

TRIBUTE TO BRAVE SOLDIERS

Natural and Graceful Act of French Woman in Casting Violets into the Ocean.

Harold Macgrath has observed that the ladies of France and the ladies who sojourn in France know the graceful use of flowers. Hence the pretty scene in his new novel which takes place by the side of Napoleon's sarcophagus.

YOUNG MEN FOR THE NAVY

Department Requires Men Who Can Be Trained to Manage Mechanical Features of Battleship.

Secretary Meyer walked hurriedly across Executive avenue. Meeting a newspaper man he paused a moment before the executive office to briefly outline his idea of the requirements of the seamen of the future upon the "vasty deep."

"What the old navy wanted," said Mr. Meyer, "was a sailor, a man who had been before the mast, a man who could run up into the rigging with readiness, unfurl the sails and be an all-around man."

The Mississippi of Streets.

A street is like a river, with its human current carrying all manner of drift between its banks of residences or shops on either side.

Sleeping on the Porch.

You hear the crickets gratefully, and there is something mystic in the distant piano. For a few minutes you lie stretched out in thankful restfulness, the ideal ending for a day of conscientious labor.

Only Too Glad to Pay Tax.

Inheritance taxes are not generally liked by those who have to pay them, but the eldest son of the Swiss engineer, Herr Brandt, who built the Simpson tunnel and died in 1908, is paying \$500,000 with the utmost satisfaction.

Practiced on Advertisements.

As we came away from the academy this year we felt there was more hope for English art than there has been for many years, for there are several painters who cannot only paint a face and arrange a characteristic pose, but who can also paint the garments of the wearer with something like fidelity, even down to the inclusion of buttons and buttonholes.

IS MOST FAMILIAR PORTRAIT

Queen of Spades is a Bona Fide Likeness of Queen Anne of Great Britain.

Do any of my readers know what is the most common and familiar portrait in the world? I heard this matter discussed the other evening with rare erudition and cogency, writes Arthur Loring Bruce in *Ainslie's Magazine*.

He then proceeded to prove to us what, it seems, is common knowledge among the cognoscenti, namely, that the queen of spades is a bona fide likeness of the late Queen Anne of Britain.

TRIALS OF THE DEAF MAN

Experiences Most Inconvenience When They Are PAGING SOME ONE at a Hotel.

"The time I experience most inconvenience from deafness is when they are paging some one at a hotel," said the man who doesn't hear well. "I spend more than half my time in hotels."

"Boy," I say, "do you want Benson?" "J. R. Benson? Speak loud, please, because I am deaf."

Iodine for Wounds.

Professor Reclus at the last meeting of the Academy of Medicine of Paris said in every ambulance, train, railway station or big contract works there should be a flask of fresh tincture of iodine—one part iodine crystals to nine parts alcohol—which should be renewed every week.

Revere on Meteorists.

Switzerland has long been noted for its rather severe regulations affecting automobiles, especially with regard to the crossing of mountain passes.

Spoken With Feeling.

Greatly to the pride and pleasure of his father, Lord Rosebery's second son, the Hon. Nell Primrose, was recently elected to parliament for a division in Cambridgeshire.

Ceaseless Change.

Reflect often upon the instability of things and how very fast the scenes of nature are shifted. Matter is in a perpetual flux. Change is always and everywhere at work.

MANNER OF KING GEORGE

General Woodford Says Great Britain's Ruler is a Typical, Real Sailorman.

There was a general impression when George V. came to the throne that he had none of his father's bonhomie that put all men at their ease.

His manner is quiet yet cordial; his way of speaking, which recalls that of his cousin Prince Henry of Prussia is frank; he gives the impression of not being a talkative man without appearing reticent.

DEATH POPULAR IN NAMES

New York Leans to Ghastly Nomenclature, is Discovery of an Englishman.

"No city I have ever visited is so fond of death as a part of the city's nomenclature as New York is," said the Englishman.

Land and Water Craft.

Rear Admiral John A. Howell, retired, inventor of the Howell torpedo, is having built a craft which he believes will solve the problem of combined land and water travel.

Hidden Room of a Castle.

In the course of some repairs at Longleat, Wilts, a room with a fireplace was discovered of which nobody had the slightest knowledge.

As It Actually Happens.

"Cholly thought he was going to get engaged a number of times during his two weeks at the seashore."

Patricio Names of Ships.

Three foreign vessels bearing patricio American names came into port the other day with plenty of banging on their masts and much American music in their dining saloons.

A Good Trap.

The members of the Cumberland club in Portland tell this story about Tom Reed.

Ancient Coins Discovered.

Building operations in the Rue d'Arment in Brussels have led to the discovery of a metal coin containing about 120,000 ancient coins.

Use Your Own Cup.

Solemn enough warnings cannot be given about the use of public drinking glasses and cups. Doctors have counted over twenty diseases that can be transmitted by this means.

ONE CUNNING OLD RODENT

Successfully Plans to Get the Cheese Without Being Caught in the Trap.

Not long ago it became a problem in a Brooklyn hotel how to keep down the population of rats, which had become so bold that they stole from under the very noses of the cooks.

The steward bagged a few with a small rifle, but the rats soon grew too cautious for him. About all he could see was the tip of a tail or two bright eyes that disappeared as soon as he raised his gun.

Finally one old rat mastered the game. For several nights the cheese disappeared, and there was no rat there in the morning to show for it.

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There Are Various Ways of Spreading the News of the Stork's Visit.

When the stork visits a household the most modish way of spreading the news of his call is by card announcement.

WHEN ASTOR SOLD REALTY

Only Sale Ever Recorded in John Jacob's Life Was to His Son, and the Consideration One Dollar.

"One of the most stringent real estate rules of the Astor family is 'never sell,' and only one sale is recorded in the entire life of old John Jacob Astor."

Mistaken Identity.

A Westchester county committer told this story a few days ago to his daily fellow-travelers while the cards were being mnd ready for the first rubber.

Swearing by Deoxy.

Bishop Olmstead of Pruzy, tells a story illustrative of the fact that clergymen must keep very much further away from evil than the ordinary man.

Swearing by Deoxy.

"But I heard him," said the old fisherman, obstinately. "I at beside him at our Thanksgiving treat, you know, sir. We were both breaking away at a turkey leg. His got away from him. It slid across the table toward me, and a lot of cranberry sauce was scattered about."

Swearing by Deoxy.

"I said to him, sympathetic Mike, for I could see he was worked up; 'These legs are damned tough, ain't they, sir?'"

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"Yes, George, they certainly are." Now if that ain't swearing!" concluded the old fisherman, "what is it?"

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One young couple, however, though somewhat wastefully, overcame that seemingly necessary delay by deciding that if their "first" were a boy he should be called, say, John Henry.

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WAS INVENTION OF A BOY

Steam Engine's Automatic Cut-Off Valve the Idea of a Boy Inventor on Play.

Among the government's patent exhibits is a collection of miniature steam engines. Models of the ingenious of Hero, of Alexandria, of Newcomb and of Watt illustrate the successive steps in the development of what has become the giant of our modern industry.

His employers began to notice a much greater regularity in the movement of the engine than before; this led to the discovery of his secret, and to the subsequent adoption of his device everywhere.

AMERICANS ARE VERY RUDE.

An Unsophisticated Englishman Tells How They Laughed in His Face When He Imparted Information.

"Americans are rude, extremely so," said the Englishman just four days over. "They don't want to be told anything; think they know it all."

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Rest for a Forge.

Harper's Weekly relates that more than five centuries ago the corporation of London acquired from the crown a forge for which it promised to pay an annual rent in its products.

A Real One.

"A petrified woman as discovered in New Hampshire last week. 'Was she pretty?'"