

## MANY MILLIONS FROM WASTE

SALVAGE FROM THE BATTLE-FIELDS AND CAMPS.

Three Hundred Women Sorters Deal With the Discarded Garments Of the Troops.

A big enterprise has been built up at Dewsbury by the War Office, by which discarded uniforms and other articles of clothing collected on the battlefields and in home camps are dealt with in such a way as to save the nation hundreds of thousands of pounds, says the London Daily Chronicle.

Since the work has been in progress about 45,000,000 separate articles have been dealt with, including 4,100,000 jackets, 4,500,000 pairs of trousers, 620,000 great coats, 903,000 pairs of riding breeches, 2,700,000 puttees, 3,500,000 shirts, 855,000 caps, 1,800,000 cardigan jackets, 18,000,000 socks, 2,700,000 pairs of drawers, 6,000,000 other articles.

Skilled "Pickers."

This part-worn clothing comes to Dewsbury in bags, and is run in trucks straight into the huge sheds at the three railway stations. Here the bags are ripped open, and the contents spread out, amongst the "pickers" whose nimble fingers and trained eyes quickly discover which garments should be set aside for renovation and which are only fit for disposal to rag merchants and others, who put them through their special machinery preparatory to their being made up again into Army cloth in the local factories. As many as ninety truck loads have been received in a day.

There are about 300 women sorters, who do their work so thoroughly that nothing is wasted. Garments which are beyond repair are carefully scrutinized, and sorted into woollens, linens, Angoras, etc. Articles capable of being restored are sent to a local firm of dyers and cleaners, by whom they are cleaned. Then they are repaired and re-issued to the troops or for the use of German prisoners of war.

In ten months, the value of produce received and disposed of at Dewsbury has been \$3,293,250, while the two-thirds value of garments recovered for re-issue at all depots has been \$1,702,510, making a total of \$4,995,760. Against this expenditure, including enlisted men's pay, civilian wages, cleaning and repair, etc., has amounted to \$336,540, leaving a net credit balance of \$4,659,220.

Valuable Refuse.

Articles which are marked for rags are re-converted into their original raw state by special machinery in the district, and used again in the manufacture of new clothing for the Army. Up to the present, sales of rags to merchants and manufacturers in the heavy woollen district have amounted to \$5,000,000.

As showing the completeness of the arrangements to save it may be explained that cotton rags are sent to Woolwich Arsenal to be used as wipers and cleaning rags. Amongst valuable things recovered may be mentioned leather patches from riding breeches, \$2,000 worth of gold lace, and thousands of shirts for use by German prisoners of war; and web equipment—belts, pouches, etc.—is sent back to Ordnance depots for use, and thousands of towels are washed and issued again.

Anthrax.

The disease of anthrax occurs among sheep, horses, cattle and other herbivora or grain eating animals. No animal of any of these classes is capable of resisting anthrax infection providing suitable conditions obtain. The disease is also liable to attack human beings although it does not appear epidemically in man. Many cases have been reported where men have died as a result of contracting anthrax from the skinning of an infected animal or from handling the wool or skins of animals that have died from the disease. This information is brought out in Bulletin No. 23 of The Health of Animals Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture entitled "Anthrax." The bulletin is written by Dr. Chas. H. Higgins, pathologist, and deals with the subjects of occurrence, methods of infection, soil infection, diagnosis, etc. It is pointed out that the carcass of the animal that has had the disease should be destroyed by fire, care being taken that all discharges and litter about the animal be burned with it, even to the halter that it has been wearing. Under no circumstances should the animal be skinned, as this is a most dangerous procedure. Neither should it be dragged over the farm. Deep burial is sometimes resorted to, but it is not nearly so satisfactory as burning. Veterinarians, farmers and others who have reason to suspect the existence of anthrax are compelled, under the Animal Contagious Diseases Act, to promptly notify the Minister of Agriculture, the Veterinary Director-General or the nearest Veterinary Inspector.

South American ants sometimes construct tunnels, three miles in length.

Though should be kept covered while to prevent a crust from forming which interferes with expansion.

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THE MAGNETIC NORTH POLE.

Why the Needle of the Compass Points North.

Why does the compass needle point north? Because the earth is a magnet, not differing essentially in its magnetic properties from a bar of magnetized steel.

It has two poles of greatest intensity, and, like most large steel magnets, there are several supplemental poles of lesser intensity. Just as the pole of one bar magnet attracts the end of another, so the magnet poles of the earth behave toward poles of the compass needle, unlike poles attracting, and like poles repelling each other.

But it is not correct to say that the needle always points north; there are few localities where it does so, and these are constantly changing.

An irregular line drawn from the mouth of the Orinoco River through the east coast of Hayti, Charleston, S.C., and Detroit, Mich., represents very nearly the line in which there is no variation to-day.

In all places east of this line the north end of the needle swings slightly to the westward; in all places west of it to the eastward. At the mouth of the Columbia River the variation of the compass is about 22 degrees east; in Alaska it is from 40 to 60 degrees east; midway between New York and Liverpool it is about 35 degrees west.

The magnetic north pole is at present on or near the northwestern shore of Boothia-Peninsula, in the northern part of North America. Its position is constantly changing, and in 600 years it has moved half way round the geographical pole.

Prose Verse.

It was a pitiful mistake, an error sad and grim. I waited for the railway train; the light was low and dim. It came at last, and from a car there stepped a dainty dame, and looking up and down the place, she straight unto me came.

"Oh, Jack," she cried, "oh, dear old Jack!" and kissed me as she spoke, then looked again and, frightened, cried—

"Oh, what a bad mistake!" I said, "Forgive me, madam fair, for I am not your Jack, and as regards the kiss you gave, I'll straightway give it back."

And since that night I've often stood upon that platform dim, but only once in a man's whole life do such things come to him.

Don't have an empty preserving jar in your neighborhood this fall.

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Many who use tea or coffee, not knowing that it aggravates stomach troubles, could still enjoy a delicious hot beverage and escape harmful effects by a change to the wholesome, pure cereal drink—

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## An Autumn Design



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Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows IN ORCHARD AND FIELD.

We'd all be healthier if, instead of so many pork barrels down in the cellar, we had more apple barrels. The wrapper you use does not sell your apples. It is the apple inside the wrapper.

A clean barrel or box makes apples look better to the buyer and may lead to a better sale. In cold climates the ideal time to prune fruit trees is not in the fall or winter; wait till the severe weather is over.

An apple that has been well cured in an open outhouse will last longer than one put down cellar as soon as gathered.

It's all right to label young trees, but be careful not to have the wire so tight that it will girdle the wood and kill the tree. Newly planted trees in exposed windy locations may need staking; but watch out that the ties do not chafe the bark and thus ruin the trees.

The fall orchard work will not be done until you have picked up all the decayed apples and put them out of the way. No man who loves his orchard will leave them to multiply worm pests.

A rat in the fruit cellar is fully as bad as a bull in a China shop. Make it a business to capture the pest and stop up the hole where he came in.

It may be that some suckers have started around the base of your trees since the last trimming. Cut every one of these out before snow comes.

Late in the fall plow a furrow down through the orchard between every two rows of trees if the ground is not to be wet. The trees will do a great deal better for this surface drainage. Also, perhaps some tile drains are needed underground.

Ideal mulching materials—clean straw and marsh hay.

The right time to mulch the strawberry bed is immediately after the ground freezes.

Fall plowing is all right on some soils, and in some places, but hillsides or sloping, washy fields should be kept in grass or in cover crops through the winter.

## STUDY AND EXERCISE

Overstudy and lack of exercise make thin bloodless children. Study does not usually hurt a child at school unless the studies encroach on time that should be spent in out-of-doors exercise. But lack of exercise and overstudy is a combination that brings on St. Vitus Dance. If your boy or girl at school is thin and pale, listless and inattentive, has a fickle appetite, is unable to stand still or sit still, you must remember that health is much more important than education; and more time should be given to exercise and recreation.

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The Origin of Passports.

Passports, which are so much in evidence at present, began as sea-letters, guaranteeing a safe passage for ships. A form of sea-letter was appended to the Treaty of the Pyrenees in 1659. The more familiar passport is simply a permit authorizing a person to pass into or out of a country. As such it would seem well within the province of any Government to refuse it to any individual who proposes to undertake a journey for an object that Government does not approve. In fact, "permission to circulate," as our Gaelic friends express it, is a favor and not a right.

Minard's Liniment Cures Dismember.

When new soil is broken up for gardening purposes cut the sod in squares a foot wide and about two feet long. Pile the sods up, upside down, in a square pile. Layers of sods are placed between the layers of soil. This will make fine potting soil when it has rotted.

GIRLS! WHITEN SKIN WITH LEMON JUICE

Make a beauty lotion for a few cents to remove tan, freckles, sallowness.

Your grocer has the lemons and any drug store or toilet counter will supply you with three ounces of orchard white for a few cents. Squeeze the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle, then put in the orchard white and shake well. This makes a quarter pint of the very best lemon skin whitener and complexion beautifier known. Massage this fragrant, creamy lotion daily into the face, neck, arms and hands and just see how freckles, tan, sallowness, redness and roughness disappear and how smooth, soft and clear the skin becomes. Yes! It is harmless, and the beautiful results will surprise you.

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termined that to save the sight of her right eye

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her vision in the now 20/20 (20/20 is

normal as you know) as against 20/2000

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Blepharitis Marginalis with all the usual

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Bon-Opto and not only overcame her dis-

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eyesight that she was able to dispense with

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say her eyesight was improved 100 per cent."

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operate and oftentimes too willing to pre-

scribe glasses, and both inclined to neglect

the strengthening and developing of the

eyesight. The success of Bon-Opto in

strengthening the eyesight will soon make

eyeglasses old-fashioned. The Director of

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The Royal House.

A very common error is to assume that it is the house of Guelph which rules over the British Empire. The royal family were Guelphs from the accession of George I. to the accession of Edward VII., who was the first King of the house of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha. Ill informed persons are rather apt to dwell on the German connections of the royal house of Britain, to the exclusion of all considerations of its British elements. The King, for instance, is a descendant of Alfred, the Great, of Edgar Atheling, of William the Conqueror and of Robert Bruce, to mention but a few of his illust