on forests ... and many humble works bear ... ...ps of goodness!: Doubtless ... ...ere is a multiplicity of books, and ... ...ny more is but a drop in the ... Never mind! If all books ... ...e declined to win fame or im... ...ty; some will do their work by ... ...ing some few lonely souls, or ... ...ounds like drifting blood for cer... ...ter needs among men, at ... ...e they may be forgotten by to... —M. Dupanloup.

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Maintain Your Health
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SCOTT'S MULSION
of Norwegian Cod Liver Oil
To Build Resistance
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What's Wrong Puzzle

There are from fifteen to twenty mistakes in each of the cartoons which will appear weekly on this page. See if you can find them and then compare with list which will be published next week.

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Christmas in the Old Country

Give the Old Folks the best possible Christmas present by going to see them this year. Enjoy the thrill of doing your Christmas shopping in London, Glasgow or Paris. Low ocean rates still in force.

Ocean Rates		One Way	Return
Cabin	from	$104.	$192.
Tourist		89.	152.
Third		67.	119.

Nearly a century of sea-experience is back of the famous Cunard-Anchor-Donaldson service, accommodation and comfort.

Weekly sailings throughout the Fall

LAST SAILINGS FROM MONTREAL
Dec. 18 AURANIA Plymouth, Havre, London
Nov. 26 ATHENIA B'fast, Liverpool, Glasgow
Nov. 26 ANTONIA Glasgow, Belfast, L'pool.

FIRST SAILINGS FROM HALIFAX
Dec. 3 ASCANIA Plymouth, Havre, London
Dec. 10 aLETTITIA B'fast, Liverpool, Glasgow
aFrom Saint John on Dec. 9

Book through your local agent—no one can serve you better, or CUNARD LINE.
217 Bay Street, (Elgin 3471) Toronto.

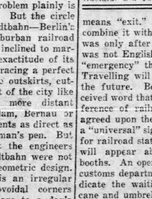
Sail CUNARD ANCHOR-DONALDSON

CANADIAN NEWS

Vancouver, British Columbia.—Summarizing the growth of the grain trade in the port of Vancouver during the past decade, r. R. C. Milroy, retiring president of the Grand Exchange, said: Ten years ago Vancouver elevator accommodation was 1,150,000 bushels. Today, including additions now under construction, the port has the largest ocean grain elevator accommodation in the world, 17,728,000 bushels. In 1921-22 Vancouver exported 6 per cent. of the Canadian wheat crop. In 1931-32 this port exported 44 per cent. of the Canadian wheat crop. Ten years ago vancouver's oats exports to Europe were 1,250,000 bushels; last year they were 7,000,000 bushels. Last year's exports from Vancouver were 8,000,000 bushels of all grains, the second highest movement in the history of the port.

Edmonton, Alberta. — According to a statement of the Department of Agriculture of the Province of Alberta, 400,000 acres of new land were broken last year and are now under cultivation for the first time. The value of Alberta's farm production in 1931 is placed at approximately $147,000,000.

Calgary, Alberta.—Canada's deepest oil well, McLeod No. 4, in Turner Valley, passed the 7,000 foot level recently. Penetrating formations never hitherto explored by the bit in Turner Valley, the test is being watched with great interest by oil men. McLeod officials hope that they will encounter the gas-rich crude oil pool believed by many engineers to underlie the limestone from which Turner Valley naphtha is now obtained.



"Your daughter was to give me an answer to a very important question this evening."

"Be seated, she will be down in a half hour or so."

"Is she making up her mind?"

"No; that would not take long. It's her face."

Gifts

Generally speaking, those that have the most grace and the greatest gifts, and are of the most usefulness, are the most humble, and think the most meanly of themselves, so those bushes and branches of trees which are most rightly laden with fruit bend down wards, and hang lowest.

MARIED MEN FALL EASIER.

Some curious investigator in England has discovered that married men injure themselves much more frequently by falls in the early part of the day than do bachelors.

A strict relief in fate is the worst of slavery, imposing upon our necks an everlasting lord and tyrant, whom we are to stand in awe of night and day.—Epicurus.

Easy Teething

"Baby cut all his teeth with no trouble, thanks to BABY'S OWN TABLETS," writes Mrs. Thomas Shaw, Hamilton, Ont. Scores of other Mothers have written in similar vein.
Give YOUR child BABY'S OWN TABLETS for teething troubles, upset stomach, simple fevers, colic, colds, constipation, sleeplessness, or whenever he is cross, restless and fretful. Easy to take as candy, and absolutely SAFE—see analyst's certificate in each 25-cent package. Over 1,250,000 packages sold in 1931. 24

Dr. Williams' BABY'S OWN TABLETS

Travel in Picturesque Mexico

Looking for a Paradise on earth seems a Don Quixote-like quest in the twentieth century. And to look for it in Mexico, which most of us associate exclusively with revolutions, bandits, cactus, and sombreros is quixotic still. Yet, every morning they assemble in the lobby of the Hotel Reforma, Mexico City, however, Miss Marian Storm, an American, optimistically set out. After months of wandering her haven of rest was as elusive as ever. So, having reached a somnolent town called Patzcuaro, she tells us in "Little-Known Mexico," she said to the proprietor of the hotel:

"I am going to take the train to-day."

"The up train or the down train?"

"The up train. I am going back from Patzcuaro to Mexico at once, and so to Vera Cruz and sail for home."

"Why not tell him that I had not found the place, and that now I believed that its long-heard summons was my own illusion—that I had given up the search.

Then, by mistake, hastening down the hill, I took the train that went the other way, so now I am bound for Uruapan, some town at the end of the line!

The "Place"

Uruapan turned out to be the "place." Her little mistake with the trains had led her there. Tired out, she spent an afternoon and a night resting in the hotel, until she was awakened by Primitivo, the hotel's factotum, knocking on the door:

"Don't you want to change your room for a sunny one on the other side of the patio this morning?" he said. "Don't you want to have your coffee? Our swimming-pool will soon be built, out at the back, but there is a very nice bathhouse a few blocks away. While you are there, Emilio and I will move your things to the better room."

I saw the winter sunlight on the flowers in the patio. I was slowly possessed by a peace and comfort like dawn in the blood.

"That seems a good plan, Primitivo. There is plenty of time, though." I did not care to think that I should ever have to go away.

Primitivo gallantly brought her a fresh bouquet of flowers every morning. Indeed, politeness seems to be universal. There is, for instance, Emilio, some twelve years of age, page-boy, shoe-cleaner, guide, and a dozen other things:

"Emilio!"

"Command, senorita."

"Is the duck which you recently adopted in good health?"

"A thousand thanks, senorita. The duck is as usual."

Everything is colourful, picturesque in Uruapan. Even the morning's delivery of bread is, to say the least of it, unusual:

A handsome aborigine brings a whole day's supply for the hotel in his hat—a vast hat with a little central peak that fits his head tightly and rolls out into an unfathomable brim laden with pan dulce and those good crusty loaflets called pan bolillo.

Lunch With the Guard

But before she attained her "desired country" Miss Storm had to pass almost as many Hills called Difficult and other obstacles as Christian himself. But, except when she made a detour into Guatemala, she was received with kindness and patience almost everywhere. On one train journey she forgot to take any food with her and was told by the "conductor," who seems to be equivalent to our guard, that there was no chance of getting anything to eat on the way, but, he said, that did not matter. His sisters had fixed him more lunch than he could possibly consume alone. They had even put in a little bottle of wine. What a pleasure to share it with a foreign lady who was starving! Never in my own country had a conductor given me half his home-made lunch.

Another time, at a jungle station, several gaily-dressed, brown-skinned, broad-hatted passengers entered the train, automatics in silver-studded holsters on their hips, belts stuck evenly full of burnished cartridges. These adornments are but part of the local dress, and the wearers take great pride in their brightness and beauty, yet one does wonder a little

Notes From Berlin

KITCHENS OF LONG AGO.

Four thousand years ago Jenathan Flintface left some arrows and a primitive jackknife on the kitchen floor, but evidently forgot to come home. The result is that German savants today are able to reconstruct something of the history of the earliest known inhabitants of the region that is now Berlin. Recently, workers establishing a new settlement in the district geologically known as the "Spree Valley" in the south of Berlin, discovered the kitchen—one of four hearths made of carefully constructed pits lined with field stone showing the effect of fire. The arrowheads, as well as other flint objects, proved to be of excellent workmanship. There were also pots with handles, a corn grinder, a knife more than three inches long and a flint auger, or drill. The archaeologists place the date of the relics as between the stone and the bronze ages—about 2000 B.C., the period of the earliest known occupation of the region which became the capital of the German Empire.

SQUARING THE CIRCLE.

In these days of relativity, even the commuter must beware. If parallel lines meet in space, who is to gainsay the contention that a circle need not be round? The first problem plainly is one for Dr. Einstein. But the circle belongs to the Stadtbahn—Berlin's efficient and rapid suburban railway service. Visitors are inclined to marvel at the geometric exactitude of its course. It is shown tracing a perfect curvature through the outskirts, cutting through the heart of the city like a ramrod, reaching more distant places such as Potsdam, Bernau or Strassburg upon tangents as direct as the stroke of a draftsman's pen. But inquiry develops that the engineers who laid out the Stadtbahn were not responsible for this geometric design. Actually the "ring" is an irregular quadrilateral with ovoidal corners which Berliners compare to a dog's head in a muzzle. Some tracks follow the shores of Berlin's canals. Others dodge here are turn there at unexpected places. It just happened that the makers of the maps which are posted in every Stadtbahn car "went modern." They decided to conventionalize the chart in the interest of simplicity so that the customers could tell where they were going without bothering to find the way.

PHOTOGRAPHY MADE EASY.

Mysteries of the photographic darkroom, where amateur snapshot hunters toil in an eerie light over trays of queer and acrid solutions, have been reduced to the simple process of pressing a button. Dr. Paul Hatschek, a German physicist, has invented two machines—a "grandometer" and a "kopimeter" that take the guesswork (which, of course, has been half the fun) out of amateur darkroom procedure. As every camera enthusiast knows, photographic negatives are not alike all over. They are black in some places and light in others. Now the amateur simply takes Dr. Hatschek's machine, which is no larger than a man's hand, and attaches it to the lighting circuit. A red cross glows. The amateur places the lightest portion of the film above the cross and turns a button until the cross is no longer visible. He then places the blackest part of the film over the cross and repeats the action until the cross disappears. Upon a scale he now may read not only the kind of paper on which the negative should be printed but the time which it should be exposed. One machine is for use in making pictures the same size as the negative and the other for enlargements.

SIGNS FOR TRAVELERS.

Foreign travel has its complications. Some Berliners recall the confusion of the wife of a distinguished American over the sign: "Not Ausgang." She knew that "Ausgang" means "exit." But why, she asked, combine it with an English word? It was only after being told that "not" was not English, but the German for "enemy" that she got the point. Travelling will be simpler for her in the future. Berlin has recently received word that the international conference of traffic management has agreed upon the first four symbols of a "universal" sign language to be used for railroad stations. A question mark will appear above the information booths. An open trunk will mark the customs department. A chair will indicate the waiting room. A crossed cane and umbrella will show the "lost and found" department.—The Christian Science Monitor.

Good Reason

One of the clerks at the employment agency was considered a bit of a wit, and he was preparing to sin a blank at the expense of the next in the queue.

"Where were you born?" he asked th man—a Scotsman.

"Glesca!" was the reply.

"Glasgow! Whatever for?" the clerk continued.

"I wanted to be near mother," said the other with devastating meekness.

The convicts were doing their daily exercise in the prison yard. Two newcomers were carrying on the usual whispered conversation. "How long?" asked one. "Five years," replied the other. "What for?" "Robbing the First Ballyhoo Bank. And you?" "Ten years." "What for?" "I was its manager."

Irate Father—"I don't like the time you spend canoodling and cuddling my daughter. When I was courting my wife we sat on opposite sides of the room." Prospective Son-in-law—"Well, sir, if I had been courting your wife I should have done the same."

"Jack, the darling, told me I was the only girl he ever loved." "Yes, and doesn't he say it beautifully."

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