

ITALY'S LEANING TOWERS.

The Strangest of Them All Are the Two in Bologna.

Italy is a land of many leaning towers, but the tower of Pisa is the best known.

The Torre Asinelli is 320 feet high and contains a rough staircase of 447 steps.

When Ottone Garisenda began to build, A. D. 1110, he apparently wanted his house to surpass his neighbor Asinelli's in oddity.

PREHISTORIC WEAPONS.

They Were Probably Made of Iron Obtained From Meteorites.

In the old world the art of smelting ores was discovered about 1200 B. C.

He has compiled a list of the known iron-containing meteorites, nearly all accumulated within the past century.

Thus it seems fairly probable that a widespread use may have been made of meteoritic iron in prehistoric times.

Getting By.

An Indianapolis man, who for the purpose of this story will be called Mr. X, asked a friend, Mr. Y, for the loan of \$20.

When he came back to Mr. X's office he found Mr. X busily engaged in an apparent effort to make a favorable impression on a visitor unknown to Mr. Y.

"Here is that twenty," said Y, breaking in on the conversation.

Mr. X, turned as though annoyed by the interruption; then his face brightened with a patronizing smile.

The Fear of the Past.

The future is a blank wall on which every man can write his own name as large as he likes.

Another Mystery Explained.

Mr. Lynch and his friend were discussing family names and their history.

"How did your name originate?" asked the friend.

"Oh, probably one of my ancestors was of the grasping kind that you hear about so often."

Not Superstitious.

Collector (warmly)—I've been here a dozen times, sir, and I positively won't call again.

A Liberal Spender.

"So?" "Yes; almost anybody but his wife can get money out of him."

Affliction is not sent in vain, young man, from that good God who chastens whom he loves.

FISH AS A FOOD.

Not Nearly Enough of It is Used in This Country.

The average American eats twenty pounds of fish a year.

Each inhabitant of the British Isles has fish on his bill of fare to the extent of 100 pounds every twelve months.

There is absolutely no sane argument against the larger and more extensive use of fish as a daily diet throughout the length and breadth of this land.

GROUND MOLES VALUABLE.

The Only Real Damage They Do is When They Invade the Lawn.

From an examination of the stomach contents of 200 moles taken in all months of the year it was found by the bureau of biological survey of the United States department of agriculture that earthworms and white grubs constitute the bulk of the food.

The presence of starchy material in some of the stomachs is proof that the mole occasionally finds vegetable food.

Judgment against the mole may be rendered when it actually invades the lawn—the overt act—but no general warfare against an insect eating mammal should be encouraged.

Good, Hearty Laughter.

Hygienic experts can say what they like, but they will never compose a diet or discover a better health promoter than good, hearty laughter.

Laughter carries everything before it. It sweeps away the "blues," shakes up the old bones and stirs new life into every corner of the brain.

It fills the lungs with good, pure, new air and drives out all the bad, impure breath.

A Watch and a Horsepower.

An astute French mathematician has found that in certain watches the motions exceed 200,000,000 a year in little equal jumps.

Consolation.

A woman doctor of Philadelphia was calling on a young sister, recently married, who was in distress.

"I cooked a meal for the first time yesterday, and I made a terrible mess of it."

"Never mind, dearie," said the doctor cheerfully. "It's nothing to worry about. I lost my first patient."

The Point of View.

A Sunday school teacher had been telling her class the story of the good Samaritan.

Hoodooed.

Hokus—Flubbub complains that none of the girls look with favor on his suit.

An Indignant Officer.

"May we have the pleasure of your company this evening, colonel?"

Both Sides.

"Can your wife see two sides of a question?"

Man's life is in the impulse of elevation to something higher.

JAPANESE KNOTS.

They Have a Language of Their Own, and Their Making is an Art.

The Japanese have no use for buttons, buckles or hooks and eyes.

The Japanese have hundreds of knots, made necessary by the ornamental use of cord.

There is an appeal to the imagination even in the knots intended for common use.

There is only one way of knotting a cord which sending a New Year's or birthday gift and another for doing up a funeral offering.

The ill bred person classes himself with the foreigner by ignoring such niceties of custom, and an object tied in a slovenly manner not only bears witness to the sender's ignorance.

THE ALBUMEN WE NEED.

Food That Produce It and How They Compare With Meat.

"Why do we eat meat?" asks Dr. Daniel Claude in an article in Nature, and he answers his question by saying, "First to supply the albumen necessary to our bodies, then because meat is a pleasant food, easily digested and assimilated."

Many physiologists have estimated the quantity of albumen necessary to our systems and have given widely differing figures.

There is no exercise like swimming. The breast stroke builds arm and shoulder strength.

Warfare in the Air.

A high powered airplane engine of the best type—say 120 to 150 horsepower—cannot be purchased for much less than \$3,000.

A fast modern airplane has an average life of only about two or three hundred hours of active service.

No Chasing.

A young man visited a jeweler's and asked to look at some wedding rings.

Don't Get Bored.

Don't let yourself get into the habit of being bored. It is not worth while.

With the Sea Flavor.

Friend—What kind of car did you buy? Retired Sea Captain—Well, she draws about fifty feet of dust and displaces half my bank account.

Catly.

Miss Sharpe—She's her own chaperon.

HEROISM IN THE NAVY.

It is Not an Event, but a Mere Matter of Everyday Duty.

Our navy is crowded with men who will face any danger.

Leading from the handling room were the magazines.

While that was going on below decks in the turret were other men and officers, including the chaplain, not knowing what was going on below and expecting every moment to be blown up into the sky.

A few years ago there was a destroyer off Hatteras.

How Norway Finds Sailors.

Norway's navy, being a young service, is built expressly for defense and not for offense.

Swimming as an Exercise.

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Motor Wheel Rims.

How many automobilists are there who ever remove their rims from the wheels until forced to do so by reason of the trouble?

To Cure Scars.

Scars are often very ugly things and disagreeable marks when they exist in prominent places on the skin.

Have to Be.

"I have been visiting one place, at least, where men are always guarded in their conduct."

True Politeness.

"Does your wife listen to your advice?"

When you meet an obstacle use it as a stepping stone.

25,000 BOYS WANTED FOR THE BIGGEST JOB ON EARTH JOIN THE PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION UNITED STATES BOYS' WORKING RESERVE AND HELP TO WIN THE WAR



Boys of Pennsylvania! come away from the ball fields, turn from vacation frolics, put aside the pleasant lures of boyhood and give heed to serious things.

You have heard the song of the bugles and the rattle of the drums; you have seen the dust-stained troops in highways and byways.

The stirring military scenes no doubt have impressed you with the greatness of your country's martial might.

And you, perhaps, have turned back to your sports and games in the confident belief that these chosen legions of a free nation have but to meet the enemy to sweep him from the field.

There is another phase of war and it is the more important one because properly directed it backs up the soldier in the field with the entire resources of his country.

Valor Not Enough.

It is this phase of war activity that must give the American fighting man more and better cannon than the enemy possesses; more ammunition, more food and more of everything that is vital to the prosecution of war.

That is why no one—not even boys—should be allowed to think that war is only the soldier's business.

Primarily, war, because it is destructive, taxes to the utmost the productive energy of the nation engaged.

One million American soldiers, the pick of the country's manhood recruited from the various industries, will soon be at grips with the enemy.

Where are these workers to be obtained? Boys, the answer rests with you.

President Wilson's Call.

That war has made a place for you. That place is in the ranks of the Pennsylvania Division of the United States Boys' Working Reserve.

So important is the Reserve considered by the government that President Wilson has issued a message urging boys of Pennsylvania to enroll.

Let me express the hope that the young men of Pennsylvania not now permanently employed may eagerly enter the Boys' Working Reserve to fit

themselves by training and study for good citizenship and productive service.

Under the direction of the Pennsylvania Committee of Public Safety the Reserve is now recruiting an industrial army of 25,000 boys.

The aims of the Reserve are: First, the organization, and, second, the preparation of boys for emergency service in all lines of work.

Service Badge Given.

You may enroll by obtaining the consent of your parents or guardians, whether you are now employed or not.

Boys who are not now at work, but who attend school, may enroll and will be instructed in some line of industry fitted to their abilities.

Working conditions will be carefully supervised so that members of the Reserve shall be protected against all forms of physical and moral injury.

There is nothing of a military character about the Reserve, its training or its work and members may withdraw whenever their parents or guardians so desire.



It is not intended to keep the boys working on the same basis as workers who are regularly employed.

The Reserve will encourage school-boy or student members in their studies, as it holds that mental improvement is a form of proficiency by which the country and its industries benefit.

Workshops, farms and business are depending upon the loyalty of the American people to insure sufficient working forces while hundreds of thousands of brave Americans are deciding the national destiny in a far-off land.

Whether he is justified in that confidence is up to you.

Your big brothers, perhaps, are already near the firing line or soon will be on their way there.

And, fathers, mothers, let your boys enroll. They are needed, sorely needed, and it is public service that calls