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If presented at any drug store within one week, to purchase a (1 only) 50c bottle of

Schiffman's Expectorant

Makes 64 teaspoonfuls. This remedy is guaranteed one of the most effective, soothing and best remedies for promptly relieving Coughing, Dry, Painful Coughs, Chest Colds, Whooping Cough and Spasmodic Cough or Druggists refund money. It loosens and raises the Phlegm, soothes and heals the irritated membranes of the throat with such promptness, ease and constancy that it is really astonishing, and the quick and lasting relief it affords is unsurpassed.

Must Have Been That Way. "The fortune teller told Highgate's wife that she'll have two husbands and that the second would be a very fine man."

"Doesn't Highgate take that as rather a reflection on him?" "Oh, no. He merely thinks his wife must have been married before and never told him."

RECIPE FOR GRAY HAIR.

To half pint of water add 1 oz. of Bay Rum, a small box of Barbo Compound and 5¢ of glycerine. Any druggist can put this up for you. Mix it in a bottle of very little cost. Full directions for making and use come in each box of Barbo Compound. It will gradually darken streaked, faded gray hair, and make it soft and shiny. It will not color the scalp, is not sticky or greasy, and does not rub off. Adv.

A man always admires another who says the right thing in the right place—especially if he be thrifty.

As we grow more sensible, we refuse drug cathartics and take instead Nature's herb cure, Gardle Tea. Adv.

Minnesota in 1917 produced 50,000,000 bushels of wheat.



Our boys are defending this country on the high seas and on the land. Our own defense against a common enemy is to keep the system clean by ridding the body of the toxins, or poisons, which are bred in the intestines. When you feel tired, sleepy, headachy, when your health is offensive, or pimples appear on the face and neck, it is time to recognize the danger and protect your bodily health by taking something for the liver such as Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets.

"The machinery of the body needs to be oiled, kept in good condition, just as the guns or machinery of a ship. You shouldn't a human person neglect his own machinery more than that of his automobile or his gun? Yet most people do neglect themselves. Their tongue has a dark brown color, skin sallow, breath bad, yet they fail to see that their machinery needs attention.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets have been known for nearly half a century. They are made of Man-tia, Licorice, Aloe and Sagar, made into a tiny pellet and coated with sugar. They are standard and efficacious. You can obtain them at any drug store for twenty-five cents. Ask for Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets—and get no other!

Mother Gray's Powders Benefit Many Children

Thousands of Mothers have found NOTER GRAY'S SWEET POWDERS an excellent remedy for children complaining of Headaches, Colds, Constipation, Feverishness, Stomach Troubles, Bowel Irregularities from which children suffer at this season. These powders are easy and pleasant to take and excellent results are accomplished by their use. Sold by Mothers for 25 cents. Sold by Druggists everywhere, 25 cents. Trial package FREE. Address, THE MOTHER GRAY CO., 121 No. 1, N. Y.

Be Careful

to keep the stomach well, the liver and bowels regular, by the timely and helpful aid of

DR. PIERCE'S PILLS

Least Sale of Any Medicine in the World

HAIR BALM

Helping the Meat and Milk Supply

(Special Information Service, United States Department of Agriculture.)

BE PREPARED FOR THE WAR LITTERS

Prompt Attention to Pigs at Birth Will Prevent Heavy Losses From Weather and Give the Young Porkers a Good Start.

AIM TO REDUCE PIG MORTALITY

Serious Attention Demanded at Farrowing Time to Save Litters This Year.

FEEDING SOWS IS IMPORTANT

Get Plans of Practicable Hog House From Federal or State Sources—Good Quarters Are One of Best Investments.

Save the war litters!

Every owner of a brood sow, whether he lives on a large farm and has many, or whether he is a suburbanite and owns one, should feel a personal responsibility to see that the pig litters born this spring are reared with the utmost care. That means the matter of providing proper housing for the brood sows, and their young should have immediate attention. Saving every pig possible in order that the use of the most urgent war needs of the nation—more pork—can be supplied, should be the aim of every man who owns hogs.

The high mortality among young pigs in some parts of the country can be materially reduced if proper housing and feed are provided for the sows. Investigations of the mortality among pigs on the reclamation projects show that approximately one-third of the piglets born before reaching the weaning age. Losses on several northern projects last season were even above this average because of a severe season. According to one investigation which covered about fifty herds, representing 630 brood sows, the average loss was about 33 per cent, while some farmers lost 50 to 70 per cent of the pigs.

Death Rate is Large. That the average death rate of young pigs, not only on the projects, but elsewhere, is unnecessarily large, and that losses are in a large measure

PERSONAL ATTENTION TO PIGS WILL REDUCE HIGH MORTALITY.

Faithful, personal attention to the sows at farrowing time, even though it means long hours of hard work by day and by night, is the only assurance that the first few days in the life of the piglets can be made to reach the necessary high average. The hog grower who is on the job at this season will be able to save the lives of many pigs that might otherwise perish in passing through the hazards of the first few days. In extremely cold weather the pigs will be in danger of chilling unless the hog house is heated. To remedy this, place a few heated bricks in the bottom of a basket or small box. Cover with straw or put a piece of cloth over the top to keep in the heat. Unless the sow objects too seriously the pigs may be rubbed with kerosene oil and placed in a receptacle as fast as they arrive. The details of attention which the sow and the pigs need at farrowing time are set forth in a recently revised publication of the United States Department of Agriculture, "Swine Management," Farmers' Bulletin 874.

preventable, is the belief of the officials of the department of agriculture. To remedy this situation in time to prevent heavy losses in the next pig crop, the department urges immediate preparation along two lines—providing satisfactory housing for the brood animals at farrowing time and better housing and feeding of the sows

PIG WEARS A SCANT COAT; PROTECT HIM FROM COLD.

It is still hard for many farmers to get rid of the notion that anything is good enough for hogs, yet there is no animal on the farm which requires better protection from the cold than the hog; none for which a good bed is more necessary; and none so much in need of sunshine as the little pig. The horse and the cow have good coats of hair—even a calf or colt left in the cold is provided with a good fur coat; the hen's feathers are the best of protection against low temperature, but the hog has almost nothing between his skin and the weather. One of the first requisites for success with hogs is a shelter where the young pigs can be kept warm and well supplied with sunshine and fresh air. A little pig takes cold very easily and recovers slowly if at all. To prevent taking cold he must be kept dry, warm, away from drafts and out of the wind. A shelter which is a publication of the United States department of agriculture, which tells how to provide quarters that will give hogs both young and old, all the comforts they need. It is Farmers' Bulletin 874, "Hog Houses." If you have the welfare of pigs or hogs in your charge, send for it.

both before and after the pigs are born.

It has been found that the larger losses usually occur on farms where the housing facilities are poor. In one investigation it was learned that the average number of pigs raised in a litter was 6 1/2, while on farms where the housing was poor the average number reared from each litter was only 3-1/2. The average saving, therefore, where good houses were used, amounted to more than two pigs to the litter. There are many kinds of satisfactory hog houses which can be built at comparatively low cost. Any one of these will soon pay for itself in the increased number of pigs saved. Both the individual house and the colony hog house have a place on the hog farm. Both give very satisfactory results when the pigs are cared for properly. If only one can be had the colony hog house usually is to be preferred, especially where a large number of sows are to be kept. The farrowing period usually extends over several weeks if there are many sows. In such cases each pen in the house may be used for two or more sows during the period. Assuming that two sows use a pen and that by reason of the satisfactory quarters provided two additional pigs are saved in each litter, it would not be long until the hog house paid for itself. Good quarters are one of the best investments the swine grower can make.

Satisfactory Hog Houses. The satisfactory hog house provides warmth, dryness, sunshine, ventilation, sanitation, and comfort. To meet these requirements the house need not be expensive. As a matter of fact, many expensive hog houses are not satisfactory, because they do not possess all these requirements, while a few less expensive ones properly planned and built give excellent results. Information as to details and suggested plans of buildings may be obtained from field representatives of the department of agriculture or from the state agricultural colleges.

The care given the brood sow, especially in her feeding, is equally important. Help on this point can be obtained from bulletins which state agricultural colleges or the U. S. department of agriculture will furnish.

Hold to Breeding Stock. Every farmer should hold fast to his breeding stock and raise a litter of pigs a year from each brood sow. This is the patriotic thing to do, and will doubtless prove highly profitable as well.

Lungs Are Weakened By Hard Colds

CASCARA QUININE

BAKER'S BREAKFAST COCOA

The genuine bears this trademark and is made only by WALTER BAKER & CO. Ltd.

DID YOU EVER EAT A DURIAN

According to Traveler, Fondness for That Fruit is Distinctly a Taste That is Acquired.

My second day in Malaysia was almost spoiled by an attempt to eat a durian. Eating a durian, or, as it may be called, to do so, is an experience not soon lost to memory. Its achievement must be productive of a noticeable growth of ego. If I often think how I should enjoy being able casually to boast, "I have eaten durian in the East," or "This tastes as good as a durian." The durian has a powerful personality. It is large and green, not unlike a breadfruit, and is covered with unpleasant spikes. But these, I am told, are no deterrent to the man or beast who has acquired the durian habit—who, by complete suppression or modification of the organs of smell, has succeeded in swallowing even a section of the fruit. It grows on tall trees, and natives will sit for days waiting for a ripening durian to fall. While children, once immune, prefer it to all other fruit; tigers will approach close to Malay villages, risking their lives to carry their voracious diet with a mouthful of durian.—William Beebe, in Atlantic.

Depended on Her. "Is her husband a periodical drifter?" June—"Yes; sometimes she will go for weeks without nagging."

10 HOURS A Baked Cereal Food

A Baked Cereal Food Different from the usual run of toasted or steam-cooked cereals.

Grape-Nuts is baked in giant ovens—baked for nearly twenty hours under accurate conditions of heat, so that the whole wheat and malted barley flours may develop their full, rich sweetness.

You don't need sugar on Grape-Nuts.

There's a Reason

PHILIPPER'S PILLS TO BOB ROWS \$50,000,000

Fifteen Dollar a Week Clerk Poses as King Alphonso's Representative.

New York—How a \$15 a week telegraph operator, posing as King Alphonso's representative, secured \$50,000,000 for Spain, and by promising that Spain would enter the war on the side of the entente allies, brought the state department into the matter, was revealed in the proceedings here when three indictments were returned against Edmond Rousselet, under the espionage law.

Rousselet was pressing his plan for the loan when he was arrested on another charge, and his case in Spain quickly toppled. William Pierson Hamilton of the Manhattan bar, former of the grand jury which returned the indictments, and was familiar with the entire transaction because he was the lawyer for the Spanish government when the subject of the loan was brought to the bank by Rousselet, who was introduced by W. E. D. Stokes of New York city, the bank immediately communicated with Secretary Lansing, who opposed the loan to the Spanish government through an individual, and suggested that it be taken up through the regular diplomatic channels. Rousselet objected to the plan, but was explaining that the loan was to be made personally to King Alfonso, and it was because of the secret arrangement he could promise that Spain was to join the entente allies. The negotiations still were under way, and Mr. Hamilton, who had been ordered to resign under consideration, when Rousselet was arrested on the charge of falsely representing himself as King Alfonso's French diplomat here on a secret mission, and being unable to obtain bail was sent to jail. This led to the inquiry, and the whole affair was laid before the grand jury.

Dodd's Kidney Pills Relieve After Six Years' Suffering

Geo. Brock, of Springfield, O. was afflicted with kidney trouble. He writes as follows: "For six years I suffered with kidney trouble. I had chills, stiffness in the back, and was unable to do my usual work. I suffered greatly with headaches and dizziness, and had to give up my usual work. I was exhausted with the least exertion. I had used four boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and they have helped me more than anything else I have used. I will write a cure."

DR. J. D. KELLOGG'S ASTHMA REMEDY

"You have been summoned to court for speeding in your car," said the stern judge.

"There must be some mistake, your honor," replied the defendant. "I don't think so. The officer who reported your case says your car was going at the rate of 25 miles an hour."

A DAGGER IN THE BACK

That's the woman's dread when she gets up in the morning to start the day's work. It's the woman's dread when she takes every day ends the backache for her. It's the woman's dread when she is suffering from backache. It's the woman's dread when she is suffering from backache. It's the woman's dread when she is suffering from backache.

RUSSIA TO BE INVADED Slav-Country Lies at the Mercy of Germany.

London—Russia now lies at the mercy of Germany. Rumors received here to the effect Berlin had formally decreed that since Leon Trotsky, Bolshevik foreign minister, would not sign the Brest-Litovsk treaty, German armies would begin an invasion of Russia, were later verified. Delayed dispatches describing the closing of the peace parley at Brest-Litovsk state the German foreign minister, Von Kuehlmann, declared he would not sign the treaty unless Austria said at war with Russia. Von Kuehlmann spoke after Trotsky had declared that Russia was not ready to sign the treaty. Trotsky said he would demobilize, but that he would desert from putting ink to a treaty. Von Kuehlmann said that all acts of war against Russia would be regarded as acts of war against the Teutonic allies signed the armistice, but that when the armistice ended, (Feb. 14) active warfare must be resumed. Von Kuehlmann said he would demobilize, but that he would desert from putting ink to a treaty.

NEW KIND OF ANIMAL TO HIM. Dicky was born on an isolated Texas ranch. Having no neighbors, his playmates consisted of pet pigeons, rabbits, a dog, a cat and a tame magpie.

His mother, planning a trip "up North" to visit her folks, took with her another little cousin to play with. "You'll like that, won't you, Dicky?" "I'm not sure," answered the little fellow. "Do cousins have two legs or four?"

BOSCHEE'S GERMAN SYRUP

will quiet your cough, soothe the inflammation of a sore throat and lungs, stop irritation in the bronchial tubes, bringing a good night's rest, free from coughing and with easy expectation in the morning. Made and sold in America for forty-two years. A wonderful prescription, assisting Nature in building up your general health and throwing off the disease. Especially useful in lung trouble, asthma, croup, bronchitis, etc. For sale in all civilized countries.—Adv.

REPULSE FOE'S PLANES Sammies Also Fight Off Poison From Gas Shells.

With the American Army in France.—The Germans opposed to the Americans made an unsuccessful bombardment with gas shells. Gas shells in considerable number from the German guns fell within the American sector early in the morning making necessary the wearing of masks in all parts of the trenches for more than three hours. One American was injured by an exploding shell, but so excellent has been the anti-gas training of the men that not a single case of gas poisoning was reported.

Needs U. S. Girls for Farms. New York.—One of the objects of Miss Anne Morgan's return to America from France, where she has been working for the Red Cross, is to assist by German invaders, to be obtained for France a large number of girls from the United States.

"I would like it to be known to American girls on farms that we need them in France more than all other girls," Miss Morgan said. "We want them, but would like to get women from the west—women who have worked on the farm."

The Benign Venery. "We must get rid of political pull!" "We can't," rejoined Senator Sorghum. "Moreover, political pull may be eminently desirable. If the honest man in Congress was looking for had been discovered, he would immediately have had all kinds of political pull."

Why Beld So Young? Dandruff and dry scalp usually the cause and Cuticura the remedy. Rub the Ointment into scalp. Follow with hot shampoo of Cuticura Soap. For free sample address, "Cuticura, Dept. X, Boston." At druggists and by mail, 50c. Sent 25c. Ointment 25c and No.—Adv.

When Your Eyes Need Care Try Burtine Eye Remedy

TO ALL WOMEN WHO ARE ILL

This Woman Recommends Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound—Her Personal Experience.

McLean, Neb.—"I want to recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to a 11 years old woman who suffers from a functional disturbance, as it has done me more good than all the doctor's medicine. Since taking it I have a fine healthy baby girl and have gained in health and strength. My husband and I both praise your medicine for all suffering women."—Mrs. John E. Kozma, 1101 N. 1st, McLean, Nebraska.

This famous root and herb remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, has been restoring women of America to health for more than forty years and it will well pay any woman who suffers from displacements, inflammation, ulceration, irregularities, headache, backache, nervousness, "the blues" to give this successful remedy a trial.

For special suggestions in regard to your ailment write Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass. The result of the long experience is at your service.

One Treatment with Cuticura Clears Dandruff

Method in His Madness. A Western legislator once introduced a measure to prohibit window cleaners from stepping out on window sills above a certain height. When another prominent member of the legislature championed the odd bill, a friend asked him "Why the deuce did you support that measure?" "Well," said the diplomat member, "it wasn't that I care a cent for the state, but those fellows are apt to fall on pedestrians, and there are some good ones among us."

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured by LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions. Dr. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will cure catarrh. It is taken internally and acts directly on the mucous surfaces of the system. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with the most powerful blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE is what produces such wonderful results in catarrh. Druggists: E. C. Remington & Co., Chicago; J. P. Cheney & Co., Prosser, Toledo, O.

Mean Intimation. "It was so embarrassing by the occurrence I was afraid I would lose countenance." "You needn't have been. No such luck."

The Ointment That Does Not Affect the Senses of the Nose and Throat. Catarrh of the nose and throat can be taken by anyone without resorting to any of the "strong" remedies. Dr. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE is the only one that does not affect the senses of the nose and throat. Druggists: E. C. Remington & Co., Chicago; J. P. Cheney & Co., Prosser, Toledo, O.

Many an eloquent speaker, like a river, is greatest at the mouth.

To keep clean and healthy take Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. They regulate liver, bowels and stomach.—Adv.

A woman says it is almost as solemn to be married as not to be.

Whenever there is a tendency to constipation, sick headache or biliousness, take a cup of Garfield Tea. All druggists. Adv.

Don't get the habit of going around with your britches up.

HEALTH RESTORED Serious Kidney Trouble Was Removed by Doan's and Results Have Been Permanent.

"Kidney trouble put me in a bad way," says Thomas A. Knight, 214 N. Ninth St., East St. Louis, Ill. "I came on with pain across my back and the attacks kept getting more until I had a spell that laid me up. I suppose was the only relief and I couldn't move without help. The only relief I could get was by taking Doan's Kidney Pills brought me back to good health and I have gained considerably in strength and weight."

SCOUTS

(Continued by Elizabeth C. Bennett, of the Boy Scouts of America.)

WAR SERVICE OF SCOUTS

Under this slogan, "Every Scout to Feed a Soldier," the Boy Scouts of America conducted a vigorous nationwide gardening propaganda in the summer of 1917 and themselves completed thousands of gardens, adding substantially to the food conservation of the country.

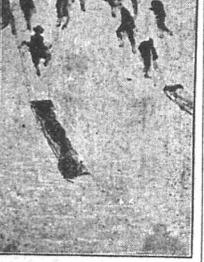
Under the slogan, "Every Scout to Save a Soldier," in Liberty Loan No. 1, scouts sold 139,645 bonds, amounting to \$23,238,293, and 8,483 scouts qualified for war service emblems for selling subscriptions to ten or more families. In Liberty Loan No. 2, scouts sold 638,820 bonds, amounting to \$102,084,100. Approximately 25,000 scouts qualified for war service emblems.

The scouts are now co-operating in a nationwide War Savings stamps advertising and exploitation campaign, as explicitly requested by the United States treasury.

Scouts as government dispatch bearers are to conduct a colossal house-to-house campaign, distributing war information literature in cooperation with the committee on public information.

Scouts everywhere are co-operating with local Red Cross, Y. M. C. A. and other war relief and civic service activities.

SCOUTS ON WINTER HIKE.



Snow-Covered Fields and Wind-Swept Hills Afford Great Fun for These Scouts.

PERSHING IN SCOUT COAT.

The national outfitter of the Boy Scouts of America is to receive the orders from the United States army for hundreds of mackinaws of the pattern designed by the scout supply department.

General Pershing, while at the head of the Mexican expedition, saw one of these mackinaws in a store in San Antonio, Tex., which had a boy scout department. He ordered one of them and wore it. Other officers saw it and ordered some for their own use.

SCOUTS' DAILY GOOD TURN.

Jacob Ellis called the good turn "the cure of the boy scout movement." It is this feature itself, based upon the ideal of service to one's fellow man, that has helped to give the movement force and virility and each individual scout a strength of character which carries him through hard places.

It is not doing a thing for credit, not doing it for praise, not always because it is necessary, but because it is the attention one should pay to another.

Some good turns are noticed, some talked about, others spectacular—these are very valuable; but the backbone of scouting is the many thousands of little good turns done each day by boy scouts in every corner of the country.

BOY SCOUTS "ARE THERE."

Rock Island boy scouts gave evidence that the organization exists for some purpose besides giving the boys a good time. "We want some boys to help distribute literature," said the boys do it right away," came the call over the phone from a charitable concern.

GOOD TURNS BY SCOUTS.

Approximately ninety cases where there is no coal in the home were investigated by the boy scouts in Youngstown, O., and orders were made to the chamber of commerce. Fred Conners, stonemason, ordered that coal mined on one day should be consigned to domestic use in Youngstown.

Manumitting Fido and all efforts to escape a dog license in Erie county, Ohio, are vain. Rascally scouts have committed a right dog census in that city.



ON THE FUNNY SIDE

AND HOW THEY ARE COOKING TOBACCO TO MAKE IT BETTER

For a good many years The American Tobacco Company has been conducting a series of experiments (having as their object the improvement of smoking tobacco).

And it is interesting to know that one of the greatest of their discoveries was one of the simplest, and that was, that cooking or toasting tobacco improved it in every way, just as cooking most foods improves them.

They took a real Burley tobacco, grown in this country, toasted it as you would toast bread; moistened it to replace the natural moisture driven off by toasting; made it into cigarettes, called them "LUCKY STRIKES," the toasted cigarette, and offered them to the public.

The result has been the greatest demand ever created for any tobacco product in a similar length of time.

The change produced by toasting is not only most wholesome, but the flavor is greatly improved, just as cooking improves meat, for example.—Adv.

OUT OF THE WAY.

"Does George get along well with your father?" "Well, George gets along when he sees father coming."

Not the People's Gift. "A good man is gone." "Who is that?" "Hon. John Spoonfington. He could have had any office in the gift of the people."

But he didn't aspire to office? "Oh, yes. The job he wanted was controlled by a political machine and the party boss simply couldn't see him."

Lucky Indeed. "Did you have any luck in your stock market speculations?" "Yes, indeed. I escaped with part of my money."

Good Reason. Wife—This article says that the bull is the oldest toy in the world. Husband—Yes, and a headless man would be the oldest joke in the world.

Not That District. He—They say the woman's vote in this district is very light. She—Nothing of the sort. Nearly every woman registered is a brunette.

Benefit. "I hope you felt like a better man after hearing my speech." "I did. I needed just that two hours' sleep."

Doesn't Care Who Is Stuck. "Is he good to his wife?" "Very. He lets her have everything and anything the stores will trust him for."

Appropriate Remark. "What did the fallen jockey say when they pulled him from under his prostrate mount?" "He said, 'That is a horse on me!'"

Educated. Holly—It's told she speaks several languages. Totty—Yes, golf, polo and horse.—Town Topics.



Special Writer—I have an article on the kind of milk the farmers give the summer boarders. Editor—Oh! codense it!

Intellectual Desperation. How often we investigate. Until at least we study you. Our grammar can't be kept in straight. Yours ain't no answer, anyhow!

Good Night. Mistress—So you are leaving to be married, Nora? Nora—Yes, ma'am; an' I'll be leaving you.

Mistress—Well, I hope you are getting a good husband. Nora—If he ain't any better than the one you've got I'll be back.

Win the War by Preparing the Land Sowing the Seed and Producing Bigger Crops

Work in Joint Effort the Soil of the United States and Canada CO-OPERATIVE FARMING IS MOST POWER NECESSARY TO WIN THE BATTLE FOR LIBERTY

The Food Controllers of the United States and Canada are asking for greater food production. Scarcely 100,000,000 bushels of wheat are available to be sent to the allies overseas before the crop harvest. Upon the efforts of the United States and Canada rests the burden of supply.

Every Available Tillable Acre Must Contribute Every Available Farmer and Farm Hand Must Assist

Western Canada has an enormous acreage to be seeded, but farm power is short, and an appeal to the United States allies is for more men for seeding operation.

Canada's Wheat Production Last Year was 225,000,000 Bushels; the Demand From Canada Alone for 1918 is 400,000,000 Bushels

To secure this she must have assistance. She has the land but needs the men. The Government of the United States wants every man who can effectively help, to do farm work this year. It wants the land in the United States developed first of course; but it also wants to help Canada. Whenever we find a man we can spare to Canada's fields after ours are supplied, we want to direct him there.

Apply to our Employment Service, and we will tell you where you can best serve the combined interests.

Western Canada's help will be required not later than April 5th. Wages to competent help, \$50.00 a month and up, board and lodging.

Those who respond to this appeal will get a warm welcome, good wages, good board and find comfortable homes. They will get a rate of one cent a mile from Canadian boundary points to destination and return.

For particulars as to routes and places where employment may be had apply to: U. S. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

STRANGLES

Or Distemper in stallion, brood mares, colts and all other in great distress. The germ causes a swelling of the throat and is removed from the body of the animal. To prevent the spread of the disease the same must be done.

SPHON'S COMPOUND Will do away with the sick and prevent those "expensive" from having the disease. It costs but \$1.00 a bottle and is sold by the SPHON MEDICAL CO., Manufacturers, Greenock, Ind., U.S.A.

CHRONIC CONSTIPATION IS A CRIME AGAINST NATURE

Stop it or you never can keep well. If you wake with a bad taste in the mouth, coated tongue, perhaps headache, your liver is torpid. It changes the whole system, produces dyspepsia, constiveness and piles. There is no better remedy for these disorders than DR. TUTT'S LIVER PILLS. Try them just once and be eternally convinced. For sale by all druggists.

Dr. Tutt's Liver Pills

Second-Hand "Bricks" Go Same Way. Visitor—I sent you some suggestions telling you how to make my paper more interesting. Have you carried out any of my ideas? Editor—Did you meet the office boy with the waste basket as you came upstairs? Visitor—Yes, I did. Editor—Well, he was carrying out your ideas.

Important to Mothers. Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, that famous old remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Williams. In Use for Over 30 Years. Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

Somehow a man never discovers that he is a fool until long after his neighbors have found it out.

To argue successfully with a woman keep silent.

No man is truly good whose motive is a love of praise.

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HAZEL, LOST IN WOODS, STUMBLES ON CAMP OF "ROARING BILL" AFTER WANDERING FOR HOURS IN THE DARK

Synopsis.—Miss Hazel Weir is employed as a stenographer in the office of Harrington & Bush at Granville, Ontario. She is engaged to Jack Barrow, a young real estate agent. Mr. Bush, Hazel's employer, suddenly notices her ultra-veiled and at once makes her his private stenographer. After three months Bush proposes marriage. Hazel refuses, and after a stormy scene, in which Bush warns her he will make her sorry for her action, Hazel leaves the office, never to return. Shortly after this Hazel is drawn from her home and surroundings. Publication of his will discloses that he left Hazel \$5,000 in "preparation for any work I may have done her." Jack Barrow, in a jealous rage, demands an explanation, and Hazel, her pride hurt, refuses. Hazel's engagement is broken and she escapes from her surroundings. She secures a position as schoolteacher at Cariboo Meadows, in a wild part of British Columbia. There, at a boarding house, she first sees "Roaring Bill" Wagstaff, a well-known character of that country.

CHAPTER IV—Continued

"Roar! Bill's got to get himself killed one of these days."

Hazel started, but it was only Jim Briggs in the doorway beside her. "I guess you ain't much used to seein' that sort of exhibition where you come from, Miss Weir," Briggs' wife put in over his shoulder. "My land, you're a diggin'—my fightin'—in the street where everybody can see 'em. Think goodness, it don't happen very often. Specially when Bill Wagstaff ain't around. You ain't shocked, are you, honey?"

"Why, I didn't have time to be shocked," Hazel laughed. "It was done so quietly."

"If them fellows would leave Bill alone," Briggs remarked, "there wouldn't be no fight. But he goes on like a half-trigger gun, and he'd scrap a dozen quiet as one. I'm lookin' to see him on his feet one of these days."

"What a name!" Hazel observed, caught by the appellation Briggs had first used. "Is that Roaring Bill over there?"

"That's him—Roarin' Bill Wagstaff," Briggs answered. "If he takes a few drinks, you'll find out tonight how he set the name. Since Bill Wagstaff is in a mood—hear him all over town. Probably whup two or three men before mornin'."

"These fellows calling him at that moment, Briggs called him no more information about Roaring Bill. And Hazel, not looking across the way with considerable interest at the man who had a type which hitherto she had encountered in the pages of fiction—a fighting man, what the West called a "bad egg," she had, however, no wish for closer study of that particular type. The man of her world had been altogether different, and the few from this region she had met at the hotel, Briggs' dinner table had not impressed her with anything except their noisy and manifest awkwardness in the presence of the women. She smiled to her, his shyness, its nearness to the absolutely primal, but not the man she had seen at the hotel. And so she looked at Roaring Bill Wagstaff, and saw the way, with a quite impersonal interest.

"Come into Briggs' place for supper," Mrs. Briggs had her own way. Hazel glanced at her, and saw a mild smile of surprise fill over his countenance. Roaring Bill was sitting at the table, and Hazel took a seat. But not until Hazel glanced at the newcomer did she recognize him as the man who had fought in the street. He was looking straight at her when she did glance up, and the mild astonishment and faint admiration she had shown in her eyes made Hazel drop her quickly to her plate. Since Mr. Andrew Bush, she was beginning to hate men who looked at her that way. And she could not help seeing that many did so look.

The next Saturday Hazel went for a tramp in the afternoon. The few shadows had not been over the hills, and she was in a mood of aimlessness in venturing into the infolding forest. She felt that those shadowy woods were less sinister than the open air, and she had a sense of her sense of direction and come straight to the Meadows whenever she went abroad, she had no fear of getting lost.

To reach her objective point, she crossed a long stretch of rolling land, well timbered, dense in parts with thickets and ferns, and with a few eyes made Hazel drop her quickly to her plate. Since Mr. Andrew Bush, she was beginning to hate men who looked at her that way. And she could not help seeing that many did so look.

sun hanging low, she lost her absolute certainty of east and west, north and south. She blundered on, not admitting to herself the possibility of being unable to find Cariboo Meadows. As best she could, and to the best of her belief, she held in a straight line for the town. But she walked far enough to have her nerves, and was yet upon unfamiliar ground.

The shadows deepened until she tripped over roots and stones, and smacked her head against a tree trunk. Her branches she could not see in time to fend off. As a last resort, she turned straight for the light patch still showing from her horse and killed. Published across the wagon road that ran from Soda Creek to the Meadows—'till a lay west, and she had gone north-east from town. And as she stepped a fear before she came to her, she had passed the Meadows unknowingly.

Presently it was dark, and darkness in the woods is the darkness of the pit itself. She found a fallen tree, and climbed on it to rest and think. After what seemed an age she fancied she saw a gleam far distant in the timber. She watched the spot fixedly, and thought she saw the faint reflection of a light. That heartened her. She advanced toward it, hoping that it might be the gleam of a ranch window. Her progress was slow. She blundered over the litter of a forest floor, tripping over roots and stones. But ten minutes established beyond peradventure the fact that it was indeed a light.

She kept on. The wavering gleam came from behind a thick—'till an open fire, she saw at length. Beyond the fire she heard a horse sneeze. Within a few yards of the thicket through which she had been groping, she halted, smitten with a sudden panic. This she knew or had been told of, frontier men reassured her. She found then to a man courteous, awfully considerate. And she could not wander about all night.

She moved cautiously, however, to the edge of the thicket, to a point where she could see the fire. A man sat hunched over the glowing embers, whereas stizzled a piece of meat. His head was bent forward, as if he were listening. Suddenly he looked up, and the gasp for the freight showed the features of Roaring Bill Wagstaff. She was afraid of him. Why, she did not know nor stop to reason. She sat down on the ground, and Roaring Bill reached to his rifle and stood up.

"Hold on there!" he said loudly. "You've had a look at me—I want a

"For the love of Mike!" Roaring Bill said again. "What are you doing wandering around in the woods at night? Good Lord! Your teeth are chattering. Sit down here and get warm. It is sort of chilly."

"Even in her fear, born of the night, the circumstances, and partly of the fact that Hazel needed that his speech was of a different order from what she had been listening to the past ten days. His enunciation was perfect. He dropped no more syllables, and assured his syllables. And cast in so odd a mold is the mind of civilized woman that the small matter of a little refinement of speech put Hazel Weir more at her ease than a volume of explanation or protest on his part would have done.

"Easy thing to do when you don't know timber," Bill remarked. "And in consequence you haven't had any supper; you've been scared almost to death, and probably all of Cariboo Meadows is out looking for you. You've had an adventure. That's worth something. Better eat a bite, and you'll feel good."

He turned over the piece of meat on the coals while he spoke. Hazel saw that it lay on two green sticks, like a steak on a grill. It was quite simple, but she would never have thought of that. The meat exhaled savory odors. Also, the warmth of the fire seemed good.

"I'd rather be home," she confessed. "Sure! I guess you would—naturally. I'll see that you get there, I'm just poorer; I've lost my dinner in greed myself this afternoon. 'Good heavens!' Hazel exclaimed. "But you know the way?" "I'll be back in an hour, if you're not in the least afraid," he replied. "But night in the timber is another story, as you've just been finding out for yourself."

"I thought men accustomed to the wilderness could always find their way about, day or night," Hazel observed tartly. "They can—in stories," Bill answered drily. She had to be satisfied with his assurance that would see her to Cariboo Meadows. And, accepting the offer which with philosophy she could command, Hazel proceeded to fall to—her horse returned to her, and the food more than any meal she had eaten for a long time. Hunger is the chief appetizer, and food cooked in this manner is a flavor of its own, which no spruced chef can duplicate. Roaring Bill put half the piece of meat on his plate, and half he fed her, and set the latter aside. Also, he poured a cup of coffee. He had a small sack of sugar, and his pack boxes yielded condensed milk.

"What sort of meat is that?" Hazel asked after a few minutes of silence. It was fine-grained and of a rich flavor. "That's venison," he replied. "It, but it was neither beef, pork nor mutton, nor any meat she knew."

"Venison. Didn't you ever eat any before?" Hazel asked. "Never tasted it," she answered. "I'm 'till no. I've read of hunters cooking venison over an open fire, but I've never tried it. Indeed, I've never seen a real camp fire before."

"Lord—a lot you've missed!" Hazel said, her real plea in his tone. "I killed that deer today. You see more coffee."

He refilled her tin cup, and devoted himself to his food. Before long he had satisfied his hunger. Bill laid a few sticks on the fire. The flames laid hold of them and shot up in bright, dancing tongues. It seemed to Hazel that she had stepped utterly out of her world. Cariboo Meadows, the school-house, and her classes seemed remote. Nothing but herself, the woods, the man, so that she could fare into the wilds with horses and a gun in this capable man fashion, where routine and the heard and the unexpected hovered always close at hand. She looked up suddenly, to find him regarding her with a whimsical smile.

"In a few minutes," said he, "I'll pack up and try to deliver you as per contract. Meantime, I'm going to smoke."

"I don't mind," he said, "I'm not afraid of horses at all." Hazel declared. "But I don't think it's a very good place to take riding lessons. I can just as well walk for me not in the least afraid. And then she added as an afterthought: "How do you happen to know my name?" "In the same way that you know mine," Bill replied. "Even if you haven't mentioned it yet. I don't bless you, you're a school-teacher, too!"

"My walking education hasn't been neglected," Hazel retorted. "I don't need to ride, thank you." "Yes, and stub your toe and fall down every ten feet," Bill observed. "No, Miss Weir, your first lesson in horsemanship is now due—if you aren't afraid of horses."

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## BULO PASHA TO BE SHOT DEAD

Man Is Found Guilty of Treason and Sentenced to Die as a Traitor.

Court-Martial Deliberates Only 15 Minutes Before Rendering Verdict.

Paris.—Bulo Pasha was sentenced by a court-martial to be shot dead as a traitor.

He was found guilty of treason after a ten-day trial, his impassioned plea, the dramatic defense in his behalf by his clergyman brother, Mgr. Bolo, and by the accused's first wife, proving unavailing.

The court-martial deliberated only 15 minutes before rendering the verdict "guilty" and pronouncing the extreme penalty.

Darius Forchere, an accountant who acted as interpreter between Pasha and the former khedive of Egypt, Germany's "handy man," was sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

Signor Filippo Cavallini, a member of the Italian parliament, now under arrest in Italy, was likewise sentenced to death, though he is technically within Italian, not French, jurisdiction. Both Forchere and Cavallini were co-defendants with Bulo.

The sentence on Bulo will be carried out at an early date.

The pasha retained his equanimity to the last.

Without the slightest tremor he heard Col. Voyer, president of the court-martial, pronounce the sentence. Merely shaking his head and shrugging his shoulders as if to say it was hopeless to fight against the odds, the traitor returned to his cell.

Awed by the soldiers with fixed bayonets, those who had assembled in the courtroom refrained from all demonstrations, but the great crowds outside the court house uttered a terrific roar and cheers of approval as word of the sentence reached them.

## CHILDREN DIE IN BLAZE

Many Perish When Fire Destroys Nunnery.

Montreal.—The charred bodies of 25 children have been recovered from the ruins of the Grey nunnery which was destroyed by fire.

All the inmates of the great buildings except the children are believed to have escaped. They included nuns, nursing sisters, wounded or sick soldiers from overseas, and aged, sick or crippled men and women to the number of almost a thousand.

When the flames were discovered in the west wing the alarm was given and all those able to help themselves fled to places of safety. The heroic nuns and nursing sisters strove valiantly to save the sick and wounded as well as the infants under their charge.

The children were housed in the section of the building where the fire started, and the flames spread so rapidly it was impossible to save them all.

None of the soldiers suffered injury, however, although nearly 200 of them were quartered in the building.

The ages of the inmates of the nunnery ranged from two or three days to almost 100 years.

## LIGHTNING KILLS OHIOAN

Bolt Tears Uniform From Soldier's Body.

Montgomery.—The fact that the men were mounted at the time probably saved a score of lives at the artillery range north of Camp Sheridan, when a bolt of lightning from an almost clear sky struck Battery D, 13th field artillery, Dayton, killing one man, seriously injuring two others and severely shocking a score. Six horses were killed and other of the animals were injured.

The dead man was Private Thomas Hawthorne of Dayton.

Sergt. Pearl Dewees and Private Paul Ducker were so seriously injured that both were removed to the base hospital.

The battery had been out all day on maneuvers when the lightning struck. There was a blizzard high, and all of the 80 horses were thrown to the ground, the riders being pitched in every direction.

The bolt struck Hawthorne, tearing his uniform from his body and passing into his horse and on into the other horses, the first six of which were killed.

Interned Aliens Dig Tunnels.

Salt Lake City, Utah.—Incident to the removal of the civilian prisoners at the war prison camp at Fort Douglas to a new location within the compound, two more tunnels, by means of which the prisoners hoped to escape, were discovered by the prison authorities. This makes a total of 18 tunnels that have been found within the last year and a half. Months ago it was found about the time Miss August Minnie Deckman, fiancée of Ernest A. Laybald, an interned enemy alien, was arrested.

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**THE BROTHERHOOD**  
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 Market.

**MAINSTAY IN NATION'S CRISIS.**  
 Surplus Wheat of the United States  
 Has Been Sent to Famine Threat-  
 ened Europe.

America's great corn crop, exceed-  
 ing 2,000,000,000 bushels, will save the  
 world's food situation, officials of the  
 United States food administration be-  
 lieve.

Corn is the nation's best food cereal,  
 housewives are beginning to realize.  
 It contains all the elements needed to  
 keep the body in a state of health and  
 when used according to the scores of  
 tried recipes, especially when com-  
 bined with an added portion of oil or  
 fat, will sustain life indefinitely. In  
 the most war-torn countries, days lived on  
 parched corn alone for many days at a  
 time, and at Valley Forge parched  
 corn was at times the sole ration of the  
 Continental soldiers.

Owing to transportation difficulties  
 caused by the war the corn crop moved  
 more slowly to market this year than  
 ever before. Now, however, the harvest  
 is reaching the millers and consumers.  
 In the meantime the nation's surplus  
 wheat has been sent to Europe.

Today there are approximately 20  
 bushels of corn for every American.  
 This quantity is greater by five bush-  
 els than in former years.

Corn has become the nation's main-  
 stay in the crisis of war.

Just as this cereal saved the first  
 American colonists from famine on  
 many occasions, just as it served as a  
 staple food during the Revolutionary War,  
 and during the Civil War, King  
 Corn has again come to the front in  
 the nation's battle with adversity.

Corn is used in feeding, greatly increas-  
 ing the making of ordinary white  
 bread. Hundreds of housewives and  
 many of the larger bakers are mixing  
 20 per cent, corn meal with wheat  
 flour to make leavened bread. This  
 kind of a mixture is worked and baked  
 in the same recipe and with the same  
 methods that apply to straight wheat  
 bread.

Corn bread—using corn meal entirely  
 in making a greater popularity  
 is ever before. The home-keeper is  
 learning to realize that every pound of  
 wheat saved in America means a pound  
 of wheat released for shipment to the  
 nations with which America is associ-  
 ated in the war.

There are a score of corn products  
 that today possess unusual importance  
 for Americans. Corn syrup for sweet-  
 ening corn cakes and for use in the  
 kitchen instead of crystallized sugar  
 is one of the leading products made  
 from corn.

Corn oil, excellent for frying and for  
 every other purpose fitted by salad oil,  
 is appearing on the market in large  
 quantities. It comes from the germ of  
 the corn.

**Cake Amazed Him.**  
 Joseph, who is just beginning to  
 learn his shoelace cut cake before  
 his meal, was seated at the table when  
 suddenly he saw a cake on the buffet  
 and remarked: "Oh, my! Tover up  
 but I like till I eat my toates."

**The Real Thing.**  
 It makes a fellow step higher when  
 a big man says of him: "He is  
 the smartest man in this town!" But  
 that is nothing by the side of having a  
 little guy struggle up to your side and  
 remark: "I'm a little fellow, but I've  
 got to be the boss in this life."

**Tighten Gradually on New Hose.**  
 In installing new water pipes, rub-  
 ber hose, etc., do not tighten excessive-  
 ly at first. It will not stop any min-  
 ute leak except ten per cent, and the  
 rubber walls of the hose are apt to be  
 cracked. Tighten gradually and  
 the leak will be cured.

**Heroin.**  
 Heroin is the brilliant triumph of  
 the soul over the flesh, that is to say  
 over fear, fear of poverty, of suffer-  
 ing, of calumny, of illness, of loneliness  
 and of death. There is no real  
 piety without heroin. Heroin is the  
 dazzling and glorious concentration of  
 courage.—Amiel.

**In Harvest Time.**  
 The delights of vigorous manhood  
 and womanhood are not those of youth,  
 but they are none the less enjoyable  
 because of that little difference, says  
 St. Paul Pioneer Press. A life, well  
 lived, grows richer, fuller and more  
 luscious as it approaches the harvest  
 time.



**CRADING COTTON.**

To persons not familiar with the  
 technical side of cotton crading—and  
 this means incidentally many men who  
 make their livings producing the staple  
 —such terms as "strict good ordinary,"  
 "low middling" and "middling fair,"  
 often encountered in print, are mean-  
 ingless jargon of a matter, less than  
 three years ago—as a matter of fact,  
 until Uncle Sam came to the rescue—  
 the terms meant little enough in the  
 most technical phases of the cotton  
 trade. Nearly every one of the large  
 "spot" cotton markets of the country—  
 where actual bales of cotton are bought  
 and sold—had a different scheme of  
 grading, and a still different system  
 was employed in Liverpool, long the  
 chief cotton market of the world.

The variations were rife to endless  
 disputes and the loss of much time and  
 money. Attempts had been made from  
 time to time by various associations to  
 reach an agreement as to standards,  
 but had never proved successful. Many  
 experienced cotton dealers believed that  
 variations among cotton grades in vari-  
 ous sections of the south was so great  
 that the formulation of a satisfactory  
 system of grades of universal applica-  
 tion would be impossible.

Under authority of congress, how-  
 ever, the newly created office of  
 markets of the department of agricul-  
 ture took on the problem in 1914 and  
 established standards that have not  
 only met with practically universal ac-  
 ceptance in the United States, but that  
 have been extended to a certain extent  
 in the chief foreign cotton markets.  
 Demand for the government  
 standards is so brisk, in fact, that a  
 large force of experts is being now  
 in specially equipped workrooms in  
 Washington arranging the carefully se-  
 lected samples of fiber of different  
 grades in special receptacles and pre-  
 paring them for shipment.

**FAKES FROM ABROAD.**  
 American manufacturers, dodged  
 with frauds from abroad. Beware, says  
 the postoffice department, of all seduc-  
 tive circulars from foreign agents who  
 offer to send you money for doing so  
 put you on the road to health,  
 prosperity and happiness. All they ask  
 is the small consideration of two or  
 three dollars, which indeed would be  
 little enough to pay for these precat-  
 ics if they were actually forthcoming.  
 But here is the rub—they are not.  
 They are "books" are operating from  
 England, France and Holland, increas-  
 ing their frauds at the expense of the  
 honest work of the honest men. The gov-  
 ernment has been investigating these  
 fraud cases by the score, but their lit-  
 erature still flows into the country, and  
 despite all efforts the impostors are  
 plentiful. Money orders continue to be  
 sent by trusting individuals who fail  
 to learn what the future holds in store  
 for them.

The literature of these fraudulent as-  
 trologers which the department has  
 collected in its pursuit of evidence  
 makes entertaining reading. It is writ-  
 ten in a clever, well acquainted with hu-  
 man nature. Everything within the  
 scope of mortal desire is anticipated,  
 and their cleverness is made more  
 definite aid for overcoming troubles,  
 conquering foes and achieving all the  
 desires of the soul, mind and body.

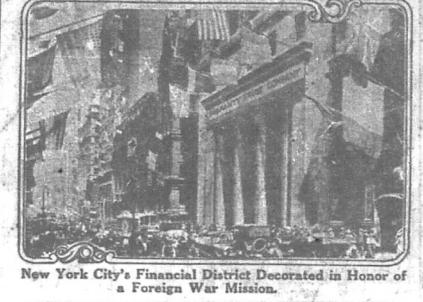
**HEADLIGHTS MORE POWERFUL.**  
 Railroad locomotives in road service  
 between sunset and sunrise are re-  
 quired by an order of the interstate  
 commerce commission to have a head  
 light sufficiently powerful to enable  
 persons in the locomotive cab to see an  
 object the size of a man a distance of  
 1,000 feet or more ahead in normal  
 weather conditions.

Locomotives required to run back-  
 ward on road service must have a rear  
 headlight of the same type, and those  
 used in yard or terminal stations will  
 be required to carry two lights strong  
 enough to enable a man to see a mile  
 ahead at a distance of 300 feet or more.  
 The new train locomotives up to in service  
 after Oct. 1 next will carry a headlight  
 of general overhauling but that date  
 all engines now in service must be  
 equipped with the lights not later than  
 1920.

**Use to Get Auto Ride.**  
 Willie's father has an auto, but a  
 good friend of the family has a  
 seven-passenger car. One Sunday  
 afternoon the little one became rest-  
 less and was wishing some one would  
 come and take them for a ride. Finally  
 he said: "Daddy, call up the John-  
 son's and ask them if they wouldn't  
 like to take a walk with us—and  
 daddy, tell them to be sure and bring  
 their auto."

**Seaweed for Sound Proofing.**  
 A new material used for sound proof-  
 ing the walls of a music school build-  
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 sheets.

**When Banks Are Closed, Holidays  
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 Only 84 Days in the Year in Which the  
 World's Business Is Not Interru-  
 pted Somewhere by Holi-  
 days and Sundays.

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**CURIOUS FACTS ABOUT  
 THE WORLD'S HOLIDAYS.**  
 \* There is no national legal holiday in the United States.  
 \* Massachusetts does not observe New Year's Day as a legal holiday.  
 \* Five Christian countries do not observe Christmas as a legal holiday.  
 \* New Year's Day is the only holiday observed throughout the world.  
 \* Eleven different dates are observed as New Year's Day in different parts of the world.  
 \* International business will be interfered with by holidays or Sundays on 261 days in 1918, of these 261 days being holidays.  
 \* This leaves only 84 days in which universal banking business is possible.  
 \* November, with 26 holidays in different parts of the world, leads the month.  
 \* March, with 19, has the fewest holidays.  
 \* Brazil leads the nations of the world, with 84 holidays.  
 \* The United States comes next, with 64.  
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By GARRET SMITH.  
**W**HILE man plays or prays the world's business will be interrupted with only 84 days in this coming year that are not Sundays or special holidays in one or more important commercial regions of the world.  
 The growth of international finance has made the world's aggregate of closed days a serious factor and an expensive one. Not until now has there been any attempt being made to compile an exhaustive list of holidays for the guidance of bankers and merchants. This task has just been completed by the Guaranty Trust Company of New York city. The results have been published in a booklet that is a valuable addition to the reference library of every bank in the country doing more than a purely local business.

Contrary to the popular notion, the new democracies of the west enjoy a greater number of holidays than their sister nations of the eastern hemisphere. Of the 97 nations or dependencies listed Brazil leads, with 84 holidays. The United States, with 64, is a close second, although she, unlike Brazil, practically ignores the church days. Another popular delusion is shattered when we find that France has only 18 formally observed days and Italy only 22. We have supposed the Latin nations would outdo us in this particular. Among the other belligerents Germany, it is presumed, will observe 20, Mexico 16, Great Britain 16, Japan 15 and Russia 17. In most of these countries numerous local holidays ordinarily observed have been abandoned during the war.  
 The study of holidays is fascinating to the historian. Those of our own country offer a particularly rich field. One of the first surprises in store for such a student is to learn that the United States has no national holiday. The reader will at one thing of four of July and of the President's Thanksgiving president—no.

**Public Sale.**  
 The undersigned will sell at public auction at his farm, two and one-half miles south-west of Plymouth and one mile west of Stop 72 on the electric line, the place formerly known as the Nixon farm, at 10 o'clock a. m., Thursday, Feb. 28, 1918, the following described property:  
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