

## TWO SHIPS ELOQUENT REMINDERS OF PAST

### Revived Memories of Other Days in Sailors.

Two days from the Azores we were chugging through a sea which scarcely rippled, a sea bereft of any vestige of shipping beyond ourselves. For days in fact, we had seen no other vessel, for although we were on one of the regular shipping lanes it is a significant fact that the highways of the ocean are much less frequented than they were in pre-war days. J. D. Gill, writes in the Boston Transcript.

Now that we have returned to the piping times of peace, if not of plenty, we are apt to forget the war and all its ugly phases, which is perhaps all for the best.

But on this particular day we had a little reminder of the past. Early in the forenoon word traveled around the ship that a sail was sighted. A sail, mark you, in these days is a very rare sight, for there are few indeed of the type of craft which brought England her glory, her wealth, her supremacy of sea power, and above all her heritage of love for the ocean.

So it was with eager eyes we sought for the name of the lofty-masted, graceful vessel and vain would we have read something which indicated her nationality to be British. But our worst fears were realized as we read the name "Parma" on her bow, and simultaneously with the two ships drawing abreast, her flag was hoisted over the taff rail, to be dipped in the age-old custom of the sea.

The red, white and black of Germany. Across the water, as we answered, came at first the faint notes of a cornet, and soon we caught the strains of "Tipperary."

To the men who lined the rails, there was little occasion to give further reminder of the war, for the majority of us had seen service of some sort, though mostly at sea. And to those who spent weary hours watching for only the sight of a Teuton and many others who had the experience of having had their vessel sink under them without even that satisfaction, it brought back a flood of memories.

So passed the Parma of Hamburg, a gallant four-masted, square-rigged vessel, her colors flying proudly at her gaff.

Two months later, almost to the day, we were lurching along in the wake of a heavy southwest gale, off the banks of Newfoundland. Before breakfast a sail was sighted, though a vastly different type of vessel to the Parma of Hamburg. A small three-masted schooner she was, laboring heavily in the high Atlantic swell which was the result of the gale that had just passed.

A rather forlorn little vessel she seemed, struggling valiantly with the huge seas that appeared to engulf her as she was lost to sight in the trough of the swell. But she seemed to rise each time with a courage that was almost personal in its triumph over the elements, truly, we thought, a brave little vessel to pit itself against such overwhelming odds. A striking contrast from the splendor, the grandeur almost amounting to arrogance, of the Parma of Hamburg.

Across her stern we read the legend: "Edith M. Cavell, St. John's, Newfoundland."

### Poetical Stock-Taking

With the Old Year going out, the prose poet of the Tifton Gazette found himself in the stock-taking business, as follows:

"Look again, I would implore you, in the mirror before you; note the changes of the past year. Do you differ much, from last year?"

"Are you thirty-five or forty? Are you sprightly and covetous? Are you forty-five or fifty? Are you feeling gay and nifty?"

"Oh, it's often true, I take it, that our age is what we make it; yet we may need stronger glasses, with each year-mark, as it passes."

"Yes, we're very apt to find us, as the time slips on behind us, with some evidences showing that the days of youth are going."

"And if any (let's be truthful), can succeed in keeping youthful, and can prove, as well as show it, he's an artist and you know it!"—Atlanta Constitution.

### Practical Teaching

A French, German or Spanish luncheon is served each week in the model apartment of the domestic science building of the Pasadena (Cal.) Junior college, under the leadership of the teachers, for pupils studying those languages. The idea is carried out in the menu and table decorations, and as far as possible the language of the country is spoken.

### Students to Pay More

Students of Antioch college, Yellow Springs, Ohio, in a recent financial crisis of the college, voluntarily decided to increase their own tuition \$50 a year. The vote was by secret ballot, and passed by a nine-tenths majority. Antioch students in general earn about two-thirds of their college expenses.

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## Ox Team's High Place in American History

Thoughtless people from cities and factory towns laugh at out-of-date ox teams occasionally seen in fields or on the road, but how few know that in other times, ox teams on every farm did valuable work while they grew to large size and then furnished food for the people who now depend on the West and South America for their beef and even Australia for their mutton! The little fellow has been laughed at out of his legitimate job, or considered not in keeping with the modern speed, so he must be hustled off to the shambles to furnish a few mouthfuls of food, bringing a little money to the farmer's purse. If allowed to live and earn his keep, that sturdy little bull calf would in time feed a multitude right at home and save the cost and car fare and refrigeration from the butcher's shop a thousand miles away.

Here is another important "but" that time has hit us over the head with. There is no Yankee boy, born on the farm to fall in love with Buck and Bright, to train them in the way they should go and be assured of a reciprocation of affection by the patient kine; and the hired man of today, irritable and irritating, would make a sorry companion for a pair of animals whose virtues of patience and faithfulness are the admiration of every man with a worth while soul all the world around.

All who can say whether the ox team of a past generation was not New England's greatest schoolmaster, teaching the youth by their example docility, domesticity, faithfulness, patience and endurance, willing to exert their marvelous strength when needed, lessons that sent young men to the four corners of the earth to surmount every obstacle and become leaders of men as they were as boys well-loved leaders of noble animals.—Turner Falls Reporter.

### Sun Is Slow

One of the most important of the issues discussed by the fifth international congress of industrial chemistry in Paris concerned the ultra-violet ray and its practical potentialities. It has been established in the course of experiments that vanilla beans picked before ripening will develop normally and acquire all their characteristics of flavor and of smell when submitted to the action of ultra-violet rays; and that sugar cane, pineapple and bananas will attain perfect growth in much less than the normal time when treated in this artificial fashion. It has also been discovered that the ultra-violet ray provides a test whereby the purity of flour may be determined. This ray, brought to bear, for purposes of analysis, upon flour made from a mixture of barley and maize, as well as from wheat, showed up each ingredient with perfect clearness, and under this peculiar light influence the product of each grain taking on a slightly different color.

The ultra-violet ray, it is believed, has a great future in this kind of laboratory work.—New York Times.

### Few Windjammers Left

The windjammer has just about given up the ghost, at least so far as the British flag is concerned. The old full-rigged vessel that once carried the brunt of the sea cargo is too slow nowadays and it doesn't pay.

The thousands of these British ships that sailed the seven seas now number six. All have served 30 or more years, and, with one exception are three-masted vessels.

Finland seems destined to become the world's last owner of ships of this type, as most of the British sailing vessels sold within recent years have been bought by Finnish interests. Grain from Australia, nitrate from South America and salt outward from Liverpool are about the only cargoes now offered for sailing ships.—Detroit News.

### Record in Thinness

Some of the thinnest films on water ever subjected to scientific measurement were recently described before the National Academy of Sciences by Prof. W. D. Harkins and J. W. Morgan, of the University of Chicago. They are composed of only one layer of the molecules or building bricks of material substances, and some of them are so very thin that ordinary X-rays could not do their vibratory dance within the thickness if such a location were selected for their performance. Numerically, the thickness of some of the films was found to be twenty-four billionths of an inch. Professor Harkins explained that such thin films can be easily formed by simply spreading the proper kind of organic substance upon water.

### Worth a Long Hunt

A tiny tube containing \$800,000 worth of radium disappeared from a St. Paul hospital. It had probably been washed into the sewer. A radium detector was constructed which was attached to electrodes and then began a long hunt along all sewers leading from the hospital. After weeks of patient searching the detector one day indicated radium inside a nine-inch sewer. Workmen dug down and there was the radium tube.—Capper's Weekly.

### Wealthy Canada

Canada's wealth, says a return from the National City Bank of New York, has doubled in the last ten years, and since 1870 has increased more than seven-fold. She is now recorded as the seventh richest country in the world, national wealth totaling approximately \$20,000,000,000.

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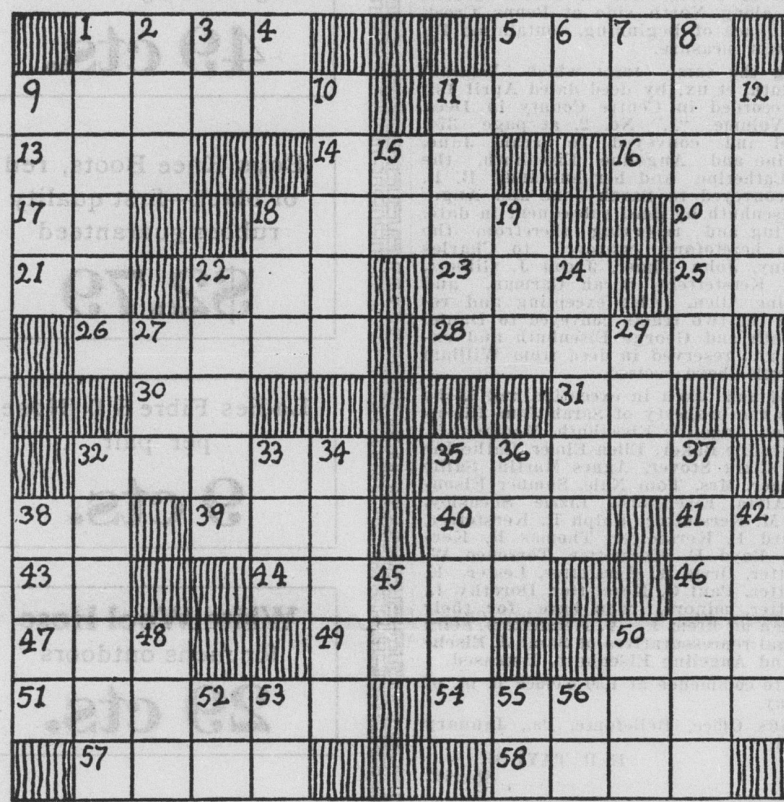
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### HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

When the correct letters are placed in the white spaces this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally. The first letter in each word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definition listed below the puzzle. Thus No. 1 under the column headed "horizontal" denotes a word which will fill the white spaces up to the first black square to the right, and a number under "vertical" denotes a word which will fill the white squares to the next black one below. No letters go in the black spaces. All words used are dictionary words, except proper names. Abbreviations, slang, initials, technical terms and obsolete forms are indicated in the definitions.

### CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 6.



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#### Horizontal.

- 1—An upright piece of timber
- 2—Upright of a sailing vessel
- 3—Silky envelope in which butterflies pass the pupa stage
- 11—Certain large ape
- 13—Not at home
- 14—Part of "to be"
- 16—Prefix meaning "three"
- 17—At home
- 18—To turn aside
- 20—Preposition
- 21—Southern state (abbr.)
- 22—Period of time
- 23—2,000 pounds
- 25—Point of compass
- 26—Artist's standard
- 28—To lift
- 30—Part of "to be"
- 31—Note of scale
- 32—To collide, with a loud noise
- 35—Metal device for holding things
- 38—Negative
- 39—Yes (ancient form)
- 40—Lubricate
- 41—Part of "to be"
- 42—Boy's name
- 44—To walk upon
- 46—Preposition
- 47—Kind
- 49—Printing measures
- 50—A vegetable
- 51—To be deserving of
- 54—Skill
- 57—Having a sharp taste

#### Vertical.

- 1—To jump upon
- 2—Full month (abbr.)
- 3—Thus
- 5—Mother
- 6—Month of Hebrew calendar
- 7—Drunkard
- 8—Bulging, as with muscles
- 9—Piece of money
- 10—Pertaining to the navy
- 11—A bunk
- 12—Number under ten
- 15—Note of musical scale
- 18—Part of "to be"
- 19—Pedal digit
- 22—Short written composition
- 24—Pertaining to one's birth
- 27—To affect with pain
- 29—Vigor
- 32—Kind of dog
- 33—Six games in a tennis match
- 34—Rabbits
- 35—Seashore
- 36—Cover for a vessel
- 37—Evident
- 42—Waterway around a castle
- 45—A printing measure
- 48—New Zealand parrot
- 50—Prefix meaning "through"
- 52—Great (abbr.)
- 53—Half an em
- 55—Preposition
- 56—Note of musical scale

Solution will appear in next issue.

### Steel Sheets So Thin They Are Transparent Developed in Germany.

From Berlin comes news of a method of making sheets of steel so thin that they are transparent.

Test plates ruled with lines one twenty-five-hundredth of an inch apart were photographed through such a metal sheet. When enlarged the lines showed clearly without any distortion, proving the even structure of the film.

So thin are these sheets that atoms will pass through them. Helium rays that are blocked by a sheet of paper are not perceptibly weakened by passing through the steel sheets. It is calculated that they are not more than thirty layers of atoms thick.

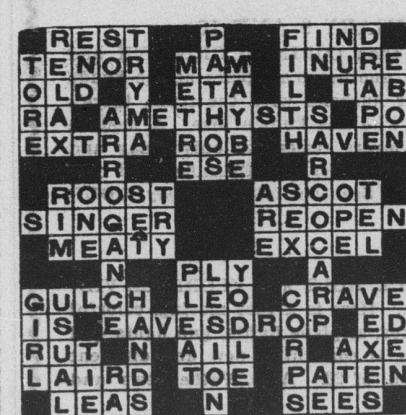
Yet the metal sheet is so strong that blowing on it will distend it one-sixteenth of an inch without rupture. These sheets are made by depositing a fine film of metal on a smooth surface by an electric current and then separating the film from its base.

These steel sheets may be used as semi-permeable membranes for the separation of gases; they may advance telephotography and television; they may be of use in metallurgical research and in making galvanometers, radio receivers and apparatus for measuring heart action.

### Street Car Costs \$17,000.

The modern double-truck electric street car for city service costs about \$17,000 or double what it cost ten years ago. Eleven years ago a Pullman car could be bought for what a street car costs today.

### Solution to Cross-word Puzzle No. 5.



### Trouble in the Office.

"The pencil has made a number of pointed remarks about the sponge being soaked all day and the waste basket's being full. The scissors are cutting up and the paper weight is trying to hold them down, while the maulage is sticking around to see that the stamps get a good licking. The ink's well, but appears to be blue, while Bill is stuck in the file and the calendar expects to get a month off. The blotter has been taking it all in."

### What Will 1926 Bring?

Thirty years ago we had the horse and buggy, kerosene lamps, the wood cook-stove, messenger boys, and the old oaken bucket. Today we have electric lights, electric railways, gas ranges, piped water supply and the telephone. What will it be in 1926?

### TB ERADICATION MAKES RAPID PROGRESS.

The eradication of bovine tuberculosis in Pennsylvania made rapid progress during 1925 due to the greatly increased appropriation for indemnity purposes. A total of 221,000 cattle were tested under the individual and area plan during 1924, while in 1925 this number was 324,687. Secretary of Agriculture, F. P. Willits, states that with the demand, the personnel, and the indemnity money available during 1926, approximately half a million cattle will be given the test.

The herds in six counties—Mercer, Crawford, Jefferson, McKean, Butler and Lawrence—have been completely tested, according to a report from T. E. Munce, Director, Bureau of Animal Industry. In the first three of these counties, which are called "modified accredited counties," the disease has been reduced to less than one-half of one per cent.

A total of 230 townships in 34 counties are qualified and are awaiting the test under the area and individual plans, states Dr. Munce. These areas include approximately 230,000 cattle.

In connection with the future of tuberculosis prevention and eradication work in Pennsylvania, it is stated that assuming that the State Department of Agriculture will receive at least the same amount of money for indemnity purposes for the next four fiscal periods that has been made available during the present fiscal period, the disease throughout the State will be reduced to less than one-half of one per cent by 1933.

### Ripening Oranges is Very Latest Wrinkle of Electric Wizardry.

Oranges are picked as soon as they have developed their full content of sugar, and this is some time before they turn to the rich yellow color of complete maturity.

Heretofore the desired color has been produced by placing the fruit in a sweat-room with kerosene lamps. These, when smothered, produced carbon monoxide, which gas was essential to the treatment.

A new method, in every way more desirable, has now been developed with the use of electricity. Boxes of oranges are put in a tightly closed room and an electric heater brings the temperature to about 80 degrees Fahrenheit. The heat and the moisture of the oranges cause them to sweat. For each 10,000 parts of air in the room one part of ethylene gas is released.

### Bad Language.

It's a wonder money doesn't blush when made to talk the way it does by some people.—Des Moines Tribune.

"My boy has a camera and a radio set, and goes to the movies three times a week." "Well, Jim, when we consider what it takes to amuse the youngsters of today, I often wonder how we kids were ever able to get a thrill by looking into a kaleidoscope."—Boston Transcript.

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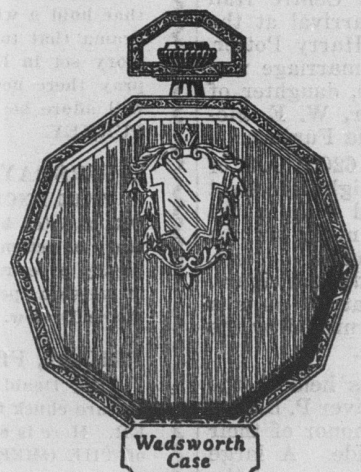
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