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GOOD WORK ABSORB.

Representatives of the United States in Europe without exception have met the stern duties of the past fortnight with energy and wisdom. A little while ago an organized anti-administration clique in this country was sneering at every man commissioned in the diplomatic and consular service by President Wilson. Nobody is sneering now.

Efficiency and zeal in this instance have not been confined to Ambassadors. Our Consuls have been equally energetic, and the genius for organization so often displayed by America in times of turmoil has been revealed in many places, under the most trying conditions, by our fellow-citizens having no official station.

Painful as have been the experiences of thousands of Americans unexpectedly overtaken by war, the worst is now past, thanks chiefly to the intelligence and devotion of those who played at their own embassies and consulates.

OUR FRIENDLY OFFICES.

While the great powers remain under the conviction that it is necessary for each to destroy the other, in order to secure peace there is no likelihood that President Wilson's tender of good offices will obtain consideration. But the offer is not limited by terms requiring its present acceptance. An opportunity to act would be welcomed by the President either now or at any other time that might be thought more suitable. When the conception of the necessity for wiping out each other shall give way to a realization of the impossibility of the undertaking of the powers may be in a frame of mind to see the timeliness of the offer of mediation.

Sooner or later—it may not be until untold misery has been spread and the world rings with the cries of widows and of mothers bereft of their sons—this war madness, which has rocked the nations as well as the rulers of Europe, will pass over; and all will turn to the only country from which they can receive friendly assistance in unravelling the tangled skein of misunderstanding which has compassed them. And when the time is ripe America will be found prepared to render service and help in the restoration of a shattered civilization. To this office the nation has been consecrated by its President; and this could not have been done at a better time than the very beginning of the conflict now shaking the world.

Thought for the Day.

He was one of those men, moreover, who possess almost every gift except the gift of the power to use them.—Kingsley.

Sad Sound.

First Working Girl—"Say, Mame, I heard an awful sad thing this morning." Second Working Girl (wearily)—"So did I—the alarm clock"—Life.

To Grow Meat.

Place good sized sprays of mint in a glass fruit jar. Keep the jar filled with water and the mint will grow as well as in a window box or in a kitchen garden.—The Daily News.

Struggled in Vain.

"Tell me of your early struggles." He—"There's not much to tell. The harder I struggled, the more the old man laid it on."—London Tran script.

Clocks and Time.

The punishment does sometimes fit the crime. An individual who for some months past specialized in thefts of clocks was last week given time.—Punch.

Tomato Juice for Stains.

Tomato juice is said to be successful in many cases in removing ink stains from white materials, such as handkerchiefs, muslin frills, etc. It must, however, be done as soon as possible after the mishap occurred. A clean piece of blotting paper should be laid under the stain, and a slice of raw, ripe tomato rubbed over the surface, fresh pieces of blotting paper being substituted until the ink spot has vanished.

WILL LIVE IN MEMORY FOR YEARS

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 27.—Ball-players will come and go—thousands of them—and the world will forget most of them as quickly as their names cease to appear in the box scores, but the names of two players who are about to pass out of the sport as active participants will live as long as the national pastime itself.

The names of Napoleon Lajoie, famous Cleveland second baseman, and Hans Wagner, equally famous Pittsburg shortstop, have been written in letters of fire on the walls of baseball's hall of fame. After nearly twenty years these Launcelots of the diamond are slowing up and soon must give way to younger men.

Napoleon Lajoie first gained fame on the lots of Weensocket, R. I. His fielding and hitting ability excited the admiration of a scout of the Fall River, Mass. team who happened along one day. Lajoie signed a Fall River contract and proceeded immediately to make good. Billy Nash, Philadelphia National League manager, was the Frenchman that saw him perform one August day and purchased his release. He was assigned to first base and played the position amazingly well. His batting for the first year in fact company was .328.

Previously Lajoie had been a back driver. In one year the Rhode Island back-driver rose from obscurity to fame. Lajoie was shifted from first base to second, where his fielding was so spectacular that he soon became known as the king of second basemen. His graceful and apparently careless manner of fielding the ball, caused him to be acknowledged the most finished fielder the game had ever known.

In 1901 Lajoie jumped from the Philadelphia Nationals to the Athletics and was transferred to Cleveland in 1902. He led the National League in batting in his last year with that organization with a mark of .422. He led the American League in his first year with .376. In 1904 he led the American League with .391 and the following year with .329.

Lajoie's coming to Cleveland with Bill Bernhard and Elmer Flick, who had also jumped the National League, converted Cleveland from a lead baseball town into a live one. The Cleveland club was named the "Naps" after Lajoie and he became the idol of Cleveland fandom. Lajoie has batted over .300 in all but three of his nineteen seasons in the major league. He swatted .299 in 1907 and .289 in 1908. He probably will hit under .250 this season.

This great player's sudden slump is a baseball mystery. Few players ever lost their batting eyes as suddenly as has Lajoie. He can offer no explanation. "It's just one of those things that happens," he says. Lajoie's fielding is still brilliant, but he cannot cover as much territory as a few years ago. He has also slowed up on the bases.

However, Lajoie should worry. When he passes out of baseball he will not be required to resume his youthful occupation of hack driver. He is rich. He is worth no less than \$200,000. He has a valuable farm and a fine home in a Cleveland suburb. Lajoie will be thirty-nine in September.

Hans Wagner, of the Pirates, has not slumped as badly in his hitting this year as Lajoie, but he has slowed up noticeably in all departments of the game.

This is Wagner's eighteenth year as a major league player. He made his debut with the Louisville club of the old National League a year after Lajoie joined the Phillies. Wagner led the National League eight seasons. He averaged .340, including this season. Lajoie has averaged about .343 in his nineteen years of major league playing.

Both Pittsburgh and Cleveland are greatly affected by the slumps of these star players. It is significant that the Pirates and Naps both dropped to last place in first year that these great stars showed signs of fading.

"French Briar."

"French briar" is produced in Sicily, Calabria, Corsica and of late years Algeria.

Daily Thought.

Man's highest merit always is, as much as possible, to rule external circumstances, and as little as possible to let himself be ruled by them.—Goethe.

All in the Vision.

Some people think that everything in the world is twisted and corrupt, and that no human being can be trusted. Others who are wiser feel very differently about it. As Ruskin says: "In all things throughout the world, the men who look for the crooked will see the crooked, and the man who looks for the straight will see the straight."

SHE MIGHT HAVE BEEN QUEEN

Colorado Woman Claims Descent From the Stuart Kings of England.

Denver, Col.—But for the defeat of James II. of England at the battle of Boyne, Mrs. Mary Her of Sterling, asserts she, instead of Victoria, daughter of the duke of Kent, might have reigned as queen of England, says a Denver News Sterling correspondent. She declares she is a lineal descendant of the Stuart kings through the line of Charles I. through his son, James II, through the pretender, son of James II, and finally through the young pretender, son of the old pretender.

The young pretender, Charles, did not succeed in maintaining his claim to the British throne, but had the fortunes of war gone in his favor, and the Stuart family instead of the house of Hanover prevailed in the struggle for the crown, Mrs. Her avers she had a valid claim to the throne as had Victoria.

Mrs. Her is seventy-eight years old. She was born in Canada two years before Victoria came to the throne. She was for many years a teacher and writer for the press, and is engaged in lecturing in the cause of temperance. She is a woman of brilliant attainments and pleasing personality. She is connected with some of the most notable families of the United States, being a descendant of Gen. Thomas Gage, commander of the British forces at Boston during the Revolutionary war. She is a cousin of Lyman G. Gage, secretary of the treasury under President McKinley, and is closely related to Oscar Underwood of the house of representatives, and to former Governor Carpenter of the Philippines.

TUMULTY IS AVERSE TO CATS

Secretary to President Refuses to Sign Lease for Cottage Until Felines Are Banned.

Washington.—Secretary to the President Joseph P. Tumulty refused to sign a lease for his summer cottage at Avon-by-the-Sea until a clause stating that the vicinity was free from cats was inserted. Mr. Tumulty was greatly annoyed by nocturnal gatherings of cats last year.



Joseph P. Tumulty.

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CHICKENS CAUSE OF TROUBLE

Woman Says Hubby and Girl Spent Night Hours Feeding Them.

Brooklyn.—Mrs. Alice Carlson of Brooklyn explained to Advisory Master Roe in Jersey City in the trial of her divorce suit against her husband, Adolphus M. Carlson, why she left her husband. Carlson had a peculiar notion that the chickens on his farm at Dundee needed feeding at ten o'clock at night. When he required the assistance of Miss Bertha Stavanaugh, a visitor, and it took both of them an hour to give the chickens their "late supper," Mrs. Carlson balked.

Everett Carlson, the twelve-year-old son of the pair, testified that he spent most of his time with Miss Stavanaugh because he did not like his mother. When his mother wanted to kiss him he slapped her face. The boy was withdrawn from the stand by the master, who said that he believed the boy's mind had been poisoned.

JAIL MEN FAVOR PROHIBITION

Fifteen Hundred Inmates of Pennsylvania Penitentiary Seek Prevention of Liquor Sale.

Philadelphia.—A petition drafted by prisoners in the eastern penitentiary declaring that fully 70 per cent of the crime within this state is directly attributable to the excessive use of intoxicating liquors and asking for the enactment of prohibition legislation is being circulated among the convicts confined in that institution. It is reported that 1,500 signatures of inmates of the prison will be attached to the petition which is to be presented to the legislature. The editor of a paper published in the penitentiary by the prisoners initiated the movement.

Demagogues.

In every age the vilest specimen of human nature are to be found among demagogues.—Lord Macaulay.

But Few Do.

Blessed be the man at the top who remembers those who steered the ladder for him.

Loss Habits of Industry.

Women in France and other countries of Europe are much more industrious than when they come to this country.

SAVING ART WORKS

How Paintings Hacked by Women Are Restored.

Professionals Only Need a Hot Iron, Strong Fish Glue, Manila Paper and New Canvas—Many Men Are Experts.

London.—Although Mr. Sargent's portrait of Mr. Henry James, the novelist, was badly hacked by a cleaner wielded by a suffragette at the opening of the Royal academy, it will not be an over difficult task to repair it. The work of restoration has been entrusted to Maj. George C. Roller, says London Tit-Bits.

In restoring the portrait the canvas, after the painted surface has been protected with tissue paper, will be placed on a slant table. The back will then be covered with a sticky fluid, which will be pressed through to the surface of the picture with a heated iron. "In this way the canvas will contract, and the cuts in it will close up. The canvas will finally be relined, and many spots where paint may be missing will be filled in by the restorer with a special preparation.

There are men in London who follow the profession of picture restoring, who are able to restore old paintings of value which have large holes in them, or the materials on which they are executed hanging in threads. Moreover, they can, when necessary, transfer a painting to a new canvas.

If a picture of which the canvas is cracked, torn or rotted with age is handed to a clever restorer, the first thing he does is to purchase a new canvas the same size, and the old one having obtained this, he glues a sheet of stout manila paper to the picture. He then carefully scrapes away the old canvas. This is a job that might occupy him for several days, or weeks if the canvas is a large one. Having removed every bit of canvas, the grounds upon which paint lies are taken away by solvents or gentle scraping, until nothing remains but the fragile shell of pigment adhering to the paper.

The new canvas is then covered with the strongest fish glue obtainable, and pressed firmly down upon the paper bearing the picture. As soon as the painting is firmly attached to the foundation nothing remains but to take off the manila paper. This can be done with hot water, and the surface of the painting has only to be cleaned to look as bright as it was when the artist painted it.

In days gone by many masters of the brush painted their works on wood or panel. Several such works brought to light during recent years have been found with their timber badly decayed, and in order to preserve them it has been necessary to transfer them to canvas.

We believe it was M. Haguis, a French artist of note, who first successfully transferred a panel painting to canvas. He glued a sheet of paper over the surface of the painting, and afterward upon this a fine layer of muslin. When the glue was dry he planed down the panel until it was the thickness of match wood, when he scraped off the remainder with a long flexible knife. This done, the mere skin of color held together by the paper and muslin was left, and it was a comparatively easy task to glue this to a canvas and remove the paper and muslin.

If an old picture has a portion of its pigment missing this may be replaced by an artist with colors from a brush, but sometimes old but worthless paintings are used for the purpose. When the coloring of the drapery, flesh, foliage or sky, as the case may be, is found to match exactly the missing portion it is cut out, to size and glued on the canvas, the edges of the joint being made imperceptible by the aid of the brush. Many tricks have been played by unscrupulous restorers upon the owners of valuable oil paintings, the most common being the foisting upon the victims in lieu of their own works of skillful copies of the originals, known as "changelings."

DEMAND HORSE RIGS OR NONE

Delegates to International Union of Journeymen Horsebores' Convention Bar Automobiles.

Memphis, Tenn.—A serious break between the delegates to the International Union of Journeymen Horsebores' convention which opened here recently and the entertainment committee appointed by the local union was threatened when the committee announced that arrangements had been made to give the delegates an automobile ride about the city. A number of delegates immediately objected, declaring that unless horses and carriages were furnished, they would refuse to take part in the ride. "We are not going to favor the auto in any way," said H. B. Marshall of Cincinnati. "We want horse rigs or none." The change was made.

Hypnotic Battling Nelson. Gary, Ind.—Battling Nelson, former lightweight champion, was knocked out by "Professor" Griffin, a hypnotist, exhibiting at a local theater, who made the fighter sing and dance until he was "released." Nelson had bet \$500 he could not be hypnotized. He lost.

Mark of the Great Artist. A really great artist can always transform the limitations of his art into valuable qualities.—Oscar Wilde.

Costly English Port. More than \$100,000,000 has been spent in bringing and keeping the port of Liverpool up to date.

Women to Women. As a matter of fact, one woman is as eager to pay another woman's car fare as one man is to pay another's gas bill.

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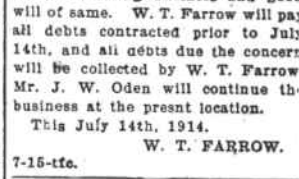
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