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WAS AT FRONT TRENCHES.

One of the Four Women War Correspondents Sent Out by the Biggest Magazine Gives Her Definition of War—Describes Her Impressions Eloquently.

When the editor sent four women correspondents to the great war because he believed that "the big story of a war is never at the front, but in the hospitals and in the homes, that war is largely a woman's affair, and woman, I think, best understand the little things that go to make up the big story," Mary Roberts Rinehart, trained



MARY ROBERTS RINEHART.

nurse, wife of a Pittsburgh physician, author of several successful plays and many delectable stories, was one of the women picked by the magazine.

She interviewed both Queen Mary of England and the king and queen of the Belgians. Her description of refreshing herself at La Panne, her quest of shoe buttons in ravaged Belgium and her final transfer of those she had from the top of her boots to that section most prominent below her gown when she sat is one of the liveliest parts of her story. Her latest book has recently been suppressed by the British censor on the ground that it contained information of value to the enemy. When asked what effect the nearness of battle had on her own literary powers Mrs. Rinehart replied:

"I do not know how other writers are affected, but I could do nothing at the front. I wrote the interview with the king of the Belgians there and ruined a really fine opportunity. Of course I have had no newspaper training. But that was not the only trouble. For me writing has two phases, each distinct from the other. One is receiving and absorbing impressions; the other is giving them out. And between the two there must be a lapse of time to give me perspective, to let me see the 'high light,' as it were—to know what should be emphasized. It is a matter of proportion, as all writing is. That is why I think that the real literature of the war will come after the world is once more at peace.

"Once under a great strain I did write something that reflected my attitude of mind. I had just been through a bombardment by aeroplanes, and I wrote that night with cold hands and a hot head my definition of war. It is this:

"War is not two great armies meeting in a clash and frenzy of battle. It is much more than that. War is a boy carried on a stretcher, looking up at God's blue sky with bewildered eyes that are soon to close; war is a woman carrying a child that has been wounded by a shell; war is spirited horses tied in burning buildings and waiting for death; war is the flower of a race torn, battered, hungry, bleeding, up to its knees in icy water; war is an old woman burning a candle before the Mater Dolorosa for the son she has given for king and country!"

Stuffed Sweetbreads.
Materials.—Six sweetbreads, a pint plain stuffing, one-half cupful mushrooms, sliced; toast, beaten egg, flavor, four tablespoonfuls butter, three-fourths cupful cream, a tablespoonful flour, two tablespoonfuls orange juice, cracker crumbs, salt and pepper.

Way of Preparing.—Parboil the sweetbreads until tender. Plunge them into cold water. Drain, wipe dry and trim into shape. Make a plain stuffing, as

for poultry. Cut a pocket in the sweetbreads and stuff. Then sew up the pocket. Melt the butter in the chafing dish, flour the sweetbreads lightly, then dip them in the beaten egg, roll in crumbs and fry in the butter in the chafing dish. Remove to a hot platter. Now add the flour to the butter in the chafing dish. When it bubbles add the orange juice, cream, mushrooms and salt and pepper to taste. Cook five minutes. Arrange six pieces of toast on a platter, place the sweetbreads on the toast, pour the sauce over and around, garnish with sliced oranges and water-cress and serve. These stuffed sweetbreads will be found delicious for a Sunday supper or an informal dinner.

EDIBLE BIRDS' NESTS.
They Are a Delicacy in the Orient and Bring High Prices.

An important item in the export trade of Siam consists of edible nests of swifts, or swiftlets, as they are also called. The principal markets for this trade are China, Hongkong and Singapore. In Hongkong, it is said, the demand often exceeds the supply, and prices range from \$15 to \$25 per pound, according to quality.

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Churches in Colonial Days.

The New England churches in colonial days were all unheated. In Miss Earle's book on "Home Life in Colonial Days" we find that few of these places of worship had stoves until the middle of the last century. The chill of the damp places, never heated from autumn to spring and closed and dark throughout the week, was hard for every one to bear. In some of the log built meeting houses fur bags, made of wolf skins were nailed to the seats, and in the winter church attendants thrust their feet in them. Dogs, too, were permitted to enter the meeting house and lie on their master's feet. Dog whippers or dog pelters were had to control or expel them when they became unruly or unpearable.

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"No, ma'am," declared the voracious child, "but pa said she gave him a pain in the neck, an' she wants ter sock a plaster on to him."

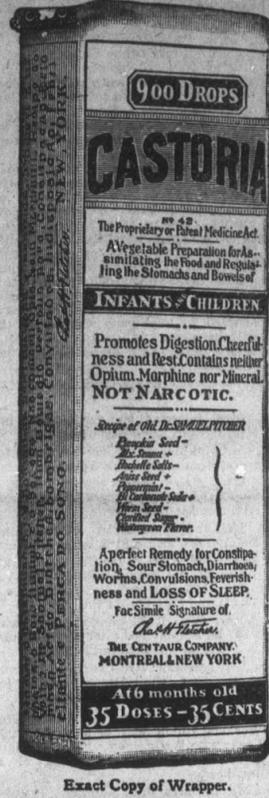
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