

THE OTHER WORLD.

It lies around us like a cloud—
A world we do not see;
Yet the sweet closing of an eye
May bring us there to be.

Hope for Every Blind Soldier.

That the blind may be taught to take their place in the world of effort can no longer be doubted. The blind can be trained to do even better work than they did before they lost their sight.

when you're blind you have to make up for it somehow.
Many instances of the adaptability of the blind were recalled by Sir Arthur, who said that practically every soldier who has lost his sight because of the war may be rehabilitated in great measure and become an asset rather than a drag upon the world, which he has helped to save from dynastic oppression.

The Swans of Ypres.

No town in the whole war zone has suffered more than Ypres, that old city of Western Flanders, with the exception of Rheims and Verdun. These three have been so shattered and maimed through the downright evil malice of the enemy that their streets and thoroughfares can be recognized only with difficulty.

Krupp's cannon have hurled their mightiest projectiles on this stricken historical town of Flanders, and bombarded her night continually since June, 1915, until the autumn of 1918. But still the swans are to be seen gliding gracefully on the water of the moat that surrounds the ramparts, just as if they deride the orgy of war which the German nation and their rulers provoked.

And it is underneath the protection of these heavy walls that the swans of Ypres have lived throughout the past centuries. Here in the shrapnel-swept moat they have continued since the commencement of the war, surviving all the artillery assaults of these years. Here they have nested, and here they have reared their cygnets, amidst all the awfulness of the fighting around them.

Every British battalion in the Ypres area knows the swans, and when the stately birds began to make their nests last year, many were the wagers as to the probable length of their stay there. On one occasion a German shell burst within a short distance of the nest. But the brave sitting swan took no notice of the devastation, except that she fluttered a moment or two from the force of the concussion.

The triumph of the feathered pair came when, during the fearful fighting of the third battle for the city, two cygnets were hatched. So now despite everything there is a happy family of swans frequenting the waters of the old moat, and of the Zillebeke Lake, that large artificial brick-built reservoir lying about 100 yards southeast of town, and connected by an outlet with Ypres moat. And a cheerful and pleasant sight they afford to the British soldiers' war-tired eyes.

Shoes and Success.

I observe that there still are a good many people—men as well as women—who persist in the lamentable habit of wearing narrow pointed shoes. They assuredly do not appreciate what a handicap these are on their health and prospects for success.

Should you who read these lines be addicted to the pointed shoe habit, I advise you to make a little study of the shoes worn by the really successful men of your acquaintance—the men admired by you as having done the big things which you long to do.

It is safe to say that you will find scarcely any of them wearing shoes modelled like yours. Their shoes do not constrict their feet and pinch their toes, as you are obliged to admit yours do.

Bulbs for Spring Planting.

There are many delightful bulbs which may be planted in the spring for summer and early autumn blossoming.

The first that suggest themselves are lilies, which have been yoked with roses in tradition, and have lent their glory to gardens through all times, and have also been sung by the poets and loved by the gardeners. Not every one can grow all lilies successfully in one garden. They have temperment. Some of them will do well in some places and refuse to accommodate themselves in another.

If you can try for only one, the writer suggests that you select the exquisite Lilium Aratum, the golden-rayed lily of Japan. It is one of the double-bulbed lilies and should be planted at least eight inches deep. A peaty soil with sand, a leaf mould should not be exposed entirely to the sun. Indeed, most lilies like partial shade.

More easily cultivated is the speciosum, which has white, orange and red-spotted varieties and blooms in August. The Henryi is one of the best lilies for garden culture and effective for massing. The flower stalks, which rise from three to five feet, carry from five to eight large flowers, each a beautiful shade of yellow, with brown spots.

Do not fail to appreciate the tiger lily because it is common. It is so reliable and will send forth its stalks of flowers so unfailingly that it should find a permanent place in the garden. Clumps of tiger lilies look well with delphiniums or other deep blue flowers.

The Hyacinthus Candicans has been finding favor in many gardens, although a few who have experimented with it have expressed their disappointment. It is a hardy bulb from South America, with spikes of drooping, ivory white, bell-shaped flowers. It has been found hardy as far north as Mt. Desert, Me.

Probably the most popular gladioli grown in America is a rich, soft pink one, with a deeper rose in the throat. A seedling of the America is the Panama, a charming rose pink

with the markings of purple in the throat. Its sister, the Niagara, has immense yellow flowers, toned with lemon and sometimes with a rose blush on the tips, the throat touched with carmine. Probably the finest white gladiolus is the one named Peace, which has violet markings far within the throat. The flowers keep well in water and the bulb will open the entire length of the spike.

The blue and purple gladioli are comparatively new. They are most effective when planted with the yellow and cream shades. The Baron Hulot and Senator Volland are two excellent ones of the purplish tones. Blue Jay is mauve, the lower petals purple edged with cream. Gladioli are easy to grow and are splendid for cutting for the house. Those which lend themselves to twining around the handles of ornamental baskets to fit in with other flowers are especially prized.

Turning a joke.

An Irish youth on a visit to London happened to be staring with mouth open at a wonderful display of confectionery in the window of a large establishment when two cockneys came up to him and said: "Go in and fetch us six penny worth of stare and gape."

Into the shop went Paddy, much to the amusement of the jokers. In a short time he emerged with a large paper bag in his hand. "Did you manage to get it?" asked one of the cockneys. "No," replied Paddy, "but I've got six pen'orth of biscuit, and you can stare and gape while I eat them."

Avoiding a Skid.

When experienced motorists feel the rear wheels of their cars skidding sideways, they don't apply the brakes or open the throttle. They throw off the clutch and turn the front wheels the way the car is skidding, letting the driving wheels turn as slowly as possible. When driving on a wet road without non-skid chains, it is advisable to keep one pair of wheels on rough pavement or dirt wherever possible.—Motor Life.



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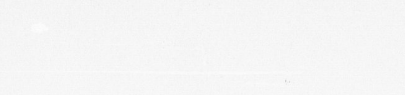
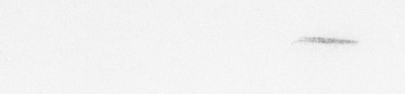
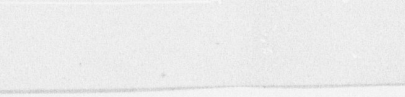
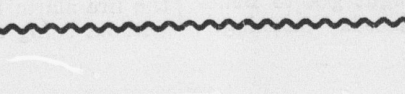
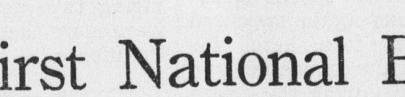
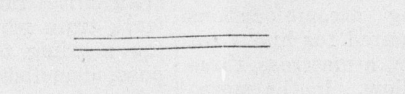
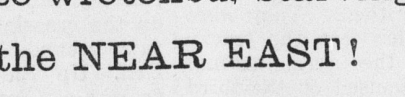
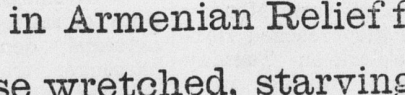
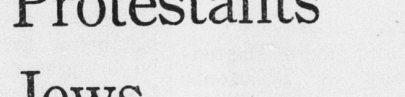
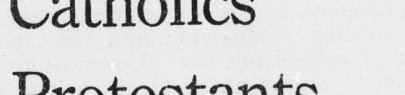
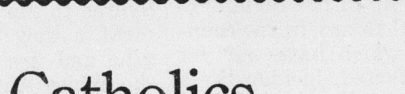
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