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## GREAT ARTILLERY OF THE FRENCH

THE SPRINKLER OF DEATH AND THE 10-INCH FIELD GUN.

Whole Acres Covered in Half a Minute With Bullets—Marksmanship in a Fog at 2½ Miles—Five Men Behind Shields Operate Most Effective of Field Guns.

What the French rely on to make up for their inferiority in numbers in case of war is their splendid artillery. There is the small field gun, whose action has been likened to that of a sprinkler—sprinkling of death—and the great weapon of destruction recently perfected, the "155 R," which, though it throws an 87-pound projectile and weighs more than 7,000 pounds mounted and ready for action, is yet designed to be used in field operations. The sprinkler of death is officially known as the 75 gun. That is to say, it is of 75 millimeters or about 3 inches caliber. It is, perhaps, the most accurate, and, for the size of its projectile, the most rapid firing of guns; the French certainly think it is. While it is being aimed the piece has two controllable motions. One is the "reaping" motion; this is a horizontal sweep which enables each gun to rake a line 350 ft. long, or thereabouts. The other motion increases or diminishes the range. The man who is directing the gun by whistling it a little from right to left and left to right, raising or depressing the muzzle a trifle at the same time—all by means of mechanism which a child could operate—sprays a hall of bullets over acres of ground as easily as a woman would sprinkle a flower bed from a watering pot.

The French army now has about 2,000 of these gentle engines of destruction, and is of course, building more. It has been in use in principle since 1897, when it was determined to replace the old 3½-inch field gun with it, but it has been greatly improved since. Only two to three shots a minute could be fired from the old gun. The new one gives easily twenty shots.

Parisians who are fond of figuring deduce the comforting conclusion that the light artillery of the nation may be counted on to fire at least 40,000 shots a minute, hurling 1,200,000 bullets against an invading German host.

The characteristic feature of the gun is that when it is unlimbered for action the carriage is immovable. It is anchored to the ground by a massive steel attachment called the "spade," while the wheels are set in brake shoes. The only movable thing is the cannon itself, and its recoil is taken up by a hydro-pneumatic cushion, which instantaneously pushes it back into the firing position. Thus once it is set for a certain range it can be depended to land its fire there, subject to the guidance of the "pointer," or man who controls the motion of the gun.

The gun's crew consists of five men. They crouch behind two rifle-proof ammunition wagons is brought up close to the gun and opened. The copper cartridges are in rows, bullet down, in grooves, so that they need not be lifted, but slid out. Two men, the feeders, pass them to the loader, who sits behind the gun, slipping the charges in with a regular motion like clockwork, first from the right, then from the left feeder. The firer sits on a seat attached to the right-hand shield. He does nothing but open and shut the breech and fire the gun. The opening of the breech throws out the dead cartridge; the discharge is effected by the same motion that locks the breech block. The pointer's seat is attached to the left shield. He takes the range and direction from the officer commanding the battery, then placidly plays the hall of fire over the region indicated.

An experiment was recently tried with the 75 gun on the artillery ranges at Pottiers, in which 2,000 silhouettes—that is, outline men—were cut out of planking in various positions, such as standing, kneeling, and lying down. These were distributed along a ravine about 300 yards long. With no intimation that they were there three bat-

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teries were ordered out for practice. They were ordered to sweep the crest of the ravine and the ground for 100 feet in front of it and 100 feet behind—a space altogether of about 200 acres. They fired for a minute and a half, discharging 288 explosive shells filled with bullets. When the mannikins were examined it was found that more than 600 of them had been hit. The heaviest gun used in the French army is the 270 millimeter mortar—practically a 10-inch bore. This weighs 40,000 pounds, and is utterly unmaneuverable for field purposes. The 155 gun is the invention of Commandant Rimailho, and it can be taken into action owing to the ease with which it can be divided into two sections of about equal weight. These are dragged across rough country with about the same facility as the field guns and coupled together in less than two minutes, so that in fact the gun is practically ready for action as soon as it is got into position.

The accuracy of this gun is marvelous. It has an extreme range of more than 4½ miles, and at 2½ miles it can be used with deadly precision. It throws a projectile weighing about 87 pounds, of which about 26 is melinite. When the shell explodes it drills a hole in the ground 13 feet across and 2 feet six inches deep. These frightful projectiles it discharges at the rate of five a minute.

One morning recently an experiment was tried with 155 R at the camp at Mailly. It was a foggy morning, and it was considered unprofitable to fire the 75 guns. A space of ground about 2½ miles off was indicated to the commander of the 155 R battery as the bivouac of the supposed enemy's advance guard. He located it on the military map, took the bearings by the compass and the distance from the scale. Then without seeing anything beyond a few yards' distance he trained his guns and fired a volley.

When they went to the location, designated as a target they found it all up from the explosion of the shells. Not one had fallen outside it.

## OLD MAIDS AT TWENTY-FIVE

DEAD LINE FOR FRENCH GIRLS DRAWN RIDICULOUSLY EARLY.

No matter whether she is a working girl or a young woman of the social world, or a girl of 25 a French girl is regarded as an old maid. If she neither is married nor betrothed by the time she reaches that venerable age she resigns herself to single blessedness.

When she reaches old maidhood the young woman of fashion has two avenues of escape—conventional seduction or devotion to good works. The young business woman has more chance of being married than her sister in the world of fashion.

The reputation of the French business woman must be beyond reproach. Dress, speech and deportment must defy criticism. Her advancement, even her position, depends upon circumspection, and she never deviates in the least particular from the standard of conduct which the world, as well as her own training and instincts, demand of her. She would no more indulge in a flirtation or be seen without a chaperon than her sister in the world of society.

No young business woman in France signs for the kind of distraction so often deemed necessary to the happiness of the American girl worker. Business hours, over the Parisian girl hurries home. The French notion of enjoyment and relaxation is to be abroad, to enjoy the sunshine and fresh air in company with her own home folks. Beyond such enjoyments, life flows evenly.

If French employers are exacting, they also are generous. A capable young business woman, whether manager, head clerk or superintendant, is sure to be handsomely remembered on New Year's Day, and to have her salary raised from time to time. If she gets as much as \$40 a month she considers herself well off. If she lives with her parents she contributes her fair share to the family purse, and lays up something for a rainy day. She is compelled to dress well, and dress like nearly every thing else, is much dearer in France than in our own country.

Statutory holidays are unknown in France. The young business woman does not complain of this lack of holidays, however. Indeed, she complains of nothing, not even of advancing years of loneliness.

When Sir William Ramsay began his investigation into the properties of radium his letter box was filled with most of bursting point with warnings from spiritualists, assuring him that the newly discovered metal is an active agent of the supernatural. "Leave radium absolutely alone," they implored him; "it is too potent a force of nature for you to tamper with." He disregarded the warning and only the spiritualists and not the spirits themselves continued afterward to assail him.

The new Chinese Minister, Liang Tung Yen, who succeeds Sir Chen Tung Liang-Cheng at Washington, will be entitled to full membership in the "tennis cabinet," unless he has forgotten his athletic days at Yale. His fellow students at Yale used to call him "Ting." In his time at Yale he

## HALLOWEEN A NIGHT OF FUN

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sons who have had the good fortune to be born on Oct. 31 are especially likely to be warned or advised by the elves on each recurring anniversary of their natal day, but sometimes, so it is said, other persons have the gift of conversing with the airy visitants on such occasions.

**Saint Matrimony.**  
Saint Matrimony is the patron saint of Halloween and indeed this autumnal holiday is best known as the night of all nights for peering into the future and especially for discovering what sort of husband or wife fate has selected for each unmarried participant in the rites. It is this function of the holiday which helps to keep its observance alive with the young people of the nation and not a few of their elders who are yet youthful in spirit. Not only are the mysterious spirits that are abroad on Halloween supposed to be infallible in their verdicts, but it is also of manifest advantage that they demand neither fee nor reward for piercing the veil that hides the future. The performance of some very simple ceremony is all that is exacted of the curious young man or woman who would learn interesting particulars regarding the destined life-partner.

**The Origin of It.**  
The origin of Halloween seems to be hidden in an intermingling of classic mythology, Christian superstitions. The plan of making nuts and apples conspicuous in the Halloween festivities is traced back to the custom of the ancient Romans to hold on Nov. 1 a feast to Pomona, the goddess of fruits and seeds, at which time there was a formal opening of the stores of eatables laid up in summer for use during the winter. On this same date occurred the great autumn festival to the sun with which the Druids or ancient Celts celebrated thanksgiving for their harvest and it was the belief of the Druids that on the even of their holiday—the present Halloween—the Lord of Death summoned those wicked souls that had within the year been condemned to henceforth occupy the bodies of animals.

**Irish Feast.**  
The people of England have long set store by an elaborate observance of Halloween, but even antedating their allegiance was that of the Irish. In the Emerald Isle it was the custom from the earliest days for each household to set out on this holiday the best viands it could afford, apples and nuts being inevitable features of the menu. In not a few instances peasants went from house to house collecting bread, cake, butter, cheese, eggs and other eatables suitable for a feast. Indeed, throughout Great Britain bread or cake has long been associated with the Halloween feast, and even today in many English households a cake is baked for each member of the family. An early Halloween observance was that of ringing the church bells all night long, but a stop was put to this by King Henry VIII.

**Halloween Programme.**  
As has been said, many of the features of the Halloween programme in ancient times have been continued to this day, but for the most part the customs which were once ceremonies of belief are now observed only in jest. Halloween being the first of the autumn and winter holidays, and, for the young people, the first break in the school year, is invariably the one come with especial enthusiasm. The circumstance that Halloween is not a national holiday does not in the least affect its observance since its festivities are for the most part reserved for the period after nightfall, when the work-a-day world is presumably at leisure.

**Various Schemes.**  
Various schemes for obtaining matrimonial forecasts on Halloween have been handed down to the present generation. The roasting of nuts is an essential feature of the observance. Some inquisitive maidens are wont to place a number of nuts, each bearing the name of a lover, on the bars of a grate or among the embers. According to the ritual if a nut cracks or jumps the lover who is named will be faithful whereas if it begins to burn or burn he has regard for the person making the test. If a nut burns quietly and brightly especial sincerity of affection is supposedly indicated. Similarly if nuts named for a girl and her lover burn in unison an early wedding is to be expected.

Apples vie with nuts as Halloween vehicles for discovering the intentions of Cupid. Indeed one of the best-known customs is the use of the most generally practiced of the present time is that in which the credulous maiden eats an apple before a looking glass while combing her hair, confident that if directions for her future husband are destined conjugal partner will be seen in the mirror as though peeping over her shoulder. Equally well known is the scheme whereby any maiden may find out the first letter of the name of her future husband by peeling an apple, taking the pithing by one end, and after swinging it three times around her head allowing it to fall in whatever fashion it may. It must be confessed that some slight stretch of imagination may be necessary to construe the position of the pithing as indicating a desired letter.

**Matrimonial Lottery.**  
There has been transplanted to the United States and Canada from Scotland another means of peeping into the matrimonial lottery. By this plan the young woman who goes hand-in-hand, blindfolded, or at least with eyes closed, to the cabbage patch, and each pulls the first plant met with. Earth on the root of the cabbage thus elected signifies dowry. The shape and size of the vegetable denotes the appearance and size of the future spouse, and the taste of the heart and stem indicate his disposition. Nor is all the Halloween prognosticating for the benefit of the fair sex. There have been designed for ardent swains numerous forms of divination, the best known of which is that whereby the smitten youth descends cellar stairs with a candle in one hand and a mirror in the other, hoping to have the



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face of a sweetheart reflected back to him from the glass.

**Halloween Pranks.**  
All the Halloween pranks above mentioned, and a host of others, are introduced as adjuncts of the Halloween parties which now constitute one of the most popular forms of entertaining in this country. That tradition has decreed the occasion one of mystery as well as a night of jollity and laughter paves the way for unique conceits in the line of amusements and many quaint conceits in the way of amusements have been devised by resourceful hosts and hostesses. Halloween has become especially popular at schools and colleges, as a brief season given over to the whims of the students. Particularly in the case of the observance of the holiday at girls' boarding schools and women's colleges.

Novelty is the keynote if everything connected with Halloween is festive. Like as not the invitations, menu cards, tally cards, etc., are bespattered with representations of witches riding brooms, blinking owls, broad-winged bats and pumpkins, while for decorative purposes there are pressed into service a variety of nature's vivid products, such as cornstalks, pumpkins, carrots, russet oak leaves and green pine boughs. Finally the refreshments, which are an indispensable feature, include apples, nuts, grapes and other autumn delicacies.

**Mystic Rites.**  
Since mystic rites are to be assayed and ghost stories and other spooky subjects are likely to be among the topics of conversation, it is not only permissible but appropriate that there should be no brilliant illumination of the scene of a Halloween party and this enables the use of candles set in hollowed carrots or the employment of jack-o'-lanterns.

Certain well-known American hostesses, famous as the originators of oddities, have given Halloween entertainment in barns and attics and in the young people, the first break in the school year is invariably the one come with especial enthusiasm. The circumstance that Halloween is not a national holiday does not in the least affect its observance since its festivities are for the most part reserved for the period after nightfall, when the work-a-day world is presumably at leisure.

## RAILWAY BOARD SITS AT HAMILTON

Proposal to Compel Big Roads to Grant Inter-switching Privilege.

Hamilton, Oct. 30.—The Dominion railway board is in session here today. W. W. Osborne, on behalf of the D. O. C., asked the board's permission to open up the Brantford and Hamilton Railway, which is about completed, but has not yet been formally opened, for one day for the purpose of conveying the troops that are to take part in tomorrow's sham battle to the scene of the bloody conflict. Engineer Mountain was sent out to report on the condition of the road, and his report was favorable, but all the commissioners reserved their decision, fearing that they had not the power to open up the road for a day, and then close it again. If they find that they have that power, the permission will be granted.

There was a long argument over the application of the T. H. and B. Railway Company for permission to build a spur into the Westinghouse works, the surprising thing about the application was that the company wanted to build a double-track spur, and wanted permission to run passenger trains over it. Fearing that there was something more behind the application than appeared on the face, the city opposed it. Judgment was reserved.

The city asked that all shunting engines on all lines within the city limits be required to burn hard coal. Chairman Killen did not think the board

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had the power to make the order, and judgment was reserved.  
The next matter taken up was the application of the Galt Board of Trade for an order compelling the C. P. R., G. T. R. and Galt, Hespeler and Preston Railways to grant inter-switching privileges to each other. The railway companies are at war, and the merchants claim that their businesses are suffering in consequence. President Fryer, and a large delegation were present to support the application. They urged that it be made to apply to Berlin, Waterloo, Preston and Hespeler as well as to Galt. The matter had not been disposed of when the board adjourned.

## JOTTINGS FROM NEARBY PLACES

**MOUNT BRIDGES.**  
Mount Bridges, Oct. 30.—Although there has been considerable fear of a scarcity of apples, an enormous quantity is being brought here to the evaporator, which is doing a rushing business.

Quarterly meeting service will be held in the Methodist Church next Sunday morning.  
The farm and implements owned by Mrs. H. Badge will be sold by auction on Tuesday, Nov. 5.  
Mrs. Whiting left here on Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Clapp, at Hariston.

Miss Mabel Nevills spent a few days in London recently.  
Mrs. D. Small will spend Thanksgiving Day with her daughter, Mrs. J. Jones, of London.  
Mr. O. Monger had the misfortune of having a piece cut off one of his fingers last week. He has a host of friends who sympathize with him in his trouble.

Henry Thomas Spindler, who died recently at Brentford, Eng., at the age of 84, was for many years connected with the old London Sun. He acted as proofreader to Charles Dickens and possessed many relics of the great novelist, including proofs with his alterations upon them.

In a letter to the Philadelphia Ledger Rear Admiral George W. Melville, United States navy (retired), calls attention to the decay of the statue of Washington at the portals of Independence Hall. Slowly but surely rain and snow, heat and cold have sapped the life of the marble which, 40 years ago, was fashioned by Joseph Bailly into a likeness of Washington. The Ledger quotes a sculptor as saying that one more severe winter will ruin the statue if repairs are not speedily made.

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