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OFFICER'S VALUE TO ARMY

Ability to Lead Men With a Minimum of Loss Is What Counts in Modern Business of War.

Three months of the hardest application that any of these young men has ever known, then, is the price they pay to become officers, says Frederick Palmer, writing in Collier's Weekly of the officers' training camps. Those who cannot stand up to it will not get their commissions, and some of them will be sore, no doubt. Their parents and friends will register complaints. That is only human. But the system must be stronger than any individual.

The system realizes the enormous responsibility of making an officer who will be worthy to lead men in action with skill in the grim, mercilessly scientific business of modern war which means a minimum of loss to his own men and a maximum to the enemy in any undertaking. The ledger of that business reckons its profit and loss in casualties. A poor employee in business loses the firm's money. A poor officer loses lives unnecessarily for his country. Every one of those rookie officers and every recruit of the selective draft, when he grows weary of the grind, may inspirit himself with this

"Proficiency in all these things that are being taught to me means that some soldier will owe his life to my capable direction. It means that my company will get the trench it storms with small loss, instead of being thrown out under the spray of machine guns at great loss."

WHAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

Punch, Faithfulness, Capacity and Inclination for Work Said to Determine Worker's Salary.

In an interview with Darwin P. Kingsley, a writer in the American Magazine, reports:

"'Suppose you explain, Mr. Kingsley, some of the differences between the \$1,000-a-year and the \$5,000-a-year

man.' "'Punch, faithfulness, capacity for work and inclination for it,' returned the life insurance president, 'make up the yardstick which measures most differences in salary. It's not at all difficult to spot the youth who has the

makings of a winner. "The \$5,000-a-year man, to begin with, is always on the job. He is too busy to watch the clock. He is likely to be quicker at his work than the man at the next desk, and he is always looking for more things to do. In a roomful of clerks, the man who is always asking for heavier tasks doesn't have to ask for promotions."

The Ululation.

"Ah!" said the daughter of a hundred New England somebodies. "How I should love to visit the boundless West!-it is boundless, isn't it?-and go to sleep listening to the coyotes howl! You can hear the coyotes howl in Kansas City, cawn't you?"

"Not all the time," responded the young man from the mouth of the Kaw. "You see, where my tent is located there is often so much fuss being made by lynchers, cowboys, Indians and stage robbers about the time I go to sleep that I cannot hear the coyotes. But just before I left I thought I heard one howling on top of a steen-story building. But it was only the millionaire owner of the edifice. Solicitors for the Red Cross had chased him to the roof, where he had barricaded himself and was screaming in agony for fear they would catch him and compel him to come clean."-Kansas City Star.

To Grow Buckwheat in England. Of all the different grains recommended to save wheat just now, buckwheat and rye seem the only two that can be grown and ripened in this country, says the London Chronicle. Buckwheat owes its name to the resemblance of its seed to a beechnut, hence its German name, Buchweizen, corrupted to buckwheat. Hitherto buckwheat has been mostly grown here to feed pheasants, but it is a most nutritious and quite pleasant food for man. It yields very abundantly, grows on poor soil, and needs little manure. The only trouble is it does not harvest well in any but dry weather, and that is probably why hitherto it has not been more grown here.

Wasn't Ready to Go. Clinton had been anxiously looking

forward to his sixth birthday, when he was to go to school "to learn to read and write." At the end of the first session, when the children were dismissed, Clinton kept his seat. "Clinton," said the teacher, "it is

time to go home now." "Oh, no!" answered the little fellow. "I haven't learned to read and

write, yet.'

Instruments of Precision. Accuracy is one of the most neces-

sary qualifications of the present-day business girl-or so it would appear from the following conversation overheard the other day in the park: "So I answered the 'phone, and he said, 'Is Mr. X. there?' and I said, 'Yes, do you want to see him?' and then what do you think he said? He said, 'May dear girl, this is not a telescope; this is a telephone." -- Manchester Guardian.

-If you find it in the "Watchman" it's true.

MUCH METAL GONE TO WASTE

One Hundred Million Pounds of Copper Used in 35,000,000 Shells Ordered by Allies in United States.

Up to date the warring allies of Europe have placed orders for 35,000,000 shells in the United States. This means a lot of valuable metal going to waste, for these orders require a total of 101,-000,000 pounds of copper, 46,750,000 pounds of spelter and 173,250 pounds

of lead. A British 18-pounder, or 3.3-inch shrapnel, requires 5 pounds 91/8 ounces of brass, containing 66 to 70 per cent of copper, or nearly 3% pounds. A small copper band around the shell adds 4% ounces, making the total copper 4.04 pounds. Spelter consumption per shell of this size is about 1.87 pounds. Lead bullets weighing 7.92 pounds constitute the metal load of the projectile.

One pound of copper is used in making 24 Lebel rifle cartridges. Every 125 of these cartridges consume 1 types. A finished 3.3-inch shell contains 6 pounds 151/4 ounces of steel, the steel shell weighing 6 pounds 51% ounces and the diaphragm 91/2 ounces.

Just 33 complete chemical and mechanical operations have to be gone through with great accuracy, precision and carefulness, before white cotton, mixed with sulphuric and nitric acid, becomes smokeless powder.

USE' LANCE BOMB AS CHASER

Britain's Mosquito Fleet Armed With Novel Weapons for Fighting in Close Quarters.

The armament of Great Britain's 80-foot "chasers," "ML's" they are called, is interesting. Each carries, besides its deck gun, a "depth charge," six "lance bombs," and a rifle for each of its ten men.

The story of the lance bombs goes like this: A British destroyer was once placed in the embarrassing position of having a U-boat bob up right alongside. It was impossible to depress the guns sufficiently to strafe the stranger, and there was nothing else to strafe him with. What happened to the destroyer I can't say, but it must have got away to tell the story, for each boat is now provided with lance bombs for just such emergencies, says William Washburn Nut-

ting in Collier's Weekly. The lance bomb is a 14-pound contact bomb on the end of a six-foot handle, the idea being to use it at close range by hurling it much as an athlete throws the hammer. These are implements loaded with awful possibilities in the hands of an amateur, and the surest road to unpopularity with one's shipmates is to suggest a lance bomb rehearsal.

Tapping a Submarine.

It's in the In and Out club, the junior service club in London, where tall yarns are spun by the fellows in town on leave, and this one is the best, but with it goes no guaranty or refund money. But before shooting my piece let me state that, no matter how wild the lie may sound, truth at least in this war is stranger than fiction, writes a London correspondent. In a cove on the east coast of Ireland Fritz submerges, thinking he could escape his sole pursuer, an old-time gunboat on patrol, with a busted wireless, and without any way to call for help. By means of a grapnel the gunboat finally locates him lying still on the shelving bottom. A diver is sent down. He has a big hammer. He knocks on the hull of the German sub, and the taps of the hammer spell out, in the Morse code: "Will you come up or will you take a bomb?" Fritz comes up.

And Then He Kissed Her. "Daughter," said the mother, severely, "I wish to speak to you on a very

serious subject."

Daughter assumed her most childlike expression and murmured: "Yes. "I must tell you that I was passing

through the hall last night and I saw that young Mr. Simpkins kiss you." "Yes, mamma."

"Did you give him permission to kiss you?" "No, mamma."

"Then how did he come to do it?" "He asked me if it would offend me if he kissed me." "Yes, yes. And what did you say?"

"I said how could I tell until I knew how it would affect me."--Cleveland

Birds Heaviest Eaters.

Birds are the heaviest eaters in the animal kingdom. Assuming-which is conservative—that an adult lark consumes fifty grasshoppers a day and that five pairs of larks nest each season on every good-sized farm where they are not persecuted or too much disturbed by the plowing and mowing of all the suitable land, the number of grasshoppers dispatched daily on such a farm means a boon the enlightened farmer must appreciate.

Russia Plans Waterways. Russia may carry out a complete reorganization on a huge scale of its inland waterways, if plans made previous to the recent political upheaval are realized. The project includes improvement of existing waterways, construction of new waterways and ports, utilization of waterfalls for producing electric power, improvement of navigation, etc. The work, it is estimated, will be finished in 1930 and cost \$487,-

SIGHTS OF CHINATOWN GONE RULED FROM "AMEN CORNER"

Romance of New York's "District" Vanishing as the Celestials Adopt American Clothes and Manners.

Much of the romance that once attached to New York's Chinese district is vanishing, says the New York Sun. Pell, Mott and Doyers streets have beer largely Americanized and the sight of pigtailed celestials in their silk blouses. loose trousers and stubby felt footgear is by no means as frequent as it once

Slumming parties still visit the district occasionally and the sight seeing busses still do a profitable business in carrying out of town visitors there, but the things that once were seen are to be seen no more. Chinese children gc to American schools, Chinest merchants buy Liberty bonds, and American dress is becoming the custom.

Perhaps no better evidence of the decadence of Chinatown, so far as its unusual side goes, could be found than a recent Chinese wedding in which the pound of spelter and a small amount daughter of a prominent merchant beof nickel. Steel consumption per shell came the bride of a rising young Chivaries more widely with the different nese student. The ceremony was performed by a Protestant clergyman; the bride made her response in excellent English, and so did the bridegroom Besides that she wore the conventional occidental bridal costume and he the conventional black of the American husband-to-be. Even the attendants were clad in American clothing, and the only things Chinese in the whole affair were the names and the nationality

LAST OF BRITISH FORESTS

Held as Sacred Reservations for Centuries They Are to Be Sawed Into Lumber for War Uses.

A bit of news that has come through from London concerning the arrival in England of ten units of American woodmen, who, it is said, are to turn various forests of the United Kingdom into lumber, is calculated to arouse a mixed kind of surmise as to the icono clastic doings that are in contemplation in war-crazed England. For centuries the British forests have been sacred reservations; now, it seems, they are to be sawed up into boards and beams. Is it a scheme to clear the land for more wheat and potatoes? Or does it mean a hurry call for a thou sand ships of oak?

Along with the American woodmer have gone the American sawmills There will probably not be a remnant of Epping or Waltham forests left These forests, in the days of Robin Hood, covered the whole of Essex county, a region as big as the state of Delaware.—Exchange.

Doing His Bit.

bridge, and guarding it were soldiers. On the train was a porter whose name vided with a base that can be rotated was Bob, writes K. C. B. in the New like a turntable for unloading in any York American. When we crossed the desired direction. The platform is bridge, hurrying along at 60 miles an raised by gears and a crank, which can hour, Bob opened a window and threw be operated by hand or by an electric out a bundle of magazines and news- motor. The crank-handle cannot fly papers that he had gathered up on the back to hit the operator, as it must be way from St. Louis. The soldiers knew | removed to open the break-jaws before he was coming, and were watching and | the platform can be lowered; another caught the bundle. I was told that safety device is a ratchet holding the every day when Bob goes by he does load at every point reached; and throwthe same thing. He has six stripes on | ing a lever lifts the front of the mahis arm. His kinky hair is turning | chine from the swivel-wheel, locking white. In the army he has two sons. | the elevator on the floor on four sup-And I remembered that years ago, ports so widely separated that there is away off in the islands, I would have no risk of upsetting. In sizes of 6 to given an arm for a daily newspaper. I 20 feet high, this form of elevator is know that those soldier boys think that not only useful for raising and piling Bob is doing his bit. He wore on his loads up to 2,500 pounds, but is adaptcoat a Red Cross button, and beneath ed for varied work, such as installing his skin, which is dark, his soul is and repairing ceiling motors, pulleys white. And I thought of Kipling when and shafting. he wrote, "You're a better man than I, Dunga Din." And if it happens that Bob reads this I want him to know that I am glad I could put it here, just for him and his folks.

The Forecast of Youth. A story of Millais, the painter, told by Holman Hunt in one of his books, says that the works of Millais had been collected in a gallery in London. An ardent appreciator of his genius went early in the day to see the exhibition. Ascending the stairs, she encountered the painter going out, been overcome with chagrin that I so far failed in my maturity to fulfill the full forecast of my youth."

Identifying Himself.

A Muncie manufacturer has his secretary trained to leave the office after has been repeatedly heard in London a caller has spent ten minutes of the and even at more distant points. Good manufacturer's time, and call up the evidence even indicates that one terbusiness man on a telephone from the rific bombardment was heard in Chilfactory and say the manufacturer is tern Hills, 200 miles distant. On the wanted in the plant, according to the Indianapolis News.

The faithful secretary the other day noticed that a caller was overstaying his time with the boss, so slipping to another telephone, called up the manufacturer's office and said to the one answering the phone: "Hasn't that darned old bore gone yet?" "Nope," came back the reply, "I'm

the darned old bore."

Mosquitoes Attack Army. The malaria-bearing mosquito is a really dangerous enemy in the Balk- is because of our ancient friendship ans, says the National Geographic Magazine. Last year the allied troops mosquito can do, apparently. In consequence fully one-half of their strength was out of action because of

Politicians Dictated Actions of Governors and State Conventions From Nook in New York Hotel.

The best-known of all present generation "Amen Corners" was in the Fifth Avenue hotel, in New York What memories of the past can be conjured up in recalling this unique corner-where sat Abraham Lincoln, Edward VII, then prince of Wales; Dor Pedro of Brazil, William McKinley, U. S. Grant, Roscoe Conkling, Chester A. Arthur, Generals Sherman and Sheridan, Tom Platt, James G. Blaine, Depew, Watterson, and where nearby was made the famous utterances, "Rum, Romanism and rebellion" that snatched the presidency from Blaine in 1884.

To emphasize the significance of this "Amen Corner," Chauncey M. Depew in his speech the night "farewell" was given to the old place in 1908, said: "I know governors who thought they did things from the executive chamber, but they were done from the 'Amer Corner.' I know speakers who were looked to for the makeup of their committees, that consulted the 'Amen Corner.' I knew conventions where 900 delegates thought they would make up the state ticket themselves, but received their 'inspiration' from the plush seats in the 'Amen Corner.'

IMPRINT IN MUD GAVE IDEA

Mental Suggestion Caused Him to Start Making Bogus Coins, Says Los Angeles Counterfeiter.

Subtle hypnotic influences, working subconsciously on the mind of a man who was out of work and needed money badly, caused John Kly of Los Angeles, Cal., to become a counterfeiter. His weird story of how mental suggestion caused him to make bogus coins of small denominations failed, however, to give him his freedom and he was sentenced to five years in

Kly said the imprint of a half-dollar in the mud brought the first criminal thought. Next came a display of dent ists' molds in a window. This was followed by a desire to test his ability. With a silver plating outfit and a home made mold he finished several bad halfdollars. His landlady demanded rent. He had no money and decided to give her the bad coins, which she accepted, and the coins fell into the hands of the police.

For Moving of Heavy Objects.

A portable elevation of newly improved type greatly facilitates the handling of boxes, bales, machines and other heavy objects in warehouses and other places. The apparatus is mounted on a truck for moving about, has a Outside of Springfield, Ill., is a platform supported by two uprights as it is raised and lowered, and is pro-

An Old Sport.

The duke of Grafton, oldest member of the British house of lords, and oldest peer of his rank in the kingdom, is ninety-six years old. His grace is one of England's most remarkable "grand old men," retaining an extraordinary interest in sport in spite of his years. He was injured at ninety while skating, and at ninety-two became an enthusiastic devotee of motoring. He has had a well-filled political and military career. He was a member of the famous Coldstream Guards and served with head bowed down. As she ac- in Crimea, retiring in 1881 with the costed him, and he looked up, she rank of general. He has served as saw tears in his eyes. "Ah," he said, equerry to the three British sovereigns, "you see me unmanned. Well, I'm being active equerry to Queen Victoria not ashamed of averring that in look- from 1849 to 1882 and honorable ing at my earliest pictures, I have equerry since 1882 to the late King Edward and to King George.

London Hears Cannonading. Investigations by the Royal Meteorological society seem to have established that the cannonade in France other hand, the sound was unheard in certain French zones only 20 miles behind the lines.

The explanation of the scientists is that the sound waves travel over these silence zones, but at greater distances are reflected back toward the earth by the hydrogen in the atmosphere 50 miles above the earth's surface.

French Music.

If democracy means something different to us here in the United States from what it means to Englishmen, it with France and because through that friendship we have learned to respond did not realize what the Macedonian to her ideals of liberty, equality and fraternity as Englishmen do not. So it is to France that we owe, and are likely in increasing measure in the malaria. During one period more future to owe, progress in the apprecimen were invalided home than arrived ation, in the performance, and in the creation of music.—Exchange.

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