

Porcelain City Now War Factory.

As women of all ages and of every Nation have joyfully bared their fingers of rings and their arms of armlets to supply the sinews of war for soldiers fighting in defense of their homes; as the mellow peal of myriad bells has been stilled in order that their metal might be molded into brazen-throated cannon; as the statues of heroes are overthrown and the material recast into shrapnel shell; as costly fabrics are torn into bandages for the sorely wounded, so in this hour of national travail France has seen fit to convert her incomparable porcelain factory at Sevres into a plant for the production of crude, gross, ungainly earthen pots and reports required in the manufacture of high explosives.

The National Geographic Society has issued an interesting war geography bulletin on Sevres which now assumes a position in industrial France complementary to the great ordnance city of Le Creusot.

Bits of Vieux-Sevres worth many times their weight in gold; eighteen century porcelain vases, for which ceramic connoisseurs have paid as high as \$50,000 each, today count as naught in the scale of values at the Manufacture Nationale de Sevres compared with the immense cauldrons, jugs and crucibles of glazed pottery which the munition makers of France utilize in the mixing and reducing of various chemicals required in the manufacture of powerful explosives and of poisonous gases.

The main factories of Sevres, which were dedicated to the fine art of porcelain and pottery making 160 years ago, are located on the left bank of the Seine between Paris and Versailles, some three miles beyond the main fortifications of the capital. They almost touch the magnificent woods known as the famous park of St. Cloud, in which stood a palatial chateau once the property of the dukes of Orleans and later a favorite residence of royalty, but which was destroyed by the Prussians in 1870.

Sevres, which has a population of about 10,000, is one of the oldest towns in the vicinity of Paris, but it did not become the centre of porcelain manufacture in France until 1756, when the factory established six years previously in Vincennes by the brother Dubois was transferred to this point. Three years later the establishment was taken over by the Government and under the patronage of Louis XV it soon began to flourish. Not only Louis but two of the most influential members of his court—the Marquis de Pompadour and the Comtesse du Barry—also took a deep interest in the beautiful products of the factory. The colors "bleu de roi," "rose Pompadour" and "rose du Barry" are enduring testimonials of their patronage.

At the outset only a soft porcelain, now called vieux Sevres, was manufactured here, but the success of the potters of Saxony with hard porcelain and the discovery of deposits of kaolin near Limoges caused the French to carry on valuable experiments which bore fruit in the broadened scope of the Sevres works in succeeding years.

During the French Revolution porcelain manufacture was practically suspended, but with the ascendancy of Napoleon Sevres became a non-always and thriving center of artistic industry, for with each great victory in the field the Emperor desired a fresh table service to commemorate the event, and special vases were ordered for all occasions. One of the most famous of these vases was the massive piece of porcelain designed to celebrate the marriage of the great soldier-statesman-ruler of the great empire of Austria. The principal decorative group, in bas-relief, contained 115 figures, while the secondary group, representing the populace shouting congratulations and good wishes, had from 2,000 to 4,000 figures.

The magnificent Musee Ceramique, occupying the ground and first floors of the factory and containing examples of porcelain of every country and every age, was established in 1805 by Alexander Brongniart, who was appointed director of the establishment by Napoleon and remained in charge until his death in 1847, in spite of the many changes of government.

In the suburbs of Sevres is the attractive little village, Ville d'Avray, which boasts of the Villa des Jardies, once occupied by France's prose Shakespeare, Balzac. In the same villa, on the last day of the year 1882, died G-betta, one of the master minds of modern France. His death was the result of an accidental discharge of a revolver, and the tragedy occurred in the presence of Leonie Leon, the woman who had exercised so potent an influence over his career as a farsighted statesman.

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Education.

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"I'm not teasing him, mother. I'm just trying to teach him to keep his temper."—New York World.



Rev. Robert J. Patterson, better known as "Catch-My-Pal" Patterson, who will lecture in the court house this (Friday) evening on "Catch-My-Pal, or St. Patrick and the Snakes." Admission free, and everybody welcome.

Soldiers Using Auto.

The use of motor trucks and armored automobiles has already been demonstrated in actual warfare, but it remained for the American troops chasing Pancho Villa in Mexico, or guarding the border, to demonstrate the feasibility of putting ordinary touring cars to military use.

A few days ago a touring car was driven north of Columbus, N. M., by United States Artillerymen. A machine gun was mounted in the tonneau and targets were fired at, with the machine traveling and at a standstill.

The test was reported to be very successful. It was found that a touring car was fully as logical and as feasible as a truck for the purpose. The demonstration proved that the vibration of a gun being fired does not swerve the aim a particle. In fact, the car barely is shaken. The objection to cramped quarters was also conclusively dismissed when it was shown that four men could ride comfortably in the car with a gun.—Exchange.

Market Fluctuating.

"I hope your constituents appreciate the value of your patriotic services," said the prominent citizen.
"I don't know that I care to make it a question of actual value," replied Senator Sorghum. "The market for patriotic services is terribly fluctuating."—Washington Star.

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Serious aspects of the gasoline situation in the United States are disclosed by an exhaustive investigation made by Federal experts were disclosed at Washington last week by Van H. Manning, director of the Bureau of Mines.

Mr Manning declared that specific gravity was not a satisfactory basis for the purchase of gasoline, and that tests with machines made within the last two years had shown less than 2 per cent difference in power between 74 gravity and 60 gravity.

Mr. Manning was speaking before a meeting of Washington automobile men and merchants, held in connection with a local inquiry into the price of gasoline. He reminded his hearers that it was estimated the country had only enough petroleum resources to last 27 to 30 years at the present rate of consumption, and that automobile manufacturers figured on seeing more than three and a quarter million cars in use in the United States by the first of next year.

Prosperity Not Due to War, Says Frick.

Pittsburg, Oct. 12.—Prosperity in the United States is not contingent upon the European war, according to Henry Clay Frick. Mr. Frick was in Pittsburg on a hasty visit to inspect his new Union Arcade Building, and voiced his confidence in the continuance of good times, to wit:

"While the present excessive prosperity in the country may be dependent to some extent upon the war, I believe that conditions will continue good. The domestic demand for steel and other industrial products is very encouraging."

The only danger Mr. Frick described was labor troubles. He admitted that the railroad crisis was apparently at an end, "unless," he added, "the Adamson bill is found unconstitutional, which is not altogether improbable."

"All in all, the financial, industrial and general situation is just splendid; we could not wish for better," he declared.

Artists Set an Example to Rest of the World.

How much happier humanity would be if work, instead of being a means of existence, were its end. But in order that this marvelous change may come about all mankind must follow the example of the artist, or better yet, become artists themselves; for the word "artist" in its widest acceptation means to me the man who takes pleasure in what he does. So it would be desirable that there be artists in all trades; artist carpenters, happy in skillfully raising beam and cornice; artist masons, spreading the plaster with pleasure; artist carvers, proud of carving for their horses and of not running over those in the streets. Artists set an example to the rest of the world which might be marvelously fruitful.—Rodin.

Penn State Holds Places for Soldier-Faculty Members.

State College, Pa., Oct. 12.—Faculty members and employees of the Pennsylvania State College, who are with the troops on the Mexican border, will find their positions open to them when they return. The board of trustees has ruled that substitutes shall be employed during the absence of the teachers. The substitutes will be paid from the salaries of the absentees, and the differences will revert to the men on the border.

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