

BADGE OF HONOR FOR BRAVE

Victoria Cross of Bronze Which Soldiers Hope to Win.

EARNED BY GREAT GALLANTRY.

It is probable that of the 70,000 men who have sailed during the last month from England for South Africa there is hardly a single officer or soldier who does not look forward to returning home with that little bronze badge known as the Victoria cross, pinned upon his breast. It is a distinction that is within the reach of every member of the entire force, from the smallest bugler or drummer boy, and there is not one of them who would not infinitely prefer it to any form of promotion. For its possession indicates that its owner is in every sense of the word a hero, the cross being conferred only for some signal act of altogether exceptional bravery, partaking of the character of heroism. It was founded at the time of the Crimean war, and among those whose breasts it adorns are generals such as Sir Redvers Buller, who commands in chief in South Africa; Field Marshal Lord Roberts, and plain ordinary privates in the army. In fact, at least 50 per cent. of the 200 Victoria cross men won the distinction as privates or non-commissioned officers of the army and as common sailors in the navy.

Sir Redvers Buller, for instance, received his Victoria cross for riding back three times in one day in the face of a hotly pursuing foe to rescue wounded comrades and soldiers. Lord William Berosford, who is married to an American woman, received it for feats of a similar character. Gen. Sir Evelyn Wood got it in India for advancing under a heavy fire along a narrow causeway to place a bag of gunpowder against the gate of a city which the British were to storm during the mutiny, while at least two midshipmen received the cross for picking up bombs from the decks of their vessels during the Crimean war and throwing them overboard before the sizzling fuse had time to explode the shell and carry death and destruction to all around it.

In the case of military men the ribbon is of red, while in the navy the ribbon is blue. The metal of which the cross is made is of that same kind of bronze that fifty years ago was used for field guns. The cross is of the style known as Maltese; has the royal crown, surmounted by the lion in the centre, and underneath a scroll bearing the inscription: "FOR VALOR." It is hung suspended by a "V" ring to a bar, on the reverse side of which the rank and name of the recipient is engraved, while on the cross itself are inscribed the name and date of the action in which the honor was won. Any additional act of bravery which would have won the Victoria cross for its holder, had he not already possessed it, is signified by a bar or clasp being added to the ribbon just above the bar from which the cross is suspended. The cross carries with it a pension of \$50 a year and an additional \$25 is given for each bar. To the best of my knowledge there is no Victoria cross man who can boast of an additional bar to his cross.

It must thoroughly be understood that the feats of bravery for which the cross is conferred must have been performed in war time and to all intents and purposes under the fire of the enemy. Acts of bravery in times of peace do not receive any such recognition, and although Admiral Lord Charles Berosford has on several occasions risked his life at sea by diving overboard from a ship to save fellow-officers and sailors from drowning, yet he has never received the Victoria cross, which, as stated above, was granted to his brother "Bill" for rescuing one wounded trooper under fire.—St. Louis Post Dispatch.

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Use of Mistletoe.
The use of mistletoe at Christmas is a curious reversion to Druidical and Scandinavian mythology. It was with mistletoe that the Blind God shot Baldur, the beautiful, being incited thereto by Loki, as Baldur was impervious to arrows of all other wood-hence in the process of symbolism came kissing under the mistletoe, which is supposed to make the maiden's heart susceptible to the tender passion.

Wedding Houses in Old England.
In olden times certain towns and villages in England used to possess a wedding house, where poor couples, after they had been wedded at church, could entertain their friends at a small cost, the only outlay being the purchase of such provisions for their guests as they brought with them, the house for the day being given free of payment.

Don't Take Chances
You do not know when you may have Summer Complaint. It comes like a thief in the night.

DALLEY'S SUMMER REMEDY will surely cure.

A report is current that control of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company has passed into the hands of a syndicate formed of the Whitney-Vanderbilt, E. H. Harriman and A. N. Brady interests.

SAVES A TIMEKEEPER'S WAGES

English Invention Which Records the Arrival of Workmen.

The latest mechanical time recorder for use in factories and other places of employment is called "the gov'nor," and it not only registers the precise minute at which the employee arrives at his work, but it photographs him neatly and expeditiously on a film, so that his employer may see just how he looked when he pressed the button. Many virtues are claimed for "the gov'nor" by the patentees. Its accuracy and simplicity of operation are held to be the chief advantages which recommend it to the favor of large employers of labor. In point of size and general appearance "the gov'nor" is a good deal like a polished oak portable photographic camera.

To insure correct results the instrument must be so fixed against a door that the light, being at the back of the employee as he faces the lens, will fall through a glass slit into the box. That is the single condition of success. All that is further necessary is for the employee to look squarely at the lens, smile softly if he feels that way, and push the knob that protrudes invitingly from the box. As he does so he will ring a bell and expose a section of celluloid film upon which the face of a small clock showing the exact minute at which he arrived will be photographed.

Immediately beneath the clock face his own will be "fixed by a sunbeam in eternal prim" for future reference. For days when there are no sunbeams a special contrivance has been provided in the shape of a regulator at the side, marked "Fine, medium and dull," and a small indicator moved round to the proper description will arrange an exposure to suit the prevailing atmospheric condition. Each instrument contains twelve feet of film, upon which 288 pictures may be taken, and for establishments with a greater number of hands larger machines can be supplied. Apart from its purely commercial uses, "the gov'nor" promises to furnish a highly interesting record for any one who may want to turn up old films and see how he looked on each morning of the year.—London Mail.

A HERO'S GRAND-DAUGHTER.

Tells How She Defeated a Dangerous Enemy—A Picton Episode.

Picton, Ont., Dec. 7.—Every student of Canadian history is familiar with the name and achievements of Colonel Henry Young, the United Empire Loyalist, who was the first white settler in Prince Edward County, and in whose honor old Fort Henry at Kingston is named. Citizens of Picton are aware that one of the most respected residents of this town, Miss Anna Young, is a grand-daughter of the illustrious United Empire Loyalist.

Miss Young had laid her fellow-Canadians under a debt of gratitude by pointing out to them an unflinching way—the only unflinching way—of conquering one of the worst enemies of mankind—rheumatism. Miss Young has written as follows to the Dr. Arnold Chemical Co., Limited, 43 Canadian Life Building, Toronto: "Dear Sirs—About a month ago I read in one of your circulars how disease is caused by germs and toxins in the blood, and how Dr. Arnold's English Toxin Pills are a new remedy to kill these germs. I concluded to try them.

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"Of course, I will be ten years young again, for I cannot be years of age in December, yet I feel that I can end my days in peace, thanks to Dr. Arnold's English Toxin Pills. "ANNA YOUNG."

Triumph of Engineering.
One of the latest triumphs in the engineering world consists in the construction, shipment by steamer and subsequent transfer to railway transportation of a steamer of 4,200 tons displacement, which was finally put afloat in Lake Balka, Siberia, not less than 5,000 miles from St. Petersburg.

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How Natal Got Its Name.
South America was discovered by the Portuguese, who were searching for an ocean road to India. Bartholomew Dias was the commander of the two little ships that formed the expedition in 1486. Eleven years later Da Game took another Portuguese fleet south. He discovered Natal on Christmas day, and thus named it in consequence.

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Some of the Great Battles.

Battle	Date	Engaged	Losses	Per Ct.
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Waterloo	June 18, 1815	130,000	22,000	17
Magenta	July 4, 1859	130,000	21,000	16
Bull Run	July 21, 1861	60,000	4,675	8
Antietam	Sept. 17, 1862	184,000	31,000	17
Gettysburg	July 1-3, 1863	150,000	30,000	20
Sadowa	July 3, 1866	201,000	33,000	16
Gravelotte	Aug. 18, 1870	300,000	62,000	21
Sedan	Sept. 1, 1870	314,000	47,000	15

Ingersoll's poultry and pet stock show was a success.

CATARRH

TREATMENT AND CURE.

Statistics prove that ninety-seven per cent. of Canadians suffer from Catarrh, and that this disease is not dangerous owing to its tendency to extend to the bronchial tubes and lungs, causing consumption.

So inadequate has the use of sprays, douches and snuffs proved in the treatment of Catarrh, that these methods have not been in use by the regular physicians during the last decade, but it was not until the discovery of Catarrhazone, the medicated air treatment, that the profession could be persuaded to treat this disease locally.

Catarrhazone treatment, founded upon the knowledge that air, and dry air only, can enter the bronchial tubes and lungs, at once commended itself to all scientific and medical men.

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Lavender Pillows.
Lavender pillows are taking the place of the pine needle cushions. They are usually covered with white linen, decorated with spikes of the lavender flowers worked in natural colors or heliotrope linen worked with flax threads of a pale tint. Lavender is also largely used in place of the malodorous moth balls, and is said to be quite as efficacious.

When you travel do not neglect to take a bottle of **DALLEY'S SUMMER REMEDY** with you, for it will save you from sickness.

Emperor William's Charm.
The German Emperors possess a family charm, which, of course, they prefer to call a talisman. It is a black stone, which is said to be handed down by each dying Emperor from his deceased to his successor, and has a putative origin curious even among charms. According to a legend, the stone was dropped by a huge, black toad on the bed coverlet of a princess of the family, who had just given birth to a son. The father of Frederick the Great had the stone mounted as a ring. There are documents relating to it in the archives, and the present Kaiser always wears it on all great occasions.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

Railroad Building in Turkey.
The Sultan of Turkey is about to have the cinematograph brought in to use for the purpose of enabling him to survey his railway works in Anatolia without the trouble of moving from his chair. The 110 kilometers of the line are to be photographed and reeled off before His Majesty and the court at kildiz kiosk.

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Mr. W. E. Bennett, of the Post-office Department, is in Vancouver to inquire into recent complaints of letter-carriers and mail-sorters regarding insufficient pay.

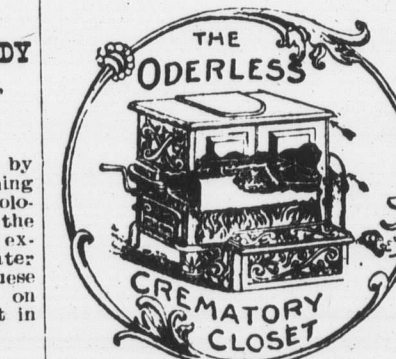
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After two or three experiments the workmen discovered to their consternation that it seemed impossible to blow the bulbs so large by the force of human breath. The blowers blew till they were utterly exhausted, but the bulbs remained far below the required size.

A handsome price was offered to the first successful blower, and the men renewed their efforts, but to no purpose. At last a big fellow, shaped like a barrel, stepped forward and quietly remarked that he was sure he could do the trick. The crowd laughed good-humoredly, but the man merely said: "I want to rinse my mouth; it's dry."

They gave him a cup of water. He rinsed his mouth, taking plenty of time, and then applied his mouth to the tube. Slowly and steadily the ball of glass grew. Soon it reached the dimensions of its nearest rival. Then it became bigger, bigger, until it approached the required size. Then it attained it. Then it passed it. "Stop, stop!" cried the crowd. "It's getting too big," and the foreman added: "How did you do it?"

"Where is my money?" said the man by way of reply.

When he felt the rubles in his palm an expression of genial satisfaction overspread his rough features. "Why, it's easy," said he, and then he explained how he had retained some of the water in his mouth, how he had gradually blown it into the molten ball, and how the expanding steam had instantly come to his assistance.

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