

National Forests Carefully Guarded

Chicago.—A little-known but highly important service, both to the present generation and those that are to come, is rendered by the men who guard and care for our national forests. These are situated in all parts of the country from Porto Rico to Alaska, and one of the most important duties is to protect them from fire.

The method employed in the Nebraska national forest is to first clear a strip of land. Twelve furrows are plowed on each side of this and the ground between them is burned over. The firebreak will halt the flames driven by a high wind. Its cost, 50 cents a mile for each furrow over ordinary land, may run to \$50 when heavy timber has to be cleared away.

To keep the forests up to standard, between 12,000 and 15,000 acres must be planted each year. In the Douglas fir region of Oregon the seeds are sown in the snow. They are scattered broadcast, and as the snow melts they sink deeper and deeper. Some are eaten by the birds, but when the snow has disappeared most of them are covered with enough earth to cause them to germinate and take root.

Counted Every Peanut in Store Inventory

Hammond, Ind.—William Fehrmann, manager of a local 13-cent store, hired Miss Lily White, graduate of an efficiency school, to assist in inventorying. Lily had little experience, but a lot of enthusiasm. So down at the basement Bill marched the new clerk.

Everything in the place had to be counted, he said, with a sweep of his hand, and he added that the number of articles must be put down on paper.

Two days later Bill asked his assistant what had become of the new girl. The assistant started a search. He found her in a far corner of the basement, where there were several barrels of peanuts. She was starting on the third barrel.

"There were 17,982 peanuts in the first barrel," said the industrious young woman.

Signpost Reversed So "Tourist" Wanders

Berea, O.—Elmer Walton, Cleveland, visiting friends near here, is recovering from an attempt to walk the four miles from his friends' farm to Berea.

Walton started out early in the morning and reached a cross road, with the wind had blown the sign about, with the result that he walked five miles in the wrong direction. Becoming discouraged, he returned to the post. This time it lay flat on the ground and Walton was truly lost. It was nearly sundown when he dragged himself back to his starting point.

Rare Canadian Lynx Killed Up in Maine

Lewiston, Me.—One of the Keene boys of Sidney a few days ago killed a Canadian lynx out on Penny Ridge, in Belgrade.

The claws, while completely concealed by the fur pads with which the feet are covered, are sharp as razors and would make a formidable weapon were the animal to show fight, which it surely would have done had it been cornered. They were a size and a degree of keenness to have disemboweled a dog had he closed in with the lynx in a scrap, for this animal is considered one of the most desperate fighters in the northern wilds.

The lynx in question, however, had no opportunity to show his prowess, for evidently as soon as he found that the dogs were on his trail he took to a big hemlock tree, and when the tree hunters were after foxes came up to the tree in which the lynx had taken refuge they all shot at the same time, their shots kicked such effect that he never tumbled after striking the snow at the foot of the tree.

Germany May Submit to General Withdrawal

Washington, D. C., Oct. 10.—Germany's plea for an armistice is founded, both American and Allied military officials here believe, upon recognition in Berlin of the fact that the German army organization in France is slowly disintegrating under the terrific campaign of Marshal Foch.

Advice to the Lovelorn

BY BEATRICE FAIRFAX
WOULD LIKE TO TAKE HER TO THE THEATER

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX: While on a weekend at a summer hotel I met a very charming young woman, whom I learned to care for very much. I also met her mother and father. I have found out where she lives and I am writing to ask if you think it would be proper for me to invite her to see a play some evening, also how to go about it, as I am very backward in social matters.

M. T.
It would be quite proper for you to invite the young woman to go to the theater, particularly as you have met her mother and father. Write her a little note and ask her what play she would like to see.

DECLINES TO KEEP HER PROMISE

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX: I have been going with a girl six years, and we pledged our troth two years ago. Last summer was the date for our happy union, when she was taken sick and had to go to a sanatorium to recuperate. When she came home her health was fully restored, and she promised to marry me. Prior to this I was classified in the third class, but now I am reclassified in the first and expect to go with the next contingent. When broaching the subject of marriage she refuses to think of it, for fear of my coming home disabled. Your advice would be warmly appreciated as to what step I should take. It is grieving me, for I love her dearly, and when she was sick I was faithful to her. Asked to release me from my promise, she now claims she loves me and will wait till I come back and will marry me then, regardless of my condition. If she were sincere do you not think she would consent to make me happy now?

R. S.
This young woman has shown a certain capricious quality, according to your account of her conduct, and I doubt if she possesses the necessary

qualities for making you happy. If she declines to marry you before you sail for France there is really nothing to be done but to make the best of the situation. Perhaps she may relent at the last moment, as so many girls have done.

FORESTALL HIS FRIENDS

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX: I am, and have known a sailor boy for the past five months. I am very much in love with him and I know he feels the same toward me. But what I want to know is, is it right for me to go with other young men when he is away? I am doing some work where it is quite necessary for me to have an escort, and some of his friends threaten to tell him of this when he returns. Now, Miss Fairfax, I love him so much that I want to feel that I am true to him, and I should like your advice.

JOAN L.
Why not forestall these meddling friends by writing to your sailor boy and telling him the circumstances? Tell him, you have me, that it is necessary for you to have an escort in coming from your work, but that it makes no change in your feeling for him.

QUESTION OF NEATNESS

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX: I am here in a man of 30, who is agreeable in every respect but one. He is well-to-do and can provide a good home for his wife; his one fault is carelessness about his dress. He never looks really neat, all dress well. Sometimes when he wears a dirty collar and his shoes are unpolished, and I am really ashamed to go out with him, and never like to have my friends meet him on this account. I always look neat and take the greatest pains with my clothes. I have often remarked to him about the advantages of neatness and called his attention to well-dressed men, but he never takes the hint. I like him in all other respects and ask your advice as to the best method of making him see this fault; at the same time I do not want to insult him or hurt his feelings. But I am afraid I can never marry him unless he overcomes his untidiness.

M. P.
A man who is slovenly in appearance before marriage, seldom remedies this failing afterwards, and I am afraid that you will have a long, hard path in trying to convert an untidy man into one who presents a well set up appearance; but if you love him sufficiently you won't mind the effort. Why not attempt a little good-humored flattery and tell him that he does not think sufficiently of his personal appearance, and that you resent the way he neglects such a particular friend of yours. If you do this kindly and humorously, it is probable that he will not take offense. If he persists in being slovenly I do not believe you will get much comfort out of marrying him.

WANTS A SOLDIER'S ADDRESS

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX: I would be very grateful if you could tell me if there is any way for us to get a soldier's address who is now with our Army in France. We haven't seen him for a year, and the last we heard of him he was in camp in New York. For personal reasons, I cannot give you any details, but if it is possible for us to discover his whereabouts it will relieve his sister's aching heart.

A FRIEND

Write to the War Department in Washington, giving the young man's name and the camp at which he was stationed in New York. Also, give his company and any details that you may know in regard to his connection with the service.

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Field Mouse Proves Himself Engineer

New York.—We had dug holes for the poles of our new transmission line extending between the powerhouse and a new pumping plant. A field mouse, trotting around, tumbled into one of them and was imprisoned during the night.

Making my usual morning inspection of the work, I noticed the little fellow running around the bottom of the hole trying to find some means of escape. When I came back from my tour he had settled to business. He was digging, steadily, a spiral groove round and round the inner surface of the hole with a uniformly ascending grade.

At the end of three weeks the little engineer struck a rock too big for him to move. For nearly a day he tried to get around it, but without success. Then with wonderful patience and unflinching courage he dug another pocket, reversed his spiral and went on tunneling his way in the opposite direction.

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At the end of three weeks he was coming near the top. Morning came; the mouse had sped away, his spiral road completed.

French Are Eager to Learn English

Paris.—English is threatening to outstrip French as the universal language—and is threatening to do it on French territory. To learn English has become the national vogue to-day in France. The presence on French soil of so many millions of Anglo-Saxon soldiers has given rise to a sudden desire among all classes to speak English. When they hear the traditional antagonism and hostility of the French toward speaking any other language but the French, the change is hardly less than a phenomenon.

The air is full of schemes and devices for teaching our tongue to the masses. Every teacher of English has more than he can do to fill the wants of all his pupils.

BACK LIKE A BOARD? IT'S YOUR KIDNEYS

There's no use suffering from the awful agony of lame back. Don't wait till it "passes off." It only comes back. Find the cause and stop it. Diseased conditions of the bladder or kidneys are usually indicated by stiff lame back, wrenching pains, lumbago, sciatica, nervousness, sleeplessness, tired, worn-out feeling, pain in the lower abdomen. These are nature's signals for help!

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Urges That R. R. Offices Be Moved From Capital

Washington.—Representative Gillett, of Massachusetts, acting Republican leader, speaking in the House advocated removal of the Railroad Administration to some other city.

Washington is not a railroad center, Mr. Gillett argued, and he said, while Director General McArdoo does a great deal of valuable work in administering railroad affairs, much of his work is spectacular.

Advice to the Lovelorn

BY BEATRICE FAIRFAX
UNREASONABLY JEALOUS

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX: I have a girl friend whom I dearly love and who, in turn loves me, but I often see her speaking to different men and as a result we quarrel, which makes life unhappy. Kindly advise me if I should keep her company or break with her.

H. B.
If I am to take your letter literally at its word value and the young woman did nothing worse than talk to different men, your jealousy seems entirely unwarranted to me. Do you think because you are in love with a girl that she should give up speaking to all her other friends? If, however, you imply that she becomes acquainted with strangers without an introduction, that is quite another matter.

Huns Stripping Russia of Her Gold Supply

Amsterdam.—The second shipment of gold from Russia to Germany has arrived at the German frontier, and has been taken over by an official of the Reichsbank, according to a Berlin dispatch.

Dispatches September 11 reported the shipment of the first portion of the Russian war indemnity to Germany and its receipt by the Reichsbank representative at the German border line. It was said in an agency message from Copenhagen that the shipment amounted to 250,000,000 rubles, one-half of which was in gold and the remainder in notes.

BIG SPURT NEEDED TO MEET BOND QUOTA

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opened in the postoffice to-day and is being manned by members of Dogwood Troop, Girl Scouts. These young ladies have been doing excellent work during the week.

Can Get Honor Flags
Industries of the city, as well as all establishments employing over 20 persons, can secure from headquarters on payment of \$2, actual cost, the fine honor flags being given out. So far only the following have secured the flags: Middletown Car Company, Romberger Hosiery Company, Wieroff Stove Works, all of Middletown; Dauphin Deposit and Trust

Company and Harrisburg Trust Company.

Boy Marks the Way
Paul V. Minnaugh, of 624 Race street is a 15-year-old boy employed by C. H. Raine between school hours. But he considers that it is his duty to buy Liberty Bonds and has subscribed for one of the \$50 denomination.

The example of young Minnaugh is being held up by all solicitors to-day and is aiding in selling numerous bonds.

Boy Scouts to-morrow
The Boy Scouts of the district have been "off" bond selling during the week, but will get busy to-morrow. The scouts yesterday paraded the city streets in an effort to create enthusiasm for the loan. They have been doing excellent work as messengers during the campaign. Secretary Jeauson said to-day, and the "pop" instilled in the troops by Executive J. F. Virgin has been productive of excellent results.

The scouts expect to sell many thousand dollars worth of bonds to-morrow.

War Train Off
This was the day the war trophies train was to have exhibited here. Its showing was canceled, however, following receipt of orders from the State Board of Health.

VIENNA WAITS ON WILSON
Paris, Oct. 10.—Feverish impatience is shown by the people of Vienna while awaiting President Wilson's

reply to the peace proposals of the Central Powers, according to a dispatch from Zurich.

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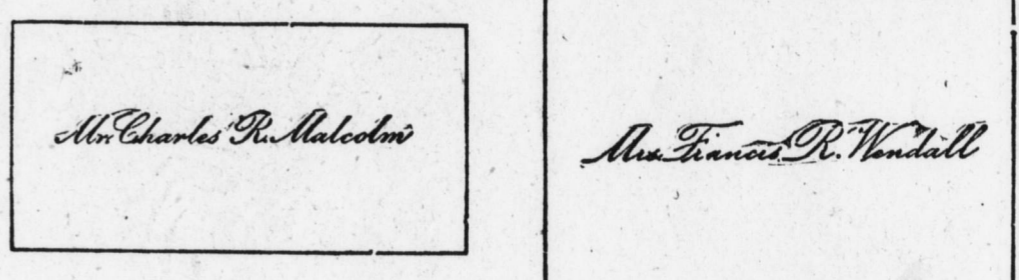
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