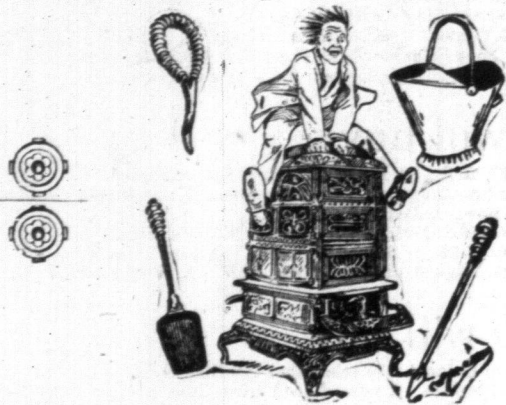


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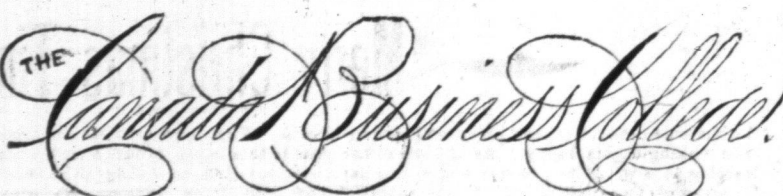
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The officials of the Department of Agriculture are highly pleased with the results obtained by the special agents who have been studying the seeds and plants of foreign countries with a view of introducing them into the United States. This study is being carried on with \$20,000 appropriated by Congress to "collect, purchase, test, propagate and distribute rare and valuable seeds, bulbs, trees, shrubs, vines, cuttings and plants from foreign countries for experiment with reference to their introduction into this country."

Walter C. Swingle, of the Division of Botany, has returned from a visit to the Mediterranean countries, where he studied the agriculture of southern Europe and of northern Africa, and gained much valuable information. Before leaving for home he made arrangements with nursery men to send to the United States such seeds and plants as might be of value for studying grape culture, fig cultivation, date growing, etc. He came across a number of new vegetables which it is hoped will prove acceptable to American tastes. Of these he says:

"The crose or crosbe is a Chinese and Japanese vegetable. It has white tubers two to four inches long and the size of one's finger, but looking like a crowded string of large beads. They were imported into France, where their value was discovered by the late M. Paillieux, a gentleman of leisure, who devoted his grounds at Crosne, near Paris, to the culture of strange and new vegetables from all parts of the world. He was so pleased with this one that he did everything possible to bring it into the country. After several years he succeeded and the vegetable is now well-known in Paris. It is called Crosne after the name of M. Paillieux's place. Boiled or fried and served with meat it is delicious. The plant is perfectly hardy and grows in all soils yielding as much as five tons to the acre. Two other tubers of delicate flavor, much esteemed in Paris, are the tuberous-rooted cherville and tuberous-rooted nasturtium (the mayna of Chile)."

"In the Mediterranean countries much use is made of the vegetable marrow, of which many species are known. It is a sort of summer squash and is eaten before fully ripe, when it much resembles a large green cucumber. Cooked and served with meat it is excellent, and no food is considered more easily digested. Many varieties are known in Italy, Greece, and Turkey as well as in Germany and England. Among other vegetables of great merit might be mentioned two species of asparagus kale, is said to be the most delicious of the cabbage family. The cos lettuce of Italy and Turkey are exceptionally fine."

Mr. Swingle also brought specimens of the pistachio nut, which he thinks likely will prove of great value to California and Arizona. Large quantities of these nuts are imported for use in flavoring ice cream, etc. In the Mediterranean regions they are eaten like the splendid almonds and walnuts of other nuts and considered even finer produced there. Mr. Swingle thinks there is a great future for this nut when it becomes known to Americans. The choice varieties are propagated by grafting, and arrangements have been made to secure a quantity of slips for use in this country next spring.

Among novelty obtained by the department is a large-fruited ever-bearing strawberry, which has been brought into France within recent years. The ordinary varieties of strawberry yield only a few weeks, while this one produces for months on the same stems. The two best varieties of the new plant are called the St. Joseph and the St. Anthony, and were originated not by professional growers, but by a modest country priest, the Abbe Thevolet, residing in one of the central districts of France. Lovers of cantelopes will be interested in the introduction of the kirk asche muskmelon, which has a great reputation for flavor and sweetness in the country around Smyrna. An American missionary who returned home on a visit a year or two ago informed Mr. Swingle that he had been unable to eat the American cantelope on account of its inferiority to the Turkish, to which he had become accustomed. Mr. Swingle visited Smyrna and obtained some of the seed of the noted melon, and it will be cultivated here.

Speaking of the artichoke, Mr. Swingle says:

"This vegetable is highly prized by rich and poor alike in Europe and is cultivated extensively in France and Italy. The plant is a perennial, and the fine varieties are propagated by suckers from the roots of the old plant in the same manner as pineapples. In order to introduce the culture of this much-neglected vegetable we have imported a quantity of carefully potted suckers. In spite of all precautions many died. Enough survived, however, to produce a stock which can soon be multiplied indefinitely. The New York market is now supplied from France and Italy. Naples being a heavy exporter. The absurdity of shipping a delicate vegetable 6,000 miles when it can be grown with perfect success at home is evident. Artichokes have long been grown extensively around New Orleans, where there is a good local market for them, but their use as a vegetable is practically unknown in the South elsewhere."



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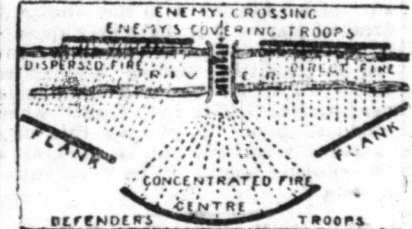
Bridges and Fords are Easily Defended—The Tugela Should Have Been Held by the British at Any Cost.

The following by Lieut. G. F. H. McDonald, Third V. B. Essex Regiment, written before the wrecking of the Tugela bridge by the Boers, shows the great loss sustained by the British in the destruction of the bridge and the loss of control of the river. It applies equally to the fords which Gen. Buller is now trying to retake:

Everybody knows by this time that the Tugela bridge is of supreme strategic importance in the Transvaal war, since it is the chief connecting link with the south—England. A bridge, in tactics, is a defile. A defile in military language means any place that can only be passed by troops on a narrow front.

A road between two lakes or impassable marshes, a mountain pass with accessible or inaccessible heights on both sides, a railway tunnel, a road between precipitous ravines, a street—all these are defiles. The vulnerability of a defile is that if you try to get through to the enemy's side, he will pulverize you piecemeal as you debouch; if you are compelled to retreat through a defile, he will make things hot for you as you enter it. It is obvious therefore that the Boers should have been kept in check as many miles from Tugela bridge as possible, and sufficiently long to allow of the army corps crossing in safety.

Should the unexpected happen, and the troops be driven back and compelled to retire across Tugela bridge before a victorious enemy, then they will have to accomplish a feat which Captain Gall in his fine work on "Modern Tactics" describes as the "most difficult an army can be called upon to perform." The best way to defend a bridge is from the rear—that is, from the end farthest from the enemy. Here is the plan to show you how this is done:

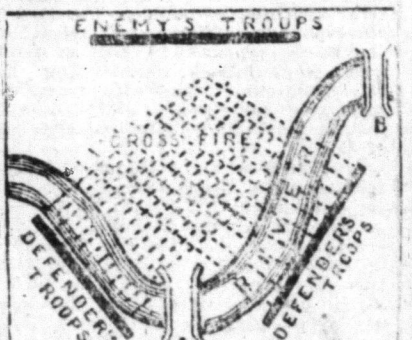


The advantage of this position is that you can concentrate on the bridge the fire of your centre, while your flanks can engage the enemy's covering troops, on whose fire he depends to get him across. His covering troops could only use dispersed or direct fire. If they concentrated their fire on your centre, they would run the risk of shooting their own troops. Your centre would therefore be left unmolested to destroy the enemy in detail as he debouched on your side. Now observe the difference if you tried to defend the bridge in front, thus:



Here the enemy has the advantage of concentrated fire, while you have to use dispersed fire, which is the least harmful kind. You also have the pleasure of knowing that if defeated you have to retire across the bridge and submit to the pulverizing process before mentioned.

You would have to defend a bridge in front at all costs if you were covering the retirement or advance of your main body across it. This last is practically what the garrison at Ladysmith is called upon to do. Supposing, however, the river was this shape:



and there were two bridges, one at A and the other at B, you would select the bridge at A to cross by, because you could place your defending troops as shown in the sketch and deliver a nasty cross-fire, which would effectively prevent the enemy approaching the bridge. Similarly, if there were no bridges, you would select A as the place for your engineers to bridge over, because you could cover their operations, as shown above, by practically getting between them and the enemy. It is quite obvious that in both these cases the selection of B would give the enemy the advantages you would have at A. In military language, the bump at the river at B is called a salient and the dent at A is called a re-entrant.

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The Stolen Cherry.

Just at the back of the children's garden there is a white heart cherry tree that they look on as their own. Not that they have much to do with it. The gardener does all that is required in the way of training and pruning, and father decides when the cherries are ready to eat. They were just ripening when he left home for ten days. The children stood longingly by the tree.

"What a pity father didn't say we might pick some!" sighed Mabel.

"He wouldn't mind," said Jack.

"At first."

"He told Mabel was very doubtful, but, letting herself be persuaded, she joined Jack in a raid on the tree."

"Let's take them out in the meadow to eat," suggested Jack, who, now that he had picked the fruit, seemed rather frightened.

"Oh, how sour!" cried Mabel. "Jack, we ought to have tried them first."

"It's too late now," said Jack, his face puckering from the acid cherries.

"What shall we do, Mabel? Dig a hole and bury them?"

But, seeing the baker's boy, they asked whether he would find the cherries too sour.

"Bless you, no, Master Jack!" he said, grinning. "Nothing in the fruit line will hurt me, thank you kindly!" And off he went.

"What's become of Alfred?" asked Mabel of cook a few days later, noting that the bread was brought by another boy.

"He was turned off for stealing, and served him right!" said cook. "The gardener had his doubts for some time whether things wasn't going, but he didn't say anything, and he caught them Alfred with his cap full of our cherries, why, he went straight to his master and got him turned off."

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