

SAID BY THE BARBER

THIS is the season when it behooves young men and others to tarry in Jericho until their beards be grown. Everybody knows how cordially the obstructionist who gets a shave, shampoo and haircut on Saturday night when the line of "Next" is long drawn out is hated by the philanthropic who take advantage of such times to get merely a light shave. Another species of nuisance now preempts the barber chair in the person of the individual who wishes to have his whiskers "staked out." Although the sekinos and the Laplanders have no whiskers to shield them from the winter's blast, many men inhabiting zones where the climate is less rigorous consider it a safeguard to grow beards during the winter. These men are now in large and active evidence, their face resembling the upholstery of haircloth furniture that has experienced hard service. This is the time when their friends do not know them and their families bear the brunt of suffering.

THE BENGAL LANCERS.

All England Is Proud of the Bravery Displayed by Them on the March to Peking.

The magnificent performance of the Bengal lancers, on the march of the allied forces to Peking, once more draws attention to the splendid soldiers of which England's Indian forces are composed. Ever since Lady Butler painted her famous picture, Tent-pegging, the Bengal lancers have appealed to the mind of the British public as one of the finest regiments of cavalry in the world. There is little doubt that for perfect discipline and for supreme courage they have few equals in the world.

But, says London Black and White, although less known to the majority



A BENGAL LANCER.

(Copied from an Original Sketch by Rene Bull.)

of stay-at-home Britons, the other components of our native army are none the less deserving of our admiration. Most of them, like the Afriidi and Sikhs in the northwest and the Gurkhas in the northeast, were originally our enemies, and it is the mutual respect born of many a hard tussle that has led to the excellent relations subsisting between these forces and Tommy Atkins. The Gurkhas were the first race in India to check the victorious advance of the British arms. It was in 1814 that we first made their acquaintance and learnt what manner of people we had to deal with. During the attack on Kalunga in that year, the garrison, which consisted of 600 Gurkhas, repeatedly repulsed the assaults of an entire British division, killing Gen. Gillespie, and putting 31 other officers and 750 men out of action. When a two days' bombardment ultimately led them to abandon the post, the survivors, 90 in number, cut their way through our troops, and made good their escape, after having retarded a whole division for a month. During the same siege a Gurkha came out through the fire of our batteries waving his hand. The fire was stopped, and then it transpired that he had had his lower jaw shattered, and had come out to have it dressed by his enemy. His wound was at once attended to, and as soon as it was dressed and bound up, he promptly asked—and, needless to say, obtained—permission to return to his own people, and fight against us again.

EDWARD ASABEL BIRGE.

Acting President of the University of Wisconsin is a Scholar of National Reputation.

Dr. Edward Asabel Birge, who will fill the place of Dr. Charles Kendall Adams as president of the University of Wisconsin while Dr. Adams is recovering his health abroad, has been an honored member of the faculty for



DR. EDWARD A. BIRGE. (Ad Interim President of the University of Wisconsin.)

25 years. He came to Madison in 1875 as instructor in natural history, and one year later he was made professor of zoology. In 1881 he was elected dean of the college of letters and science. Dr. Birge is not only a scientist of eminent reputation, but is likewise an authority of international note in his line. After his graduation in 1873 from Williams college he spent two years in Harvard and received from that university his degree of doctor of philosophy. Later he went abroad for a course in histology at the University of Leipzig. In 1887 he was made honorary doctor of science by the Western university of Pennsylvania. He is 49 years old.

Densely Populated Spot. The most densely populated spot in the United States is a block of tenement houses in New York bounded by Sixty-first and Sixty-second streets and Tenth and Eleventh avenues. In this block, the census showed, live 2,987 persons, most of them negroes.

THE ENGLISH VOLUNTEERS.

Fighting Value of the Citizen-Soldier Proved by the War Waged in South Africa.

A recent number of Cassell's Magazine contains an illustrated article in a series upon "The National Defense," dealing specially with the volunteers. The author says: Anxious to glean a few interesting facts about the volunteer force from someone whose statements and opinions were those of an expert, I hid me to the house of a friend of mine who had for years been in command of one of the most famous of volunteer regiments. He was, as I expected, only too pleased to talk upon his pet subject, for the improving of the volunteer force has been the study of his lifetime. "You see," he began, in answer to a preliminary query of mine relative to the fighting value of the citizen soldier, "the Transvaal war has answered your first question. The city imperial volunteers have given a splendid account of themselves. They represent, undoubtedly, the pick of our fighting material which remained over from the regular army. Scarcely a man amongst them had smelt powder; probably very few had been out of England before in their lives. And yet a war breaks out 6,000 miles away and you find men tumbling over each other in their eagerness to get to the front! That shows the national love of soldiering. You could never obtain such results by conscription. There is not another nation in the world in which you can find a quarter of a million private citizens following the military profession in their leisure hours for the sheer love of the thing. Judging by past results, and taking into consideration the increase in the population during the past few years, I should say that fully 700,000 men would come forward if there were any real danger of invasion and the country called for volunteers."

BOUGHT HER OWN RING.

Young Woman Got an Engagement Circle That Certainly Ought to Have Sued Her.

It occasionally happens that the ring a girl receives as an engagement token is far from suitable to her ideas of what such a thing should be. One young woman, however, will have no one to blame but herself if the ring she wears is not satisfactory, for she bought it herself. Her fiancé lived in a small southern town, where there is not the wide variety of diamond rings from which to select that one finds in a city; therefore, it was decided that when the young woman came north she should choose her own ring. And she did. She brought with her a goodly sum of money—her fiancé's money, of course—and when she reached Chicago she repaired in haste to one of the big shops and with much care selected a solitaire that suited her, says the Chicago Chronicle.

A CURIOUS MINERAL.

Considerable Attention Attracted to Moldavite Among Geologists of Austria and Bohemia.

A curious mineral called moldavite, or bouzeilstein, has attracted considerable attention among the geologists in Austria and Bohemia. The mineral is in glassy ovals from an inch to an inch and a half long, and is characterized by various markings, which look somewhat like finger impressions, while others form a network of furrows, which seem in part a rough radial arrangement.

Money Left by Tourists.

Chief among the assets of Italian hotel-keepers, merchants and railroaders is the money left with them annually by tourists. They will aggregate about \$75,000,000, and the individuals named have just taken steps to cultivate the traveling foreigner with the view of encouraging him to spend still more. A congress has been held in Rome under the leadership of Sig. Di Ferrari, a former member of the cabinet, who in his address to the delegates said: "We propose to organize all the forces of Italy which relate to the cultivation of this industry."

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Some girls marry for money, but, for that matter, every clergyman does the same thing when he performs a ceremony.

Not Up to His Promise.

"John," she said, sorrowfully, "you promised me when I said I would be your wife that you would embrace religion for my sake—that you would be a pillar of the church." "Well," he asked, "haven't I been going regularly?" "Yes," she sighed, "but I couldn't help thinking as I watched you Sunday while the preacher was delivering his sermon that instead of being a pillar in the church you would have been more comfortable if you could have had a pillow in it."—Chicago Times-Herald.

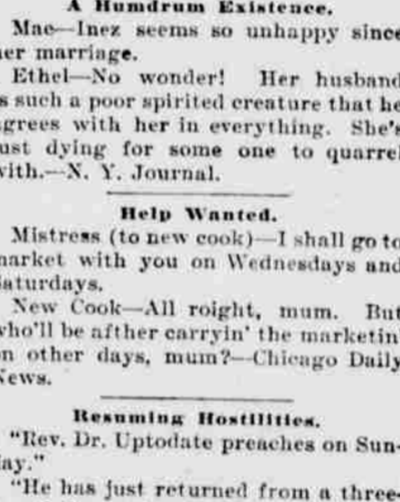
NEEDED ENCOURAGEMENT.

"I wish I were nearer perfection," I said. As I sat on the sofa with her: The lamp threw a halo of gold 'er her head. Her breath was like orris and myrrh. That's easy," she said, with a smile in her eye. A trick she had gathered from Venus; And then, with a laugh and a fluttering sigh, She cast out the pillow between us. —Puck.

AN ASBESTOS HOUSE.

It Will Be Inhabited by Count Walderssee, the German Commander in Chief in China.

The picture is from a photograph of the interior of the fireproof asbestos house which the German commander in chief, Count Von Walderssee, is taking with him to China. The house, which is built throughout of asbestos, is 17 feet in height and has a frontage of 60 feet. It contains seven large rooms, four in the front and three in the back. It can be taken out of the packing cases in which it is carried and set up ready for occupancy in eight hours, and in case of an emergency can be taken down and packed in two hours and a half. The outer walls of the house are formed of two slates of asbestos, with an air space



PROOF AGAINST FIRE. (Bedroom in Count Walderssee's Asbestos Campaign House.)

between, thus making it easy to heat in the winter and comparatively cool in hot weather. When packed ready for transportation the house is contained in a number of comparatively small packing cases, fitted with iron handles, so that where railroads do not run and it is not possible to use animals they may be carried by hand. It is said that Count Von Walderssee will make this queer house his headquarters during the whole period of his stay in the orient. The members of his personal staff will also be quartered in the asbestos house. The house was planned and constructed by a German firm in a single week.

Back at His Starting Point.

The crooked streets of Boston are always a source of wonder to visitors. A Cincinnati man, who was a guest at the Tremont house, made up his mind to go out to see the "Hub." As he had three hours at his disposal, he wandered around leisurely but aimlessly until he was tired with his long walk. He calculated that he must have covered nearly ten miles, when he stepped up to a policeman on the corner, and asked to be directed to the Tremont house. "Well, sir," said the policeman, courteously, "you might cut across the street to the front door, but if I were you, I'd walk over on the crossing." He was exactly opposite the hotel.

Second Citizen.

"Second Citizen—You don't say? Any shootin'?"—Brooklyn Life.

Proving His Statement.

Tom—Flies never annoy a sleeping man. Dick—What nonsense! Why I— Tom—The man wakes up and is annoyed.—Town Topics.

A Family Argument.

"Clara, you know I'm right." "Of course, Clarence; that's what makes me so mad."—Chicago Record.

Uncle Allen.

"Never," counseled Uncle Allen Sparks, "look at a gift cheese through the microscope."—Chicago Tribune.

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