

ROYAL AND PRESIDENTIAL TRAINS

MOST LUXURIOUS WAS THAT OF CZAR OF RUSSIA.

Interesting History of the Train in Use by the President of the French Republic.

The special train that the Czar of Russia used to travel in, with its twelve cars providing apartments for the Czar, his suite and guard, a real Russian bath, kitchen, a chapel and all the comforts of a palace, was formerly the most elaborate owned by any European ruler.

The train of the Emperor William of Germany has seven partly armored cars and a locomotive designed to withstand even bomb and shell attacks. Everything that makes for efficiency is provided, including a library car, on the walls of which hang hundreds of military maps.

The train of the President of the French Republic, although not the most luxurious of the official trains of Europe, has perhaps the most interesting history of them all, says the Railway Age Gazette. It has figured in more important political events than any of the others, and has carried at some time nearly all of the great men of the world, including, possibly, France's greatest enemy, the Emperor William himself.

Conveyed the Czar. President Faure ordered the train hurriedly built in the autumn of 1896 for the purpose of carrying to Paris the Czar of Russia, whose visit at that time cemented the alliance between France and Russia. The whole train was built in thirteen days. So hastily was the private personal car built that not until the tenth day did it occur to anyone that the Czar might wish to take a bath. So the roof of the car was promptly cut open and a space made large enough to allow the lowering of a huge silver bathtub into a corner of the car. The tub is there after all these years, and so is the patch in the car roof. The train has its own special housing shed at Villeneuve St. Georges, some miles out of Paris, but of late it has been as frequently out of its shed as in.

One of its most important trips, since the war began occurred in October, 1915, when it conveyed the King of England to the French front, where he reviewed in company with President Poincaré fifty thousand of the troops that had taken part in the battle of Champagne.

Unlike the imperial trains, the French President's train is not armored, and it has no protection whatever against bullets and shells. It was built at a time when no one thought that necessary. The four cars are elaborately upholstered in red and yellow silk velvets, and are of wood. They are not of the typical French construction, but look more like American parlor cars, except that the roofs are not fully rounded at the ends. The interiors resemble somewhat the tourist cars used on the Western railways of this continent, and are not divided into compartments like most English and Continental cars.

Although they are thoroughly comfortable, it is apparent from their fading curtains and upholstery, and their clumsy and ponderous arrangements, that they have outlived their time. They remind you of the old palace at Oiron, the magnificence of which is falling into decay, because no one can afford to live in the place.

The Little Rain.

"Oh! she is good, the little rain! and well she knows our need Who cometh in the time of spring to aid the sundrawn seed; She wanders with a friendly wind through silent nights unseen. The furrows feel her happy tears, and lo! the land is green.

"Last night cloud-shadows gloomed the path that winds to my abode, And the torches of the river-boats like angry meteors glowed. To-day fresh colors break the soil, and butterflies take wing. Down brodered lawns all bright with pearls in the garden of the King."

—Translated from the Chinese of Tu Fu by L. Cranmer-Blyng.

His Work.

At a house party at a nobleman's country house a guest said to the little daughter of the host: "Your oldest brother is at the front, of course?" "Oh, yes; he's got the Victoria Cross," she answered. "And your second brother—how about him?" "He's at the front, too. He's been twice wounded." "And is your youngest brother, the 17-year-old Harold, also in the trenches?" "No," she said, "he's minding the sheep."

Lettuce, turnips, peas, beans and corn, mature in six to nine weeks, from eleven to thirteen weeks and potatoes from fifteen to sixteen weeks.

STRENUOUS WORK SOON TELLS ON YOU

Business Men and Breadwinners the Victims of Nervous Exhaustion.

When worry is added to overwork men soon become the victims of nervous exhaustion—neurasthenia—the doctor calls it. Some have no reserve strength in their systems to bear the strain; others overtax what strength they have. If you find that you are nervous and not sure of yourself, that you sleep badly, and wake up tired and aching, your nerves are out of order. Other signs are inability to take proper interest in your work; your appetite is fickle; your back feels weak, and you are greatly depressed in spirits. One or more of these signs mean that you should take prompt steps to stop mischief by nourishing the nerves with the food they thrive on, namely the rich red blood made by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. These pills have cured thousands of cases of nervous disorders, including nervous prostration, neuralgia, St. Vitus dance and partial paralysis. Here is an example: Mr. P. H. Callan, a well known business man in Coleman, P.E.I., says: "I owe my present health, if not life itself, to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I had always been an active man, and when I began to run down in health paid little attention to it as I thought it only a temporary weakness. As time passed, however, I found myself growing worse, and consulted a doctor, who said that I was not only badly run down, but that my nervous system was badly shattered. I lost flesh, my appetite was poor, I slept badly and notwithstanding the doctor's treatment grew so weak that I had to leave my business and was confined to the house. Time went on and I was steadily growing weaker, and my friends were all greatly alarmed for my condition. In this condition I was strongly recommended to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and as the doctor's medicine was not helping me I decided to do so. By the time I had used three boxes I could tell that they were helping me. When I had taken eight boxes of the pills I felt able to attend to my business again, and people were surprised to see me out. I continued the use of the pills until I had taken twelve boxes, by which time I was feeling as well as ever I did, and was being congratulated by all my friends on my full restoration to health. I feel now that if I had used Dr. Williams' Pink Pills at the outset I would not only have saved much money spent in doctor's bills, but would have had renewed health sooner. I cannot speak too highly of this medicine, and would recommend it to every man who feels weak, nervous or run down."

You can get these pills through any medicine dealer, or by mail at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50, from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

HOW DO YOU CARRY MONEY?

Each Nationality Has Its Typical Method of Handling Coin.

You can generally tell a man's nationality from the manner in which he carries his pocket-money, for the various methods employed frequently betray the name of the country of which they are typical. The majority of British people carry their money—be it gold, silver, or coppers—all mixed up in the right-hand trousers pocket. Upon needing any, your typical Briton takes a handful of this mixture, and selects the coins he desires in an open and uncoiled manner. Uncle Sam, across the Boundary, has a "wad of bills," which he securely keeps in a long, narrow pocket-book. Frenchmen, more often than not, are satisfied with an ordinary leather purse. Not so with his hereditary foe, for a purse, gaily embroidered in silks by the fair hand of some Gretchen, is the money-receptacle of the conceited Hun! The poorer classes of the Italians tie up their small fortunes in a gaudily-colored handkerchief, which they mysteriously conceal somewhere about their persons. Many of our Russian friends prefer to hide their precious savings in their boots or the lining of their clothes.

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Fads of the Moment

Draperies are featured in some of the very newest dresses. A very stylish costume is illustrated here combining a draped skirt with a blouse having body and sleeves in one. This model would be most attractive developed in crepe de Chine, foulard, soft taffeta, or even in one of the pretty summer volles. McCall Patterns No. 7814, Ladies' One-Piece Waist; in



5 sizes; 34 to 42 bust; and No. 7813, Ladies' Straight Skirt, attached to one-piece long yoke in 39-inch length; in 5 sizes; 22 to 30 waist. Price, 20 cents each.

These patterns may be obtained from your local McCall dealer, or from the McCall Co., 70 Bond St., Toronto, Ont. W.

INVALUABLE SENSES.

How Some People Earn a Living by Their Ears and Noses.

Most people depend upon their hands for their livelihood, and so we have come to speak of handwork and handicraft and "handy." But there are many others who could survive the loss of arms in such a war as this and still be efficient for business.

For instance, there is a man in every pen factory in Birmingham, England—probably several—whose sole business is giving nibs their final test before they are packed away in the familiar box. He drops each nib separately, one by one, on a sheet of plate-glass, and he can tell instantly by the sound emitted whether the nib is fit to be packed for sale, or only to be thrown aside as imperfect.

There are people who make a living by their noses, sniffing perfumes for the scent-makers. The art of making delightful perfumes, in which the ladies will delight, is mainly a matter of how much of this and how little of that, and there are well-trained noses which can tell at a sniff when there is just the little too much or too little or whether anything is missing.

THANKFUL MOTHERS

Mothers who have once used Baby's Own Tablets for their little ones are always strong in their praise of this medicine. Among them is Mrs. M. J. Boudreau, Misonette, N.B., who writes: "Baby's Own Tablets are the best medicine I know of for little ones. I am very thankful for what they have done for my children." The Tablets regulate the bowels and stomach; cure constipation and indigestion; break up colds and simple fevers; in fact they cure all the minor ills of little ones.

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THE SONG OF MERRIT.

The Oriental Idea As To What Were Good Shoes.

John Chinaman often has peculiar ideas about the wearing apparel that he buys in America. For one thing, he always wants boots that are several sizes too large, for he believes that in that way he gets more value for his money. In addition to excessive size, boots have to possess other peculiar characteristics before they meet his full approval, as the following story indicates:

A California merchant offered a pair of fine boots that he had long kept in stock to a Chinese for three dollars. The Oriental finally took them, but two days later he brought them back.

"What's the trouble, John?" inquired the merchant. "Him good boots."

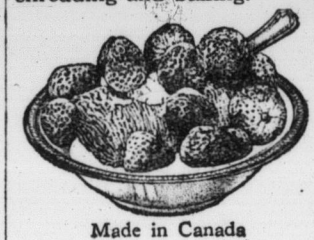
"Him no good," declared John. "Him no sing-song boot. Velly soon wear out. Me like sing-song boot or me catches back 'free dolla'."

"Sing-song boot!" exclaimed the merchant. "Me no sabe."

"Me tink you sabe, all lite," replied John. "Wha' fo' him boot no sing-song! squeak! squeak! when Chinaman walks, alle same good boot?"

When the merchant had given him in exchange for the fine boots a pair of coast, cheap ones that squeaked loudly, John Chinaman departed highly satisfied.

Brighten The Corner where you are by eating a food that does not clog the liver or develop poisons in the colon. Cut out heavy meats and starchy potatoes and eat **Shredded Wheat Biscuit** with berries or other fruits. Try this diet for a few days and see how much better you feel. The whole wheat grain made digestible by steam-cooking, shredding and baking.



Made in Canada

SOME RECENT DISCOVERIES.

More Achievements in the Fields of Science and Invention.

A new invention for oiling moving machinery consists of electrically controlled rollers, a number of which can be operated from a centrally located switchboard.

An Englishman has invented a coin-in-the-slot machine which tells the speed at which a train is traveling by the dropping of a coin in the slot.

Lower sashes for windows have been invented which, instead of sliding, swing outward and upward to any desired distance, the purpose being to obviate drafts in rooms.

A photographic camera attachment has been invented by a Colorado man which permits eight photographs to be taken on the same plate or film.

An attachment has been invented by an Ohio inventor which, when attached to a knitting machine, makes imitation fur by knitting a tuft of hair into each needleful of thread.

An English inventor has devised a flat fork, diamond shaped instead of tines, asserting that it is more easily cleaned than the usual fork.

A German invention is an unsinkable lifeboat which is equipped with doors that automatically close upon its occupants, in the event that the boat upsets.

Wireless messages have been sent through the earth between mines 1,600 feet deep and a mile and a half apart by German experts.

A French electrician has invented a wireless outfit powerful enough to pick up any message, when it is connected with a metal surface, and yet small enough to be carried about in the pocket.

A new kitchen cabinet has all its drawers mounted in one large drawer, which can be pulled forward when the table top of the cabinet is extended. This arrangement makes for ease of access to the drawers.

Soap bubbles large and substantial enough to be used for backgrounds for photographs are developed by an apparatus invented by an English scientist.

Some European railroads are experimenting with electric locomotive headlights so mounted that engineers can direct their rays in any desired direction.

New wide-brimmed hats for women have a piece of glass in their brims so that they will not obstruct the vision when pulled down to cover a wearer's eyes.

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THE NEW SPARTANS

Rising Generation Will Benefit By War's Lessons

One of the results of the war which will be beneficial to the nation is the fact that the young people have been turned out in one way or another to fend for themselves—the soldier in field, trench, camp, and billet; and the girl in munition-factory, bank, hospital and shop.

There can be no doubt that the past generation was being brought up too softly, says an English writer. Either the State or the mother seemed determined to do everything for the children, instead of letting them do as much as possible for themselves. The result was a lack of independence and a sense of responsibility, which the war has already cured.

Instead of training children up to habits of personal orderliness and helpfulness, to share the labor and responsibility of the home, mothers have been content to let children grow up easily, without ever feeling the pinch, without ever knowing what the work of every day meant. It has been a profound mistake. And when the war is over it will be well if the lesson taught as to the benefits of "hardness" and discipline shall have been understood and taken to heart.

Many a big lad will refuse ever to sleep softly again. He has done with feather-bed methods for the rest of his earthly career. Let the women follow suit. Let them copy Spartan methods, and the future of their children will be a surprise and a pleasure to them, by reason of its wholesome progress and self-confidence and splendid success.

AUSTRALIA'S SOLDIERS

Plan Adopted by Commonwealth Might Work Well in Canada

From South Australia comes some interesting information as to what our sister commonwealth is doing for her returned soldier.

A soldier who had spent fourteen months in active service and was wounded says that in his neighborhood each returned soldier is allotted eighteen acres of reclaimed land on the Murray river, eight acres for fruit, oranges, etc., and ten acres for tillage. This particular individual has six cows, a five-room house free, and a loan of \$2,500. He says that in two years' time he will be "right on his feet."

The Government has a large farm where they train the men how to farm.

In Canada our Government has aimed rather at placing men upon larger farms, and so far with very little success, as the large farm, a long way from civilization, does not seem to appeal to the returned soldier. It is just possible that the smaller proposition would suit him better.

ANY CORN LIFTS OUT. DOESN'T HURT A BIT!

No foolishness! Lift your corns and calluses off with fingers —It's like magic!

Sore corns, hard corns, soft corns or any kind of a corn, can harmlessly be lifted right out with the fingers if you apply upon the corn a few drops of freezone, says a Cincinnati authority.

For little cost one can get a small bottle of freezone at any drug store, which will positively rid one's feet of every corn or callus without pain.

This simple drug dries the moisture it is applied and does not even irritate the surrounding skin while applying it or afterwards.

This announcement will interest many of our readers. If your drug-gist hasn't any freezone tell him to surely get a small bottle for you from his wholesale drug house.

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INCOME \$1,000,000 A YEAR

India's Representative in War Cabinet A Man of Renown.

The Government's choice of the Maharajah of Bikanir as India's representative at the special sittings of the War Cabinet will give great satisfaction throughout our Eastern Empire. An aide-de-camp to the King, his Highness is a vigorous man of 36, with a yearly income of \$1,000,000. He rules over a State of 23,315 square miles, nearly three times the size of Wales, with a population of 700,000 people, and is entitled to a salute of seventeen guns when he arrives at or leaves a garrison town.

At the beginning of the war the Maharajah offered the whole of his State resources to the King as well as his personal services, and his famous camel corps has done invaluable work in Egypt. He served for a year on Field Marshal Viscount French's staff, and has been mentioned in despatches.

That Dodd's Kidney Pills Cure Rheumatism.

Harold D. Bertram Had Inflammatory Rheumatism and One Box of Dodd's Kidney Pills Cleared It Out of His System.

Southampton, Ont., May 14th (Special).—That rheumatism is caused by disordered kidneys and that Dodd's Kidney Pills will cure it is again proved by the case of Harold D. Bertram, a young man well and favorably known here. He had inflammatory rheumatism for two months. Dodd's Kidney Pills cured him.

"The doctor said my trouble started with the grippe," Mr. Bertram states. "My hands and feet were badly swollen and the doctor did not seem to be doing me any good. My grandmother, Mrs. G. Grasser, advised me to take Dodd's Kidney Pills. I took one box of them and I haven't been bothered since. I am clear of the rheumatism."

That Mr. Bertram's trouble came from his kidneys is shown by his other symptoms. He had stiffness in the joints, was tired and nervous, and there were flashes of light before his eyes. He had a dragging sensation across the loins, was always thirsty and felt heavy and sleepy after meals.

Rheumatism is caused by uric acid in the blood. Cured kidneys strain the uric acid out of the blood. Dodd's Kidney Pills cure the kidneys.

His Ambition.

A small boy's idea of greatness is to play ball in a uniform.

Minard's Liniment used by Physicians.

Going It Strong.

"My young friends," said a member of the board of trustees, who was addressing the school, "let me urge upon you the necessity of not only reading good books, but also of owning them, so that you may have access to them at all times. Why, when I was a young man I used frequently to work all night to earn money to buy books, and then get up before daylight to read them."

I cured a horse of the Mange with MINARD'S LINIMENT.

CHRISTOPHER SAUNDERS, Dalhousie.

I cured a horse, badly torn by a pitch fork, with MINARD'S LINIMENT.

St. Peter's, C. B. EDW. LINLIEF.

I cured a horse of a bad swelling by MINARD'S LINIMENT.

Bathurst, N. B. THOS. W. PAYNE.

A Difference.

If you feel the tip of your nose you will find that there is a tiny cleft there. People with negro blood in their veins are said not to possess this division.

Ask for Minard's and take no other.

Anvil Sparks.

Good nature is a key that fits many locks.

Religion must seek in before it can float out.

Man may be the architect of a home, but woman is the builder.

Moss grows on a man's hopes if he waits for something to turn up.

We say: "This is a hard old world!" but what are we doing to soften it? Golden hopes of an eternity are better than a safe deposit box in a bank.

The Panama Canal is about fifty miles long from ocean to ocean.

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