

## WINNING THE VICTORIA CROSS

REMARKABLE EXPLOIT OF THE GREAT WAR.

Heroic Highlander Faced German Guns Four Times to Accomplish His Objects.

One of the most remarkable exploits of the war is that which won the Victoria Cross for Private Wilson of the Highland Light Infantry. On September 14, 1914, he killed two of the enemy by remarkable long-distance shots, and then, rushing alone into a German position, captured eight of the enemy by a clever ruse and freed two of his comrades.

But that feat only whetted his appetite for glory, we read in Heroes of the Great War. A Maxim gun concealed in the wood began to play upon the British position, and men began to fall on every hand. As his companions dashed to cover, Wilson turned to a private of the King's Royal Rifle Corps who was nearest him, and coolly remarked:

"Mon, I'm angry wi' yon gun—and I'm gaun to stop it!"

Having said that, he began to crawl toward the wood among a perfect hurricane of bullets. The rifle-man to whom he had spoken followed, but he very soon fell, badly wounded.

Wilson went on alone, and managed to dodge the bullets by dashing from haystack to haystack across the field. All the time he was raging inwardly. He was determined to reach the gun and put it out of action, to avenge the poor rifleman.

He reached another haystack, leveled his rifle, took careful aim, and the German behind the Maxim fell dead. Another German took the place of the dead man. Wilson exposed himself to make sure of his aim; his rifle clicked, and the second operator fell. A third man had started to fire the gun, only to meet the fate that had befallen his predecessors. Then a fourth and a fifth and a sixth German fell. Wilson's shooting was uncanny in its deadly accuracy. Had he missed once the operator at the Maxim would have speedily riddled him with bullets.

A Dauntless Scottish Lion.

Wilson waited for a few minutes after the sixth man fell. Then, having come to the conclusion that the entire gun crew had been killed, he crept forward to take his prize. A German officer rose in his path and fired point-blank, but missed his aim; Wilson quickly bayoneted him. That was the narrowest of Wilson's many escapes, for the officer's bullet had grazed his head.

Wilson had gained the prize for which he had risked his life, but he was not permitted to retain it undisputed. He observed a large company of Germans approaching. Instead of beating a retreat, the brave Scot slued the gun round and opened fire. He worked the gun as skillfully as he had handled his rifle, and mowed down scores of the enemy. He was fired at by the German artillery as well as by the infantrymen, and as the place became unpleasantly warm, Wilson decided it was time to advance to the rear.

The Scottish lion reached the British lines unscathed notwithstanding the shells that continually burst round him. Then he fainted. When he recovered he asked if the gun had been brought in. Being told that it had not been fetched, he staggered up and went again to face the shells. He soon returned, carrying the gun on his shoulders.

"There's the gun, sir!" he said, throwing it down before his officer and saluting.

Even that did not satisfy him, and he must needs go to bring back the ammunition. Having accomplished that, he remembered the comrade who had started off with him, and without a word to anyone he faced the shrapnel yet again. He found his "pal" still living, although riddled with seventeen bullets, and dragged him to the trench, where he died the next day.

"Thank God, you got the gun!" were the poor fellow's last words to Wilson.

Prophecy of Flying of 200 Years Ago.

Inasmuch as the words were uttered more than two centuries ago, there was a truly prophetic anticipation of the experience of the present war in a sermon on "physico-theology," delivered in 1711, by Dr. William Delham, of St. John's College, Oxford, which has just come to light again. "As in all probability the art of flying would particularly be," he said, "by putting it in man's power to discover the secret of nations and families more than is consistent with the peace of the world to know; by giving ill men greater opportunities to do mischief which it would not be in the power of others to prevent; and, as one observes, by making men less sociable."

Hearing at Last.

There was a terrible dynamite explosion near a small town. An old lady, hearing it, turned toward the door of her sitting room and said:

"Come in, Bella."

When her servant entered the room she said:

"Do you know, Bella, my hearing is evidently improving. I heard you knock at the door for the first time in twenty years."

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FERTILIZER VALUE OF ASHES  
Though Wood Ashes Are Valuable, Coal Residue Is Not Worth Preserving.

During the past two years the price of all fertilizer materials, and particularly those containing potash, has advanced greatly and farmers should take every precaution to conserve the supplies produced on the farm.

Wood ashes have a high value on account of the potash they contain. Ashes from hardwood contain, when dry, from five to seven per cent. of potash and are worth from \$25 to \$35 per ton, or in other words, it would require \$25 to \$35 to purchase as much potash in the form of commercial fertilizers as is contained in one ton of average hardwood ashes.

Soft wood ashes usually contain less than five per cent. of potash, but enough to make it profitable to carefully preserve them.

As the potash in ashes is readily soluble in water the ashes should be stored under cover until used. Besides potash, ashes contain one and one-half to two per cent. of phosphoric acid and fifty to fifty-five per cent. of lime.

Leached ashes seldom contain more than one per cent. of potash and if used at all they should be considered as a source of lime rather than potash, and be purchased on that basis.

Ashes from corn cobs contain more than thirty per cent. of potash and where any quantity of cobs can be obtained they should be burned and the ashes utilized as a source of potash.

Coal ashes contain only traces of potash and they possess very little if any value from the fertilizer standpoint.

### VESPER HYMN.

We at close of day, O Father,  
For our Empire plead,  
Guard our soldiers, God of Armies,  
In their need.

Shield our sailors in their perils  
On the mighty deep,  
Guide them, and bless them, loving Pilot,  
Safely keep.

Grant our airmen as they upward  
Climb through haze and cloud,  
Grace to hear Thy promise ringing  
Clear and loud.

Grant our wounded as they languish  
On their beds of pain  
Heavenly comfort; and Thy mercy  
On the slain.

Grant our leaders strength and courage  
While they plans devise,  
May their schemes find fullest favor  
In Thine eyes.

On us pour Thy richest blessings,  
When all we shall cease;  
In the brightness of Thy presence  
We find peace.

—H. D. F.  
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tasted  
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missed  
one of the  
good things  
in life

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Mrs. Eugene Vallancourt. St. Matthew, Que., writes: "My baby, suffering greatly from constipation so I began using Baby's Own Tablets. I was surprised with the prompt relief they gave him and now I always keep them in the house." Once a mother has used Baby's Own Tablets for her little one she always keeps a supply on hand for the first trial convinces her there is nothing to equal them in keeping her little ones well. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

## THE WORK OF THE "SAUSAGES."

Observation Balloons Note Every Shot Sent Into Enemy Positions.

From the North Sea to the Swiss frontier one may almost trace the fighting front on clear days by the observation balloons. Great, awkward, ungainly bags, they tug at their anchors, swaying this way and that at the touch of every breeze, but from the basket suspended far below keen-eyed observers spot every shot their artillery sends over into the Boche positions. While the balloons are frequently destroyed by hostile aeroplanes the casualties among the observers are surprisingly small. Each observation basket is equipped with parachutes and all the observers need to do when the bag above them is damaged or is the centre of attack is throw out their parachute, climb over the basket and sail slowly and gracefully to the ground. They carry with them all their instruments and charts and are able to make complete reports on everything that has occurred up to the minute they were forced to descend.

Practically all the larger balloons now are equipped with wireless or telephone plants that keep the observers constantly in touch with the ground. The United States is developing a great fleet of the "sausages," as they are generally termed.

Germany expects every Hessian fly and bug in every wheat-field in North America to be true to the Fatherland.

## CURING SKIN TROUBLES

So many people, both men and women, suffer from skin troubles, such as eczema, blotches, pimples and irritation that a word of advice is necessary. It is a great mistake for such sufferers and those with bad complexion to smear themselves with greasy ointments. Often they could not do anything worse, for the grease clogs the pores of the troubled skin and their condition actually becomes worse.

When there are pimples or eruptions, or an irritating or itching rash, a soothing boracic solution may help to allay the irritation, but of course that does not cure the trouble. Skin complaints come from an impure condition of the blood and will persist until the blood is thoroughly purified. It is well known that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have effected the best results in many forms of skin disorders and blemishes. This is due to the fact that these pills make new, rich blood, and that this new blood attacks the impurities that give rise to skin troubles and disperses them; so that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure skin disorders from within the system—the only sure way.

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## HOUSEFLY AGAIN INDICTED

Drying and Canning Season Is Time of Special Danger.

The menace of the housefly is at present greatly increased, because of home drying, preserving and canning of fruits and vegetables.

The housefly has long been condemned as a spreader of disease, being incriminated both by circumstantial and by experimental evidence. The structure of its feet and mouth parts—in particular the presence of small hairy pads on the feet which are covered with a sticky fluid, enabling the fly to walk upon walls and ceiling—makes it possible for any sort of filth to cling to the fly.

It is high time that universal efforts were made to eliminate houseflies by permanent methods, such as controlling their breeding places. For the present season it is imperative that emergency measures be adopted for protection. Efficient screening is the best emergency protection.

Special attention ought to be given to excluding flies from contact with dried fruits and fruits in the process of drying. In particular such fruits as are likely to be eaten without being thoroughly cooked. This may be done by building a wooden framework about the trays and stretching over the top of this metal or cloth screening, in such a way that the screen will be a few inches above the fruit.

Formalin solutions and traps (the conical trap is effective) should be used outside the house to reduce the number of flies near by. If flies enter the house, the "swatter" should be used immediately, or fly poisons may be employed (an effective fly poison is one part commercial formalin diluted with nineteen parts of water placed in saucers with a teaspoonful of syrup).

## LOSSES FROM SMUT.

Formalin Treatment is Cheap and Very Effective.

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## MANURE AS FERTILIZER.

The Quicker it is Put on the Land the Better.

Perhaps one of the most remarkable results obtained in our experiments with fertilizers has been the discovery that, as far as ordinary farm crops are concerned, fresh and rotted manure, applied at the same rate, have given practically equal yields. The explanation for this is not easy to find, since rotted manure, weight for weight, is very considerably richer in plant food than fresh manure. It probably lies in the better inoculation of the soil with desirable micro-organisms for the conversion of soil plant food into assimilable forms by the fresh manure and the greater warmth set up by its fermentation in the soil affecting beneficially the crop in its early stages. But, be this as it may, we have the practical deduction that there is no concomitant gain from the use of rotted manure, in the ordinary farm rotation, for the labor involved in rotting it and the large losses in organic matter and plant food that inevitably accompany the operation. The quicker the farmer can get the manure into the land or onto the land the better, for it is never worth more than when first produced.

The manure value of clover need not be dwelt upon at any length. Our work in this connection is fairly well known throughout the Dominion. It has been of an exhaustive nature and has yielded most satisfactory results; indeed, it would be difficult to overestimate its value to Canadian agriculture. Chemically, physically and biologically, the growth and turning under of clover improves the soil, and we have been enabled to demonstrate over and over again that a crop of clover in the rotation has a material effect equal to an application of farm manure of ten to fifteen tons per acre.

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Yours truly,  
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## FIRE-PROOF SHINGLES?

Discovery of a Satisfactory Method of Treatment is Present-Day Need.

A field for investigation of tremendous importance to the industries affected lies in an attempt to discover a satisfactory treatment for wood shingles that will render them measureably fire-retardant. No process can ever make wood "fire-proof," for no class of material will resist fire under all conditions. Innumerable experiments have been made to demonstrate the efficacy of various compounds, but conclusions of practical value have never been reached. While tests have proved certain treatments to be suitable for one particular condition, such as retarding fire, the substances used have failed to embody equally valuable qualities of permanence and weather resistance. A good shingle fire-retardant must also have endurance, insolubility, attractiveness and cheapness.

With the discovery of a satisfactory method of treatment, there does not appear to be any sufficient reason why shingles should not become a most desirable roof covering for dwellings and other buildings outside congested areas. They have adaptability and beauty superior to most roofings, and entail the least first cost. Since the temporary nature of many of our buildings, the migratory tendencies of our people and the rapid development of our cities and towns are factors making the use of wooden construction advisable, to attempt to legislate the shingle or the frame dwelling out of existence is both uneconomical and impracticable in Canada at the present time.

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A Bit Ancient Now!

She was an admirable person and never lost an opportunity of pointing a moral to her small nephews and nieces. She took them to the museum for a treat.

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## "WAR IS HELL."

Brief Description of Some of War's Horrors by a Returned Soldier.

A great general has truly said that "War is hell." Had he seen some of the things we in France have seen he would have said "War is hell with the lid-off," the escaping flames bringing death and torture to all who cross their path.

The bombardment seems as if one were in a train going at 100 miles an hour, with thousands of other locomotives all racing through an endless tunnel. The light made by the explosion of the shells appears as if the heavens were rent asunder, with all the clouds running into one another. Streams of machine gun bullets whistle overhead and try to get as near one as possible without actually hitting one. The air is full of whirling fragments, with the smoke swirling over the whole district, as if a heavy thick fog had fallen upon the earth.

It is an everyday occurrence to see young men in the prime of life turn quite gray, while others go mad and leap out of the trenches and lose themselves among the exploding shells.

## FARMS FOR OUR SOLDIERS

Mr. George McLaren Brown, the European manager of the C.P.R., writes to the "Tariff Reformer and Empire Monthly," in England, urging a comprehensive scheme by which the returned soldiers could be placed on the land in so far as they desired it—a scheme by which lands closed to the public would be fully opened up—not a few parcels of land, such as were noticed in the press, and which would not give a square foot to all who might seek this means of settlement, but a plan by which large numbers could be accommodated on the lands in the Mother Country. Mr. Brown refers to the plan of the C.P.R., which offers improved farms, in selected colonies, with distinctive military names. Improved by the company; and assisted colonization farms of 320 acres each, selected by the intending settler, and then improved by him with assistance from the company. Easy terms of payment are offered, carried over twenty years; but the point that Mr. Brown insists on is that it is not people out of the workhouse that Canada wants, because such are not desired in the Dominion, but people who are likely to succeed. He urges that the whole question of reconstruction be tackled with vigor on the other side.

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