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PRESERVING SCENES OF WAR

Future Generations Will Realize How Much They Owe to Courage and Skill of Photographers.

When the history of the great war comes to be written in the days after the tumult and the shouting have died away, the fortunate chroniclers of the momentous events now in progress will have access to enormously valuable and enormously numerous "documents" of a kind with which their predecessors of the nineteenth century were but scantily supplied, and those of earlier times next to not at all.

Photography can hardly be called new, and as long ago as our war between the states we had photographers, notably the never to be sufficiently thanked Brady, who immortalized the leading figures and some of the events in that conflict. But what was done with the clumsy cameras of that era can hardly be mentioned in comparison with the achievements of the men who today follow every army, often to the very front of battle. The products of their courage and skill will constitute a priceless treasure in the future, and the students of this war, even in remote ages, will be able actually to see its every phase and operation.

The reproduction of photographs by printing processes is equally far advanced beyond the old standards of excellence, and reproductions have become wonderfully cheap. Indeed, so cheap are they and so abundant that few of us realize the need of their preservation, and the result is that already foresighted collectors of carelessly treated magazines and supplements are storing away the foundations of fortunes not to be scorned, even in these days of multimillionaires. With the war less than four years old, copies of periodicals that cost only a few pennies now fetch as many dollars, and "complete sets" are becoming hard to get at any price.—From Topics of the Times, in New York Times.

Gas Made From Straw.

The production of fuel and lighting gas from straw is now made possible by a Canadian invention. This producer, which is designed for individual farm use, offers a practical means for utilizing the vast quantities of straw that now go to waste on the Western plains.

The gas is made in a retort equipped with three cylinders, each of which molds a bale of straw seven feet long, two feet wide, and six inches thick.

After filling and closing these chambers, a straw or gas fire is lighted under them and allowed to burn 30 or 40 minutes. One firing with wheat, oat, barley, or flax straw in this manner produces 1,200 cubic feet of gas, having fuel value of 400 B. t. u. About 12,000 cubic feet of gas can usually be generated from one ton of straw, and in addition six to eight gallons of tar and 640 pounds of carbon, from which lampblack can be obtained.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Origin of "Doughboy."

A phrase, strictly American in its modern usage, is that of "doughboy" as applied to an American soldier. An American infantry soldier recently explained the origin of the term to the correspondent in Paris of the London Times after this fashion: "In the Civil war a great number of federal troops were waiting for uniforms, which were made but lacked buttons. So great was the hurry that eventually the men went round the houses in the town and collected buttons off the women's clothing. These were for the most part large buttons from overcoats. Naturally the infantry looked funny with their uniforms fastened by great overcoat buttons. Those resembled hard tack (large, round, dry biscuits made of dough) and hence sprang the word 'doughboy,' which has been kept in the United States army as a slang phrase for an infantry soldier."

Conquered at Last.

An unknown genius at Camp Kearney is entitled to a monument "everywhere in America." He'd been a naughty boy or something and was assigned to cut onions for camp mess as a punishment. Imagine the surprise of the corporal of the guard when he discovered the offender blithely dissecting the Bermudas under the protection of his gas mask. "Youse ain't sufferin' no punishment," scoffed the officer, adding, "but 'tis a ghrand idea and 'tis the wimmen o' the country will bless ye, me lad!"

History Repeats Itself.

Not for the first time have German invaders been checked at Chateau-Thierry. It was there, in February, 1814, that Napoleon, by one of those extraordinary forced marches of his, fell upon Blucher, who was confidently marching upon Paris. By swift blows on succeeding days he shattered the second and third divisions of the Prussian army, capturing almost all their artillery, and then fell upon Blucher's main force in the vicinity of Chateau-Thierry, and compelled him to fall back, with heavy losses.

First Tennis in America.

Forty-four years ago the game of lawn tennis was introduced by a Bostonian, according to records in the possession of George Wright, father of the former national title holder, Beals Wright. After a visit to England the Massachusetts man brought home nets, rackets and balls, as well as a book of rules then governing the game, and set up a court at Nahant. A little later courts were laid out at Newport, R. I., and also on the grounds of the Staten Island Cricket club, Livingston, Staten Island.

ONCE ORIENT PRIDE

Old Merv Is Now but a Desolate Place of Ruin.

Practically Obliterated by the Great Conqueror, Jhenghiz Khan, Whose Son Had Fallen in the Assaults on the City.

We passed by New Merv and went on to Balam Ali, named after one of the sons of Timur, which is the station for Old Merv and the demesne of the Murghab, formerly the property of the royal family, Maynard Owen Williams writes in the Christian Herald. Balam Ali resembles the great pyramids in that it stands between the desert and the town. Accompanied by the twenty-year-old commissar, a remarkably intelligent young Russian upon whom devolves the task of governing the district with a decreasing police force, we visited the various ruins which mark the spots where the successive editions of Merv stood. Merv is mentioned in the Zoroastrian books of wisdom and, like every other old city, owed its existence to a river—the Murghab. Seleucus Nikator once founded a colony here and for a considerable period it was the home of a large band of Nestorians. But it was not until the Arabs, to whom modern civilization owes so much, took charge, soon after the death of Mohamet, that Merv became a true metropolis. Huge dams were erected on the Murghab and the entire oasis was well watered from the irrigating ditches. Merv then rivaled Bagdad as the greatest city in the orient.

Five centuries later, Jhenghiz Khan, enraged by the death of his son before the ramparts of the queen city of the world, utterly destroyed it. The Arabic writers assert that nearly a million persons were killed at this time. Arabic writers estimated figures in a typically freehanded way.

For 200 years Merv was a ruin, but in the fifteenth century it was rebuilt and continued to exist until 1795, when the emir of Bokhara destroyed the wonderful dam at Sultan Bent and thus turned the lovely oasis into a desert. Massive as they are, the ruins of Old Merv are devoid of interest. The young commissar, in speaking of the ruins, said, "What sighs and tears these crumbling walls have cost!"

Three beautiful horses, furnished by the government and driven by a picturesque old coachman in a red shirt and sash, black vest and white coachman's hat, whirled us back through the various sites of ruined cities to the small town of Balam Ali, where a new system of irrigation is building up a new city. Old Merv is an interesting proof of the "sic transit gloria mundi" phrase, but it was built in "sic transit" style, of sunbaked bricks. Only a battered mosque, a great convent and several huge beehive ice-houses remain above the scarred plain where great cities stood.

Shortening Crackers With Corn Oil.

For years cracker bakers have thought that only animal fat could be successfully used as shortening in their products, it being believed that vegetable fats, such as lard compound, corn oil and peanut oil would not make crackers which would keep in hot weather. For ten months, however, a cracker baking concern in Terre Haute, Ind., has been making commercial goods with 13 pounds of corn oil to the barrel of flour instead of an equal weight of lard, and also using 25 per cent rye flour to 75 per cent wheat.

These goods went through the hot season last summer without trouble, thus destroying what was practically a myth of the cracker-baking trade. The rye mixture produces a soda cracker and saltine in no respect darker than a straight wheat article, according to a bulletin of the United States food administration. Barley flour is also suitable for cracker baking.

Women Also Serve.

While in the larger cities their work is not so noticeable, in the smaller centers of population our women are slowly but surely taking over the work of the men who are now in the army, navy and other government service. So far, our women workers have not taken over the heavier classes of work found in manufacturing plants, because there are still ample numbers of men available. However, in plants where there is much light manufacturing women are to be found in profusion. In stores, hotels and even in street cars, American women are taking the places of men with the colors. Women soda-water dispensers and elevator runners are now quite common in most cities.—Scientific American.

Chain Armor to Protect the Eyes.

An ingenious improvement has recently been made to the already familiar steel shrapnel helmet in use "over there," says the Popular Science Monthly. It is designed to protect the eyes and the upper part of the face from splinters of wood, stone, sand and metal thrown up by exploding shells. The new device is merely an adaptation of the chain doors which have been introduced into metal, chemical and glass works in recent years to protect the workers from the heat of the furnaces and the splashes of molten material. It consists of a fringe of separate short lengths of fairly heavy chain, which effectively arrests the flying particles. On account of its looseness, it does not seriously interfere with the vision.

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