

Dern Yer, Come Out and Fight!

The front door is soundly timbered and safely locked. The small boy stands in the parlor, looks through the window to the streets, valiantly sticks his tongue out at the boy with the clinched fist on the sidewalk, and says, "Dern yer, come out and fight!"

How falls it that Americans, in awarding to the British the palm for imperviousness to the pricking point of wit, have managed to overlook the Teutonic cousin? The plate of British receptiveness to humor's flashing message is delicately sensitive when compared to that of Kultur's propagandists, who to-day, standing on the decks of sequestered ships, look out over the protecting mine fields and the beeting batteries of Heligoland, and send forth the challenge to the free-roaming British seaman, "Dern yer, come out and fight!"

War's humors usually are grim, but this last double-leaded, triple-columned tale of defiance which comes cabling and hurtling out from the safe recesses where the German Dreadnoughts and the German Denots at anchor lie, is as rolicking a thing as wit's recital ever gave to humor-loving eye or ear.

The sole sad thing about this story from the Teutonics' cloistered fleet is that its writer takes it so all-fired seriously and has such a child's faith that the world will be serious with him.

"Dern yer, come out and fight!"
Washington Times.

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Christmas Appeal FOR The Hospital for Sick Children COLLEGE ST., TORONTO.

Dear Mr. Editor:— Thanks for your kindness in allowing me the privilege of appealing at this Christmas time on behalf of the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

In the 40 years of the Hospital's existence there have been treated within its walls 28,108 children as in-patients; 221,768 as out-patients; a grand total of 257,876 in and out-patients.

The Hospital for Sick Children gives a province-wide service, for little patients from every section of Ontario have sought its aid. Last year 499 patients were admitted from 232 places outside the city of Toronto. In 1914 there were 394 from 210 places. Of the 2,838 in-patients last year 1,771 were medical cases and 1,067 surgical. In the orthopedic department of the 2,838 in-patients, 264 were treated for deformities, 21 Pott's disease of the spine, 10 lateral curvature of the spine, 10 bow-legs, 57 club-feet, 37 dislocations of hip, 42 tubercular disease of knee, hip, ankle, wrist and elbow; 76 infantile paralysis, 8 wry neck, and 21 miscellaneous.

Our battle is never-ending— is one that will continue while the world lasts, for it is the fight between the armies of life and death, to save the child life, the sick little ones, sons and daughters not only of our soldier men, but of the fathers and mothers still in this home-land province.

The Hospital is beating back disease and death, the enemies that assail the lives of little children as the British Empire is beating back Germany, Austria and Turkey, the enemies that assail the life of liberty.

So we appeal to the generous people of Ontario not to forget those so near and dear to us, who lie in the beds and cots of this great charity.

Will the people at large, as of old, respond to our call? Will they remember that every year is a war year for the Hospital, every day a day of battle, and that the Hospital needs money, not for its own sake, but for the children's sake?

The Hospital has waged its war for forty years. The people of Toronto and Ontario have been its friend, and this year of all years it requires help. Surely you will give to a charity that cares for every sick child in Ontario, for only as your money reaches the Hospital can the Hospital's mercy reach the children.

Every dollar is a link of kindness in the chain of mercy that joins the money in your pocket to the miseries of some child's life, some mother's heart.

Remember that Christmas calls you to open the purse of your kindness to the Hospital that the Hospital may open the heart of its help to the children.

Will you send a dollar, or more if you can, to Douglas Davidson, Secretary-Treasurer of

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ROLL OF HONOR

Men From Watford and Vicinity Serving the Empire

27TH REGT.—1ST BATTALION

- Thos. L. Swift, reported missing since June 15
- Rich. H. Stapleford
- Bury C. Binks
- L. Gunn Newell, killed in action
- Arthur Owens
- F. C. N. Newell
- T. Ward
- Sid Welsh
- Alf. Woodward, killed in action
- M. Cunningham
- M. Blondel
- W. Blunt
- R. W. Bailey
- A. L. Johnston
- R. A. Johnston
- G. Mathews
- C. Manning
- W. G. Nichol
- F. Phelps
- H. F. Small
- E. W. Smith
- C. Toop
- C. Ward
- J. Ward, killed in action
- F. Wakelin, D.C.M., killed in action
- H. Whitsitt
- B. Hardy

PRINCESS PATRICIA'S C.L.I.

Gerald H. Brown

18TH BATTALION

- C. W. Barnes
- Geo. Ferris
- Edmund Watson
- G. Shanks
- C. Jamieson
- J. Burns
- F. Burns
- C. Blunt
- Wm. Autterson
- S. P. Shanks

2ND DIVISIONAL CAVALRY

- Lorne Lucas
- Frank Yrks
- Chas. Potter

33RD BATTALION

- Percy Mitchell Lloyd Howden
- Gordon H. Patterson, died in Victoria Hospital, London.

34TH BATTALION

- E. C. Crohn
- S. Newell
- Stanley Rogers
- Macklin Hagle

70TH BATTALION

- Ernest Lawrence
- Emmerson
- Geo. Fountain
- C. H. Loveday
- A. Banks
- S. R. Wholton
- Thos. Meyers
- Jos. M. Wardman

71ST BATTALION

- W. D. Lamb
- R. H. Trenouth

28TH BATTALION

- Thomas Lamb

MOUNTED RIFLES

- Fred A. Taylor

29TH BATTERY

- Wm. Mitchell
- John Howard

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FOR THE JUVENILE.

A Fetching Frock That Has Both Smartness and Simplicity.
Young girls will welcome this new model. It is developed in plum gaberdine and satin nocturn, a circular skirt with a deep satin yoke. The tumber blouse with satin sleeves is



A FALL TROTTEUR.
wool embroidered in two tones, a soft color contrast. Please observe the cuffs and double collar of crepe de chine and the smart chenille tassels on the sash. The floppy brimmed sailor is white felt with a horizontal silk trimming.

WORTH KNOWING.

Hints About the Good Care of Simple Things.

Do you know that you can restore the fine color to your turquoises by immersing them in a solution of carbonate of soda? This applies to the common turquoise and not to those of the orient, the color of which does not change.

Jet is very popular at the moment, and yet few know how to clean it. Breadcrumbs reduced into small particles and introduced into all the curves, hollows and crevices of the jewelry while rubbing with a flannel is a most excellent method.

Card parties will soon be in order, and it may be that you have a number of soiled packs on hand. If so, why not clean them? A penny saved, you know. Here is a very reliable formula: Bring a quart of water, to which have been added twenty grams of soap bark, to a boil. Continue ebullition for a few minutes; then add fifteen grams each of borax and starch which have been mixed with a little water. Boll mixture for about ten minutes; then cool and filter and put into corked bottle. In using it rub the surfaces of the cards lightly with a sponge saturated with the mixture, drying them instantly with an old absorbent piece of linen.

Economy is wealth, they say. Then why not make a good and inexpensive household vinegar at this time? Cut apple and pear peelings and put them into a jar; pour water over them and also a little vinegar, sour beer or wine. After stirring well cover with a linen cloth and leave in a warm room. In two or three weeks the vinegar will be ready for use.

Nourish Your Nerves.

People of a nervous disposition need a nourishing, nerve building diet. Eggs served in various ways, milk, cereals, etc., should be a standard part of the diet. Be careful of a lavish use of tomatoes or red beets. Supply your table with quantities of fruit and fresh vegetables and serve bran bread or biscuits frequently. Should you have a tendency to obesity be careful to avoid an excess of starch and sweets. Consult your physician about any special tendency that you know your family or any member of it to possess and, guided by his advice, eliminate such foods as might be harmful. In families where there is no special indisposition or hereditary tendency to be considered let common sense guide you, read up on dietetics and keep your table free from unhealthful combinations and indigestible foods. You will find this study an interesting one, but beware of fads. A diet must be varied to be wholesome, and it is better to use spices and condiments in moderation than to let your table lack flavor

from overcast in leaving out everything that is not pre-eminently wholesome.

Where Soda Helps.
The housekeeper will find pure baking soda a great help in the household. Used with cream of tartar, it makes an excellent baking powder. A pinch of soda added to boiling green vegetables improves their flavor and helps to preserve their green color. A little soda added to beans when cooking makes them soft and sweet. A pinch of bicarbonate of soda put in the milk that is slightly soured will restore its sweetness. Tinware boiled with some baking soda will assume a fine brilliancy and will not tarnish so easily.

GUNPOWDER IN WAR.

For Centuries Its Use Was Opposed in the Name of Humanity.
There was a period when any kind of "explosive" fighting in war was considered barbarous. The discovery of gunpowder put a stop to the old fashioned method of attack, in which only missiles and sharp edged weapons were considered ethical, but gunpowder did not come into approval without a struggle. In fact, it was under the "humanity" ban for almost three centuries.

This remarkable compound of saltpeter, sulphur and charcoal, which was given its first tryout at the siege of Constantinople in 1453, had been known to both the chemist and the soldier for a hundred years or more. It is said to have been discovered by Roger Bacon in England about the year 1290 and by a German monk named Schwarz twenty years later. Another independent discoverer of the same dangerous mixture was an unknown and uncelebrated Moor, whose secret was ultimately carried into Europe in the fourteenth century. Even he was not the first to make an explosive compound. The Chinese "beat him to it," having used this same kind of mixture for rocket signals before the Christian era.

The fall of Constantinople was brought about by the use, the wholly unethical and altogether barbarous use, of cannon balls, and it was not until about a century later that the world gave its full sanction to the killing of men by means of gunpowder.

WHISPERING GALLERIES.

Old World Churches With Remarkable Acoustic Properties.

The most celebrated whispering gallery is that which surrounds the base of the interior of the dome of St. Paul's cathedral, London. A person speaking near its surface can be heard distinctly by one listening near the smooth wall at the other extremity of the diameter, but not elsewhere.

In the cathedral of Gloucester a whispering passage leads from one aisle to the opposite behind the east window of the choir. It is seventy-five feet long, six and a half feet high and three feet wide in the form of half an irregular octagon. The walls and ceilings are of freestone, and the slightest whisper travels from end to end.

The cathedral of the Taj Mahal in Agra, India, has most marvelous echoes and reverberating qualities, but is scarcely a whispering gallery. The whole cathedral of Girgenti, in Sicily, has this character owing to the peculiar structure of its walls. These remarkable properties also belonged to the "Ear of Dionysius," cut in the rock at Syracuse in the shape of a parabolic curve, ending in an elliptical arch. It is said that the tyrant seated in a small chamber over a hundred feet from the spot occupied by his captives by this means could hear every word spoken by his prisoners.—London Answers.

If Animals Could Speak.

It is a startling fact that if some animals could tell their life history they would be able to recall events which happened hundreds of years ago. A Russian eagle, for instance, would be able to remember watching with greedy eyes as one by one the French soldiers under Napoleon fell exhausted out of the ranks in their awful retreat from Moscow in 1812. There are crocodiles alive in India today which saw the first English traveler set foot there, while there are whales in the sea which may have skirted the coast of France when it was invaded in 1415. A great many elephants could recall historical events of a hundred years ago, while there are ravens still living whose memory could go back twice that period.—London Answers.

Plenty of Room.

The young man who writes verses was standing out in the night gazing at the sky when a friend ran across him.
"What are you doing—studying astronomy?"
"Go away and don't disturb me. I am gazing into infinite distance."
"I don't see what satisfaction you find in that."
"That's because you never had any experience with editors. You don't know what a comfort it is to find some place where nothing is crowded out for lack of space."—London Tit-Bits.

Nothing Free

"Pa," said Johnny, who is a persistent knowledge-seeker, "what is a lawyer?"
"There ain't any such thing, Johnny," replied the old gentleman, who had been involved in considerable litigation in his time. "But this book says that somebody was a great lawyer," persisted the youngster. "Then it's a mistake," rejoined the father. "Law is never given. It's retailed in mighty small quantities at mighty high figures."

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