

Forest Fires!

The Attention of the Public is called to the following provisions of the FOREST FIRE ACT:

- 1.—Any person who sets out, makes or starts a FIRE for any purpose whatever, between the Fifteenth Day of April and the First Day of December, in or near woods, or without selecting a place free from dry trees, underbrush or other inflammable material in which to make or start such FIRE, or fails to remove all such dry wood, brushwood or inflammable material within a distance of ten feet from such fire in every direction, or fails to completely extinguish the same before leaving.
- 2.—Throws or Drops any Burning Match, Ashes of a Pipe, Lighted Cigar or any other burning substance.
- 3.—Or fails to totally extinguish any camp fire before breaking camp, shall be liable to a Penalty of not less than \$50 nor more than \$400, or imprisonment for a period of twelve months.

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Women's Names.

"Names of such women as Joan of Arc and Edith Cavell are written indelibly upon the hearts of people for all ages. Generous and well-deserved tributes have been paid lastingly to others, but so much have their names become a part of our daily lives that many who frequently pronounce them are unmindful of their significance. Cities, rivers, provinces and islands bear the names of women of distinction.

"Lady Franklin Island, near Baffin Island, in the Arctic Circle, is named after the wife of Sir John Franklin, the explorer who lost his life in first finding the northwest passage through the great ice of the Polar regions. There is perhaps no more beautiful story of untiring devotion and persistent effort than that of Lady Jane Franklin who, after the failure of many attempts, fitted out a ship which, though it brought back to her the definite proof of the loss of her husband's expedition, established the achievement of his object.

"The picturesque stories of the little Indian Princess Pocahontas always will hold a loved place in the hearts of American childhood. Counties in Iowa and West Virginia, villages in Bond County, Ill., and Cape Girardeau County, Mo., and in the Rocky Mountains in Alberta, Can., are named for her.

"Queen Victoria's name is wrapped around the British Empire from the capital of British Columbia, over the heart of Africa at Victoria, Nyanza and Victoria Falls, and beyond into the Queensland and Victoria in far-away Australia.

"America, too, in its early days of colonization paid its tributes to the queens of the mother country and to the gracious ladies who braved the

dangers of untried shores with their lords. Elizabeth, a cape in Maine, and Elizabeth City in Virginia, as well as the State itself, together with some 25 other places in the United States, bear the name of the clever, witty, versatile coquette, who took the dissection-torn England and whipped it into a place as a world power. Elizabeth Carter, the charming wife of one of the aristocratic proprietors of New Jersey, shares with Queen Elizabeth some of the honors of the name. Elizabeth-town, in North Carolina, and Elizabeth City, in New Jersey, are named for her.

"The name of Clara Barton is perpetuated in Barton County, Kan., and the wife of George Washington, who before her first marriage was Martha Dandridge, is honored in the town of Dandridge, Tenn.

"There wasn't any Martha or Martha's Vineyard, however. The first name is supposed to be a corruption of Martin, a friend of the discoverer of the island. The Vinland, the name which Lief Ericson gave the North American continent, was suggested in a similar manner.

"Maryland and Virginia are fairly bespattered with the names of the queens and princesses of England, the very State names themselves being taken from that of Queen Henrietta Maria, the wife of Charles I, and the disparately fortunate estate of Elizabeth. Then, too, there are Annapolis, named for the wife of James I. of England; and Anne Arundel and Caroline counties in Maryland, called after the wives of two of the Calverts; Fluvanna county and the North Anna River in Virginia, named for Queen Anne; and Charlotte, Amelia and Caroline counties and Charlottesville, the home of the University of Virginia, all called for the wives and daughters of the English kings.

"Marietta, Ohio, was named for the haughty, charming Marie Antoinette. The Aleutian Islands, off the coast of Alaska, when that territory was Russian, were known as Catherine Archipelago, in honor of Catherine the Great. Ekaterinburg was named for the Russian Catherine, who ruled Russia through her husband, Peter the Great.

"St. Helena, the rugged little island in the Pacific, which has such a soothing effect upon the restless tendencies of autocrats, bears the name of the mother of Constantine the Great, who, according to legend, discovered the cross upon which Christ died during a visit she made to the Holy Land. She was known in the early days of Christianity for her religious zeal and piety. Helena, Montana, though opinions differ as to the origin of the name, is said to have been so called because of the resemblance of its location to that of St. Helena.

"The naming of Hart county, Georgia, is a generous tribute to a Dixie heroine of the Revolution, Nancy Hart. "Races do not scorn to boast that their names were taken from those of women. The Scots claim to be descended from Scotia, a daughter of Pharaoh, and the Saracens from Sarah, the wife of Abraham.

"The harter Bears in Ireland is said to have been named by Owen Moore, King of Munster, during the reign of Conn of the Hundred Battles, for his wife, a Spanish Princess. No saint perhaps holds a dearer place in the Irish heart than St. Ita, or Ide, often called Bridgid of Munster, and we find her name in several variations in the name of many churches and places throughout the country.

"A charming little legend hovers about the naming of Charing Cross, the busy London station. At the spot in 1291 Edward I. erected one of the 13 crosses marking the route followed by the funeral procession of his wife, his "chere reton," from Nottinghamshire to Westminster Abbey.—Bulletin of National Geographical Society.

The Ukraine.

Some Facts About a Much-Discussed Country.

(By E. A. Brayley Hodgetts, Author of many books on Russia.)

What is the Ukraine? Most people pronounce it "You crane" and wonder where it is and what it is. Everybody knows that it forms part of the South of Russia, that Kiev has something to do with it, and that it is the scene of some very pretty fighting, concerning which most contradictory reports reach this country. That is, roughly, the sum of the general knowledge, for geography is not the strong point either of our statesmen or of the average readers of our newspapers. Now, to begin with, what does the word mean? It should not be pronounced as though it were a term of abuse but as though it were spelt "Oocryne," the word "cry" meaning border, and the proposition, "oo," at.

Self-Determined. Thus we see that the Ukraine was the borderland—the borderland between Poland and Russia. It was at one time a country inhabited mainly by outlaws who called themselves Cossacks, and were not unlike our own borderers, with whom Sir Walter Scott delighted the hearts of our ancestors.

To-day all this is changed; the real Cossacks now inhabit the Kuban region, to the east of the Ukraine, and have elected to "self-determine" themselves into a nation.

The Ukraine is also a self-determined, very virile, and most democratic Republic, embracing the following provinces of old Imperial Russia: Kiev, Poltava, Podolia, Volhynia, Tchernigov, Ekaterinoslav, Kharkov, Kherson, and parts of Grodno, Minsk, Taurida, the Don, Kursk, Voronezh, Stavropol, and Tchernomorie, or the Black Sea. It therefore includes Odessa, Nikolae- vsk, Rostov, and Novorossiisk, as well as the Crimea. Novorossiisk, however, is likely to be in dispute if the Kuban Cossacks, who are a very obstinate people, should insist on remaining a separate country. The Ukraine position is further complicated by the fact that parts of Hungary, Galicia, and the Bukhovina are claimed for it.

Rich Lands. The above roughly-sketched territory embraces the finest land of Russia. It includes the famous black earth region, the coal and iron mines of the Donetz basin, the splendid vineyards of the South, to say nothing of the sugar industry which it practically monopolises.

Naturally the Russians do not like to lose this fertile belt with its population of some forty millions of industrious and wide-awake people, agriculturists, miners, etc.

The Ukrainians maintain that they are a different race from the Russians, and speak a different language, whilst the Russians are quite confident in asserting that there is no more racial difference between a Little Russian, as the Ukrainians are called, and the Great Russians, as there is between a Yorkshireman and a Devonshireman, possibly not as much. They say that Kiev was the cradle of the Russian Empire, that the so-called Ukrainian language is only a dialect of Russian, and that the whole idea of a separate Ukraine was an invention of Austria's, to weaken Russia.

A Contrast. There is much to be said for this contention, more especially in view of the fact that Little Russia has formed part of the Russian Empire ever since that Empire has existed, but that is hardly convincing. Anybody travelling in the Ukraine and Northern Russia will be struck by the differences between the people and the country. The inhabitants of the sunny South are a merrier and more cheerful race, they are also more prosperous, they live in very different and much better dwellings, and they seem to take more pride in their surroundings, for they invariably have gardens and there are signs all round of greater industry. Their cottages are white, with thatched roofs sloping on four sides, and embedded in foliage. Very different from the severe log-huts of the North.

A Separate Language. Although the language is of the same family, a Russian cannot understand an Ukrainian, nor can he read his literature. As a matter of fact the Little Russian dialect is sort

of half-way between Russian and Polish and is in many respects more akin to Polish than to Russian. In 1905 the Academy of St. Petersburg received a memorandum setting forth, and, I understand, satisfactorily proving, that the Ukrainian was a separate language, not confined to the limits of the Russian Empire, for it is spoken in the Bukhovina and parts of Galicia and Hungary. Then the racial type is different. The North Russian is large boned, heavy, and generally fair, whilst the Ukrainians are of a lighter build and are more often dark. Their costumes also differ in many important details.

But, whether the Ukrainians are of a different race from the North Russians or not, it is evident that these two sections of this vast country cannot afford to be disunited. Moscow must have an outlet to the Black Sea as well as Kiev, nor do the Ukrainians dispute the necessity of a confederation of the United States of Russia.—John O'London's Weekly.

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A celebrated New York doctor says exercise, not corsets, will give women the ideal figure, but he neglects to specify the nature of the exercise. Thousands of women have been exercising themselves all their lives washing dishes, scrubbing floors and making beds, and still aren't satisfied that they're physically perfect.

The Toronto Star calls attention to the fact that while Hon. Arthur Meighen is Canada's first Presbyterian Premier since Confederation, the Dominion had in that time "three Presbyterian governors-general, Lorne, Aberdeen, and Minto; Great Britain, two Presbyterian Premiers, Campbell-Bannerman and Balfour; and the United States four Presbyterian Presidents, Cleveland, Harrison, Roosevelt and Wilson."

London Daily Mail: "No progress whatever has been made with the punishment of the war criminals. If the German Government wants to show its good faith and the German people to prove their repentance, they would without any further attempts at evasion, try and condemn these offenders against the laws of war and humanity. They should be reminded plainly of this. If they decline to act, only one conclusion is possible.

London Morning Post:—There have been more marvellous cases of lightning photography than that which befell the unfortunate soldier at Chertsey, G. B., during a recent storm. Branches of the elm tree beneath which he was sheltering were reproduced in pattern on his body when he was struck dead. But in the Department of Seine-et-Marne some years ago a peasant girl had a picture of a cow she was herding printed on her breast by a flash of lightning. The cow was killed, but the girl recovered. An Italian sailor, killed by lightning as he sat near the mast, had upon his back a print of a horsehoe that was nailed to the mast. But perhaps the most remarkable case of the kind was that related by John Still, the famous Bishop of Wells. A storm broke over Wells Cathedral during a service. Afterwards the Bishop, his wife, and many members of the congregation found themselves marked with a cross on various parts of the body. Not a soul was injured by the lightning!

Murder By Proxy.

"Safety first" may have been at the bottom of the mind of the Ojibwa Indian, who, long before bullets were ever thought of as an ideal messenger of death, made a small wooden image of the one he sought to destroy, and then pierced his heart or head with a needle. Although positive that the object of his hate would be similarly affected, he burned the puppet with magical words. The ancient Hindu, who, when he suffered the pangs of jealousy and was in doubt of winning his lady love, sought the aid of spirits in a peculiar manner. He would make a clay image of the woman he loved and then shoot an arrow into the spot where the heart was supposed to be. The bowstring used had to be made of hemp, the arrow shaft of black alawood, the feather, an owl's plume. If this formula was not strictly adhered to there was absolutely no chance of winning the fair one.

Cleanly Japs. Baron Rempel Kondon, president of the steamship company, said at a dinner, recently in New York: "The Japanese are a very clean people. I know a traveller who will testify to this. The traveller, half famished, made his way one day into a tea-house in a remote Japanese village. A geisha girl ushered him into a spotless, airy room and brought him a cup of unsweetened tea. As he could speak no Japanese, he tried to explain by signs that he wanted a full meal, but the girl, though she smiled politely, failed to understand. So the

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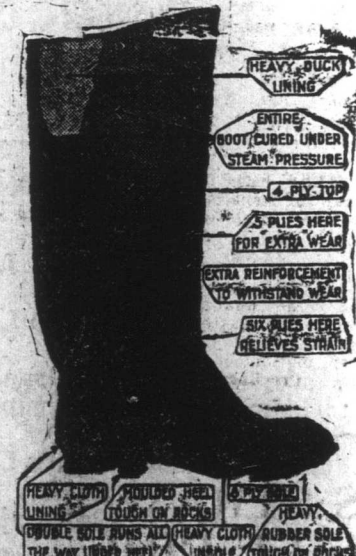
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