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Great disasters bring us to our senses, while petty annoyances long continued unbalance the reason.

Where Will German Generosity Stop? GERMANY has been making free with the territory of Austria and Turkey in an effort to strengthen her position.

Bipartisanship in Fayette County THE successor to A. Mitchell Palmer as the Democratic national committee man and party leader will either be a man who likes the kind of bipartisanship the products of which are making a stench in Fayette County.

Mr. Balfour's Sensible Admission EMBROIDERERS of all political parties are supporting their Government in this crisis, so the statement given out by the Rt. Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, defending the order in council, is remarkable.

An Improvement to Be Rushed THOSE who have been hoping that the proposed convention hall and the much-needed stadium might be combined in one great structure will be disappointed by the decision of the city administration.

A Call to the Reserves in College MAJOR GENERAL LEONARD WOOD is not pessimistic, but merely intelligent, when he says that wars are not to cease.

The Ceremonies of the Hand THE little Indian maiden lay unconscious; for three days she had not eaten or spoken.

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knows something of the use of a rifle and something of the first principles of military discipline and life in the open strengthens the nation's reserve army.

A National Fourth THE national celebration of the Fourth of July, in Philadelphia, in Independence Square, was begun as an institution last year, when the President journeyed to the shrine of our liberties.

Let State and city unite in urging him to come again this year. Let both be liberal in appropriating for the necessary expenses of the undertaking.

Philadelphia cannot be neglectful of her historic assets. The nation expects her again to do her duty, again as a generous host to assemble her guests together and once more to lead the way and point the course.

Once the Fourth saw the nation born and once it saw it saved. Let the Fourth this year be laureled yet again by the unprecedented spectacle of a hundred millions of people bespeaking mercy for their desolate kinsmen in foreign lands.

THE one regret of those who saw the Steamship Northern Pacific sail from this port was that she is not expected to return here.

The Delaware-built ships ought to come back to their native waters. No one has any desire to restrict the scope of the business of the great shipyards here.

Of course this cannot be, for coastwise steamers are needed on the Pacific. Yet there ought to be a spirit in this old town which would put into every sheet of steel and every plank and every rivet that goes into a vessel a homing instinct which would bring the ship back here at least once on every voyage that it makes.

IT WOULD be easy to fall into the error of assuming that Great Britain has returned to Professor T. H. Morgan, formerly of Bryn Mawr College, who purports to be an essay on "Hereditry" for a German periodical.

The real reason for its return to America will doubtless be found in the conclusion of the British censors that it is a cipher document disclosing to the Germans much secret information.

Smallpox in Camden is under control because it never got out of control.

Colonel Roosevelt's telegram to Senator Walsh proves that he has not lost any of his old-time punch.

The ship purchase bill will never be any deader, so why does the Senate committee persist in trying to find out what it died of?

Those who are expecting "Billy" Sunday to bring about a political regeneration in Paterson have apparently forgotten that he had just as good a field here.

That New York suffragist who was knocked down by an automobile and then asked the owner if she had hurt his car, has a proper appreciation of the stern qualities needed to defend her cause.

A great deal more patriotism would be aroused by looking at the Liberty Bell in Independence Hall than at the bell jacked up on a freight car at Kutztown junction on its way across the continent.

No friend of the President will advise him to let one of the best men in his Cabinet venture to accept the Chief Justiceship of the New Jersey Supreme Court.

Every Philadelphian who goes to Atlantic City from Camden for 25 cents less than that would cost him to go from this city is thankful that New Jersey has a considerable Public Service Commission which believes that it should be easy for people to get a breath of ocean air.

"WHITE-MAN-WHO-DOES-NOT-LIE"

General Scott's Knowledge of Sign Language Gives Him Extraordinary Power Over Indians. Witchcraft Causes Many Uprisings.

By VANCE THOMPSON THE norm of news values has been knocked on the head by the Great War. In ordinary times the adventure of General Hugh L. Scott in going single-handed into the Pute country and bringing out four war-painted chiefs would have got itself reported in big type in the front page.

Of course, General Scott is a silent man; a brief dispatch to the Secretary of War said "Successful," and let it go at that.

"Secrets" of Power There is an entire biography in that nickname of his: "White-Man-Who-Does-Not-Lie." Time and again when the Indians have flared up into rebellion he has been sent to them; the moment they heard the great Chief of Staff was on his way trouble halted and his arrival meant peace.

And General Scott is, I believe, the only White Man who can converse with the Indians of every American tribe. It is not that he speaks every Indian language.

When they got home they found the squaws washing the body of the dead maiden. And they saw that she had a black spot just over the heart and another black spot on the back under the right shoulder—the marks of the witchman's magic bullet—so they knew they had done well.

"Come and Be Hanged" Without anger, without hesitation, they mount and ride in at his side. It is an amazing thing; the most amazing thing happening in these mad days.

With the strongest fleet ever assembled for battle, they set their way through the Dardanelles toward the Sea of Marmora, this quiet Turkish sheet of water suddenly has taken on a thrilling world-importance.

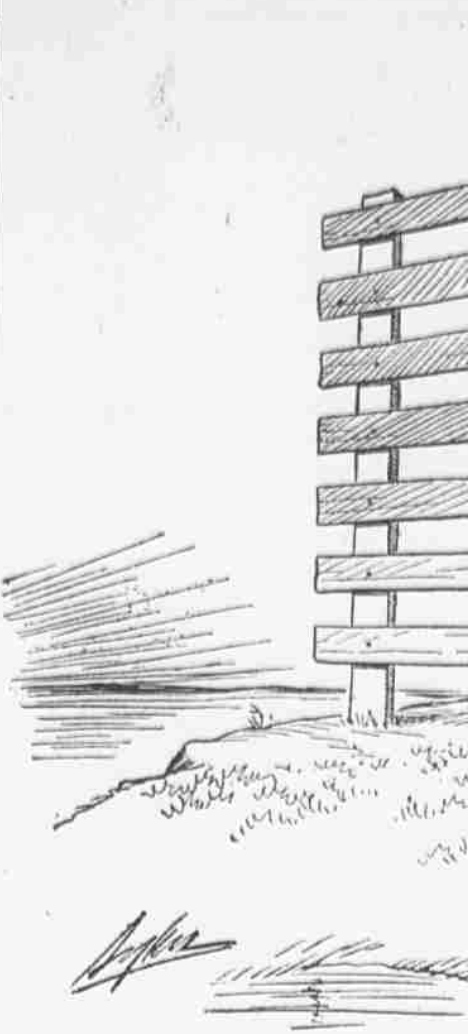
Nature has been more than generous in her provisions for guarding this sea between Asia and Europe against hostile power.

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SPROUTING



BEST THOUGHT IN AMERICA

DIGEST OF THE MAGAZINES

- (1) The House Beautiful—"Seed Catalogs and Things." (2) Vogue—"Flowers as They Are Made." (3) Harper's Monthly—"The Control of Soil Fertility." (4) Current Opinion—"Elements of Consciousness in the Courtship and Mating of Plants." (5) Review of Reviews—"Better Seeds for the World's Food Supply."

GARDENS

FRAGRANCE of flowers, sparkle of champagne, smiles of fair women, all the alluring froth of the world, rests upon a shadowy background of toil and weariness.

But by one of those fortunate chances which go to make up this curious life of ours, there is a splendid and alluring compensation of the work for its own sake.

"What is it you are so interested in?" she demanded, laying down the new magazine. "A seed catalog."

"More seed catalogs. Why, you read nothing else all night." "This is a new one," I replied, "and I declare I never saw turnips that could touch this improved strain here. I am going to plant."

"How many catalogs have you?" "Only six so far." "Only six so far? And you plant your earliest seeds—"

In April, the middle of April, though I may be a bit late, get my first peas in by the last of March. You see, peas—she was backing away—"this new Antarctic pea will stand a lot of cold; but beans—do come here and look at these improved, nearly wonder pole beans," holding out the wonderfully lithographed page toward her.

I suppose every man comes to know that unaccountable expression in his wife's eyes soon on late; a sad, baffled expression, detached remote as of things seen dimly or described afar off—discreet, but very remote.

Two minds with but a single thought, so you start; but soon she finds, or late she finds, that as the heavens are high above the earth, so are some of your thoughts above her thoughts.

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years ago. In 1908 Italy's harvest of cereals alone was five times that of New York, though her area is but twice as great.

The problem of infertile soils seems to be not one of forced feeding or the use of drug stimulants, but air, light, deep plowing, intensive cultivation, exercise, suggesting further interesting analogies with modern medical practice.

Raising Ancestors This analogy between the soil from which we sprang and our own lives is carried further by Royal Dixon, whose studies of plant life are reviewed in Current Opinion (4); he asserts that the flowers who marry:

Before the mating of any pair of plants occurs, there is at this stage in the evolution of many animals a brief period of what is called courtship.

In considering this plant courtship, there is one point which needs special emphasis—a point which will necessarily be reiterated time and again.

There is similar emphasis in an article of breeding grains by E. B. Powell, of the University of Illinois, in the Review of Reviews (5):

It is conceded, in theory at least, that to be well born is a right. It is known that standards are nicely hatched—from the ancestral standpoint—in distinct cause for congratulation.

We are now discovering that to give the plants the best available grandfathers is a part of wisdom. Therefore, all over the land, part of wisdom.

Germany has 46 breeders of rye, 84 breeders of wheat, 64 breeders of barley and 13 breeders of oats.

"GERMANY, 1915" Professor W. P. Trent, of Columbia University, has contributed to the New York Evening Telegram the following poem, entitled "Germans, 1915":

Fronting the world, she stands erect in valor strength and self-respect. The threats and insults of her foes She answers grim, with scorn and blows.

The world ere now such marvel saw Never, and halts twice and asks: 'Why? Why? Why? This stark, consummate might Is girt with adamantite right—'

Enough of blind, hysterical fear. Enough of menace, vaunt and sneer. Enough of gaudy tales untold. Give the heroic state the word: 'Strength to her arms, and to her bow! All glory that the gods allow!

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