

LEARN LATIN IN SEVEN DAYS

Two Oregon Girls Perform Remarkable Educational Feat Under New System of Training.

Betty Schafer, thirteen, and Jane Campbell, fourteen, translated a few days ago a 200-word composition into Latin after only seven days' instruction.

Seven days before neither girl had ever studied any Latin. In the composition submitted there was not a mistake in vocabulary or position and the other errors were very few.

"The secret lies in teaching the pupils to associate," Doctor Berle said. "I started Jane and Betty by having them learn the vocabularies through looking up ever English derivative.

"As a result these girls know their vocabularies. The trouble with the average person is that they cannot collect together what they already know.

FIGHTING A TIMBER PLAGUE

Forest Service Cuts Down More Than a Thousand Trees in Warfare on the Pine Tree Beetle.

More than a thousand trees have been cut down and burned during the past three months by the forest service on the Lassen national forest in an effort to stamp out a plague of timber-destroying beetles.

Serious raids of these timber-destroying beetles occur frequently in the valuable sugar and yellow pine forests of California. Only prompt action on the part of timber owners and the government prevents immense losses.

She Deserved to Win.

Senator Lodge was praising the resourcefulness of Serbia in her uneven fight against Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Turks.

"Serbia keeps her army intact," he said. "She reminds me, in the resourcefulness of her retreat, of a certain girl at Christmas.

"This girl went to spend Christmas in the country, and they invited her best young man down, expecting—and with reason—that under the mistletoe's stimulus he'd propose.

"But when she got to the country, she discovered that not a branch of mistletoe was to be procured.

"Did she surrender? Never. She fixed some pearl studs to a sprig of apple leaves, and hung them from the chandelier, and the young man—now—he married and have five children now—never knew the difference."

How War Levels Creeds.

In a French hospital a German soldier lay dying. He was a Protestant, and as the pall hung over him he asked for spiritual consolation according to his faith.

Rubber Production Booms.

The rubber production of the Dutch East Indies, upon which America now draws to a considerable extent, is increasing by leaps and bounds.

No Contradicting Anyhow.

There is a story of a Highlander, "somewhere in France," who having talked for an hour with a Frenchman, neither understanding a word of the other's language, parted with a "Good night. We have had a grand crack together."

—Put your ad. in the WATCHMAN.

VICTORIA CROSS FOR SEPOY

Indian Soldier Honored by King for Bravery in Saving His Commanding Officer Under Fire.

The London correspondent of the Medical Record mentions two recent instances of awards of the Victoria Cross, the first to a surgeon, and the second to a Sepoy who rendered first aid and protected his commanding officer until he could summon assistance under cover of night.

"The king has been pleased to award the Victoria Cross to Capt. John Alexander Sinton, M. B., I. M. G., for 'most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty.' Although shot through both arms and through the side, he refused to go to the hospital and remained as long as daylight lasted, attending to his duties under heavy fire.

"His majesty also conferred the cross on Sepoy Chatta Singh, Ninth Bhopal Infantry, in the Indian army, for his most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty in leaving cover to assist his commanding officer, who was lying wounded and helpless in the open, where Singh bound up the officer's wound and then dug a cover for him with his trenching tool, being exposed all the time to very heavy rifle fire.

ROME GETS FAMOUS STATUE

Dispute Over Valuable Find, in Which Julius Caesar's Will Figured, Ended in Favor of City.

A gift to Rome has finally been made of the famous Niobide, the disputed ownership of which aroused much public interest. The statue was discovered eight years ago during digging operations executed on land belonging to the Banca Commerciale upon the site of the ancient Horti Salustiani.

Ownership was disputed by the municipality of Rome, which claim was based upon Julius Caesar's will, among other historical data, and the Banca Commerciale, the actual owners of the ground. After many vicissitudes, the dispute has finally been settled by the withdrawal of their claims, the Niobide thus becoming the property of the state.

Mobilizing Medical Resources.

American manufacturers of medicinal products recently organized a national association, one of the announced purposes of which is to have ready a sufficient supply of pharmaceutical, chemical and biological preparations for use in time of war.

The newly formed association has memorialized the United States government, asking that the nation's resources in medical supplies be determined and has pledged itself to co-operate in the task of arranging necessary aids to medical and surgical treatment of soldiers in case of war.

Fish of the Euphrates.

Euphrates "salmon," to catch which, by way of change of diet and duty for his men, Brigadier General Brookings wants "strong fishing tackle," most probably belong to the carp tribe.

A Soporific Influence.

"I recently met a college professor who used to deliver long-winded lectures to me in sociology," remarked the man who is afflicted with insomnia.

TURK IS CHIVALROUS ENEMY

Much-Maligned Race Shows High Sense of Honor in Its Manner of Conducting Warfare.

When the Red Cross dressing stations at Suvla bay were shelled by the Turks, writes Norman Wilkinson in his account of the Gallipoli campaign, it was owing to British carelessness in landing stores and ammunition near the stations.

It was not a deliberate act, for no nation could possibly have conducted warfare in a more above-board manner than the Turks. The fact was a surprise to me, although naval officers generally have long regarded the Turk as the gentleman of the eastern Mediterranean.

On the afternoon of the landing the Turks sent in to say that they would respect the Red Cross stations if no stores were landed in the vicinity. At a later date the Turkish headquarters sent a helio message to the effect that they had seen tows of boats communicating between warships and the dressing stations.

In another case a surgeon told me that the enemy had actually sent to apologize to him for the accidental shooting of one of his stretcher bearers. All this is only what one would expect from a chivalrous enemy, but the action of the Turk shows that this much-maligned race retains a sense of honor that is more sensitive than that of some who regard themselves as superior.

MODERN GUNFIRE IS COSTLY

Greater Part of Immense Sum European War Is Costing Is Being Thrown Away by Artillery.

This is a war of artillery. Shells and shrapnel are being used on a scale far in excess of the calculations of the most far-seeing military experts of Europe.

To fire a single shot from our biggest guns cost \$5,000, and some idea of the expenditure of naval firing can be gathered from the fact that one famous battleship could use up roughly \$100,000 worth of ammunition per minute if she worked all of her guns at full blast, as she would do if necessary.

The guns which expend \$5,000 worth of ammunition every time they fire are really wonderful pieces of artillery. They shell over a distance of 30 miles with the certainty of hitting any spot they aim at.

Matter of Height.

We are informed by an otherwise veracious friend that he was standing in front of a department store, gazing raptly into one of the display windows, when he heard this conversation:

"Tell me, Grace," said a man whose wife—or maybe she wasn't—had made him stop while she rubbed at the dresses, "when you're getting a dress, which costs more—the waist or the skirt?"

"Why, that depends," said the woman.

"On the season, I suppose."

"How could it depend on the season, silly?"

"Well, this season the skirts come high, but the waists don't—ain't I right?"

The Army Rat Catcher.

William Dalton of Southwark, who is known as the king of rat catchers, has been given the job of killing the rats in all the army camps in England.

"This year," says the "king," "I am fighting almost single-handed, and the menace is really serious. In less than six months I have caught over 12,000 rats, and cries for help are coming from all quarters.

"The government has come to realize the necessity for killing rats. At one camp I have already visited we caught 1,085 rats, and over 70 of them weighed more than a pound and a half each."

Apples Is Good.

The young superintendent of the Endeavor society tried to teach each child to say aloud some prayer, even if it were only a sentence.

"Dear Lord, apples is good." That night the mother of the superintendent took a basket of apples to the child's home.

Keeping Friends.

"This poet speaks about keeping friends with oneself. That sounds nonsensical for me."

"Not at all. Didn't you ever call yourself names?"

"Yes-ee." "And why? Because you had done something of which you did not approve."

Cover Crops and Dry Weather.

It is sometimes advisable to turn under a cover crop earlier on account of the soil being in good condition, whereas if put off for a few days or a week, dry weather might prevent the work being done as it should be.

A Gift.

"You should have seen the icy look Mrs. Van Swelle gave me when I bowed to her on the street this morning."

"Is his credit good?" "It must be. I understand he owes money to everybody."

Tempted to Change Mind.

"Of course you put your faith in the wisdom of the people."

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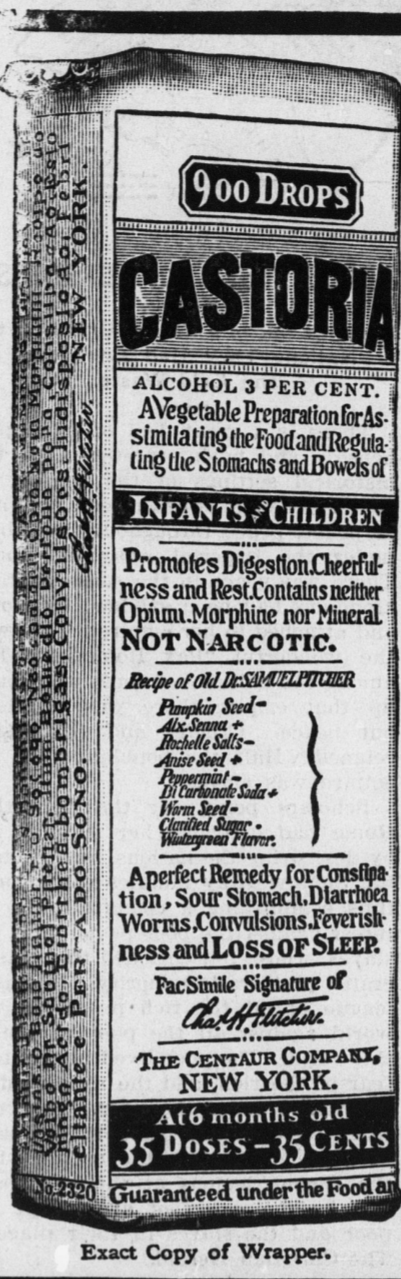
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