



"A great net of mercy drawn through an ocean of unspeakable pain"

Facts About the American Red Cross

Did you know that—

It has established and is operating twenty dispensaries in the American Army Zone in France to care for the needy families there and to improve health conditions in that section ready for our troops?

It is housing and feeding thousands of children in the War Zone to keep them away from the danger of gas and shell fire?

It has divided the entire War Zone into six main districts, with Red Cross workers at each point to distribute cooking utensils, agricultural implements, beds, bedding, food and clothing?

It provides builders and ready-to-put-up buildings to house the homeless in the devastated regions, often before the walls of the destroyed homes have cooled?

It is bringing over two hundred tons of supplies every day into Paris, from which one hundred and twenty-five tons are reshipped to branch warehouses over France?

It is providing an artificial limb factory outside of Paris, in addition to special plants for the making of splints?

What will *you* give to keep this Hand of Mercy at its work?

Every cent of every dollar received for the Red Cross War Fund goes for War Relief.

The American Red Cross is the largest and most efficient organization for the relief of suffering that the world has ever seen.

It is made up almost entirely of volunteer workers, the higher executives being without exception men accustomed to large affairs, who are in almost all cases giving their services without pay.

It is supported entirely by its membership fees and by voluntary contributions.

It is today bringing relief to suffering humanity, both military and civil, in every War torn allied country.

It plans tomorrow to help in the work of restoration throughout the world.

It feeds and clothes entire populations in times of great calamity.

It is there to help your soldier boy in his time of need.

With its thousands of workers, its tremendous stores and smooth running transportation facilities, it is serving as America's advance guard—and thus helping to win the war.

Congress authorizes it. President Wilson heads it.

The War Department audits its accounts. Your Army, your Navy and your Allies enthusiastically endorse it.

Twenty-two million Americans have joined it.

An Old-Time Plow.

An old-time plow, probably used by the early Spaniards around San Antonio, Tex., was upturned by workmen of a construction company. The plow has a three-foot turning blade capable of making a three-foot furrow, and although the wooden handles have rotted away the size of the iron supports indicates the plow must have been about twelve feet in length. It is believed the old instrument was used by the early Spaniards with several yoke of oxen.

Gourd Family Is Important.

The gourd family furnishes the human families with many edible fruits, and it is believed that pumpkins and squashes are of American origin, though in nowise certain. On the other hand, it is known that watermelons, muskmelons, cucumbers and all that branch of the family are of Asiatic origin. Yet all countries have native species of this great family.

Left-Handedness.

No attempt should be made to teach naturally left-handed children to use their right hands, according to P. B. Ballard, Inspector of schools of London, as it is likely to make them stammerers. Mr. Ballard supplies the following statistics: Out of one group of 545 left-handed children 1 per cent of pure left-handers stammered, against 4.8 per cent of 399 being taught to use the right hand. In another group of 207 the figures was 4.2 per cent and 21.8 per cent, respectively.

A Mutual Pleasure.

Mother—"Were you glad to get back to school and see your dear teacher?" Little Son—"Well, I—I was just about as glad as dear teacher was to get back and see me!"

Make Gems of Them.

Nearly all artificial gems—that is to say, stones that are really made by artificial means—are compounds of alum crystallized under special conditions. The metallic salts that are added during fusion determine whether the stones produced shall be sapphires, rubies or Oriental topazes, amethysts or emeralds.

Work.

There is nothing but what's bearable, as long as a man can work. The nature of things don't change, though it seems as if one's life was nothing but change. That the square of four is sixteen, and you must lengthen your lever in proportion to your weight, is as true when a man's miserable as when he's happy; and the best of working is, it gives you a good grip-hold of things outside your own lot.—George Elliot.

Understanding.

More hate would be mellowed to love by intimate knowledge than would regard to disfavor. A smattering information is a treacherous possession. All it requires to effect better relations between nations as well as individuals is knowledge, and more knowledge.

Ground Squirrels.

More than 50 species and races of ground squirrels inhabit the United States and Canada.

Watch Winding Machine.

In a New York watch repairing establishment, where more than 700 watches have to be wound every day, an electrical apparatus has been installed to do the winding. It does the work more efficiently than human hands can, and takes the place of several men formerly required for this work.

The Largest Diamond.

The largest diamond that has yet been found is the Cullinan, which was discovered in the Premier mine in the Transvaal in 1907 and weighed 3,025 1/2 carats, or one and one-third pounds, in the rough, and at that it was apparently only a fragment of a larger stone. In cutting this immense gem it was divided into nine large stones and a number of brilliants, the largest finished stone being only 516 1/4 carats.

Handy Scrapbook.

Have you a little blank book which you keep full of household suggestions, in alphabetical form? Much can be gained when reading the papers and magazines if you clip out some of the suggestions which are worth while. Paste them in the proper place in your little book. It is more than worth the trouble.—Exchange.

No Time for Debate.

"Jibbes is the kind of fellow who never makes a move without first asking himself whether or not it will be good for his health." "I saw him jump six feet in the air yesterday to dodge an automobile. Instinct probably told him what was good for his health, without his stopping to debate the matter."

Production of Leghorns.

The average production of eggs by hens of all kinds and ages in the United States is 85. Unselected White Leghorns, however, produce an average of 130 eggs for the first year, 120 for the second, 110 for the third, 85 for the fourth, and fall off about ten a year up to the eighth. These figures are from a bulletin of the Utah experiment station. If the first year production be low, the second will be high and vice versa, the total production for three years being about the same.

ALL HAD TRAGIC HISTORY

Carolina the Last of a Quartet of Ships That Seemed to Be Doomed to Misfortune.

"The sinking of the Carolina by a German U-boat removed the last of a quartet of ships that have had a tragic history," remarked Brooks Amis of Baltimore, a former resident of Washington, at the Willard, according to the Washington Post. "The Carolina was formerly the Grand Duchess, built for the Plant line in 1896. She made her first trip from Boston to Halifax and two years later she was taken over by the government to be used as transport in the Spanish-American war. Her maiden voyage in the transport service was from Charleston, S. C., carrying a regiment of Wisconsin troops and high army officers to Porto Rico.

"General Miles a short time before had been placed in command of the American army and he left Washington with members of his staff early in July. At Charleston General Miles went on board the Yale, which had been the City of Paris of the American line. He left Gen. Roy Stone of his staff at Charleston to recruit a gang of laborers for the army in Porto Rico. General Miles proceeded to Cuba on the Yale and after staying there a few days went to Guanica on the southern coast of Porto Rico. It was while he was lying in the wonderful little harbor of Guanica on board the Cherokee, the Yale being too large to enter the harbor, that he was joined by members of his staff who had sailed on the Grand Duchess. The Cherokee, another Plant liner, took the staff to Ponce, and among others on that vessel was the late Richard Harding Davis, who had sailed from Cuba on a dispatch boat. The Cherokee arrived off Ponce the next morning to find that the city had been taken the previous day by an ensign of the navy in a dispatch yacht.

"A few days later the protocol ending the war was declared and most of the members of the Miles party sailed back for the States on the Obdam, a transport that had been purchased from the Holland-American line.

"The curious part of the thing is that the Yale was sunk in some manner; the Obdam ran ashore off the coast of Cuba while in the transport service; the Cherokee foundered somewhere in the Atlantic and now the Grand Duchess, rechristened the Carolina, has been sent to the bottom by a German U-boat."

Jupiter's Belts.

It has been suggested by Lau that the reason Jupiter has belts instead of zones of spots is to be found in its rapid rotation. The material forced upward from the lower strata of the planet, bringing with it a smaller linear velocity than that of the surface, streams eastward, assuming the look of elongated streaks. If the centers of eruption are sufficiently numerous, belts are formed; and it is suggested that, were the sun's rotation much more rapid than it is, the solar surface at spot maximum would also present dark streaks.

Dolly Dillon.

Dolly Dillon, denouncing dawdlers, disdained dashing Dick Dereritt, debonaire dancer. Dick, despairing, defied decorum, dug ditches daily, duly demonstrating devotion. Dolly, delighted, discarded derision, discontinued disparagements. Dick's diamond decorates Dolly's dainty digit.—Christian Register.

Stops Flag Wrapping.

The wind will not play pranks with your flag if a soft piece of feather bone, as used by dressmakers, is run through a casing of narrow navy blue ribbon along the upper edge of the field. The casing will never be noticed if carefully done.

Improved Soldering Process.

A form of the Schoop metal-spraying process is claimed to be effective in soldering. The soldering pistol does not require the compressed air jet, as the fuel-gas used is under pressure and gives the flame sufficient driving force to spread the solder over the surfaces to be soldered. A small driving mechanism feeds the wire solder continuously into the flame. The method is convenient, rapid and inexpensive and is free from the tedious and disagreeable features of soldering by hand.

Want Technical Training for Women.

At a joint meeting of the Birmingham and Atlanta sections of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers resolutions were adopted requesting the colleges and technical schools of the country to provide special courses of technical instruction for women and girls in order that they may be able to take the places of men who have been or may be called into the service of the country during the war.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Good-by Leather Shoes.

The leather shoe is becoming so expensive that it will soon be out of the reach of all but the rich; therefore, according to Andrew H. King, writing in Metallurgical and Chemical Engineering, its place is to be taken by shoes with soles of rubber and uppers of canvas. The properly made rubber sole, into which ground cotton waste and leather dust are incorporated, will outwear two or three leather soles and will not slip on wet pavement.

A Break.

Member S. P. C. A. (to brutal driver)—"No, my friend, I won't shut up. Your poor horse, unfortunately, cannot speak like Baslam's ass, but I would have you know, sir, that I can.—Boston Transcript.

Why the Weather Bureau?

Why the weather bureau? This question is likely to be asked, in more or less querulous tones, whenever the local weather prediction fails, as it often does, says the Popular Science Monthly. The inquirer overlooks the fact that the weather bureau has much more important things to foretell than ordinary changes of weather. It predicts with certainty great windstorms, destructive floods, severe freezes and other atmospheric visitations that endanger life and property on a large scale and collects climatic statistics for scientific agriculture.

Flowers.

Flowers are perhaps the most effective of the many little "finishing touches" necessary to an attractive home. There are thousands of persons with beautiful houses, costly furnishings, perhaps, artistically and skillfully arranged by the hands of a clever decorator, but it takes the little finishing touches, the seemingly unimportant tiny things, done by the woman who loves and exists for her home and expresses her soul in her surroundings to make the house lovable.—Exchange.

Knife Superstitions.

The various knife superstitions are easily explained. It is unlucky to give a knife to a friend, because knives sever things, and might sever friendship; but if he gives you a halfpenny in return the danger is avoided, for his gift is a token of continued affection. It is unlucky to place one's knife and fork crosswise on an empty plate, because it invites crosses and misfortune, also recalling the Christian symbol of suffering.

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