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CRUEL RED-TAPEISM.

Even in the matter of hospital arrangements England has suffered from the same incompetency and red tapeism that prevailed during the American war with Spain. In a little book, "Sidelights on the War," Lady Jessica Sykes makes some startling assertions.

During her stay at Eastcourt, before and after the battle of Colenso, she found "neither system, order, nor regularity" in the hospital arrangements. Red-tapeism reigned supreme, and strict rules were established only to thwart, not to assist, charity. Army doctors she found feverishly anxious to prevent any person entering the hospital. They objected to private civilian charity or assistance, even when most urgently required.

It was even frequently said in my presence by many who were suffering or had suffered from snubs inflicted on their well-meant and charitable efforts," says Lady Sykes, "that army doctors, and particularly army nurses, would really almost imperil the lives of their patients rather than allow their wants to be relieved in an irregular and non-official manner."

Wounded Tommies were not only dependent on the "amateur nurses" for their little delicacies and comforts, but often for pure necessities also. Men from the front were frequently left for an entire day without food or attendance, she says, and when these were supplied by the charitable "an offensive little Jack-in-office" in the shape of a doctor would remark:

"Now, you good people doubtless mean well, but I object entirely to this kind of thing. It is quite unnecessary; besides, it is against discipline that the men should receive anything not actually provided by government."

The dietary scale for sick and wounded as arranged by the doctors was similar to that provided for men in full health—i. e. black tea (no milk), dry bread, and fat bacon for breakfast; bully beef and potatoes (without bread) for dinner; and tea and dry bread for supper. To sick men delicacies in the form of milk, butter and fruit were more essential than this rough food, but these were discouraged by the doctors. All the luxuries sent from home seemed to have gone astray, and the soldiers complained bitterly.

"Tell them all when you get home," said a healthy trooper, "that we never have anything given us; if we want a comfort we must buy it ourselves. On Christmas day some of us got a pint of beer; none of us got a dinner, and we were out all day scouting."

The bombardment of the Taku forts was the prelude of the concert of the powers in China.

Sir Richard will be himself again after next election. Power doesn't suit his temperament. He is better in opposition.

Any man who would supply soldiers with bad food for the sake of making a little money out of the government ought to be hanged as the most contemptible kind of a traitor.

It is just as well not to get excited over all these rumors from Peking. Now that the South African war has petered out the news agencies have to seek elsewhere for sensations and China is as good a field as any other place.

Saratoga is purchasing forest tree caterpillars at twenty cents a quart, and the supply is so abundant that \$200 was paid to the collectors. The destruction of the insectivorous birds comes high. They formerly attended to the caterpillars themselves and asked no bounty.

The London County Council has passed a resolution giving it power to pull down every illuminated sign shown in the streets. Over half the brilliant devices which now make London gay at night will probably be condemned, on the ground that the flashing lights frighten horses and endanger lives. Several firms have \$5,000 to \$50,000 invested in these devices. The London streets are being torn up by the laying of the wires of the new telephone system, to be run by the Government. Continual complaints of over-charging and inefficiency of the monopoly led the post office to take this important step. Preparations are making for 40,000 subscribers. It is hoped to begin to operate in a year. The cost will be over \$5,000,000, and the rates will be so low that the smallest store will be able to have a telephone.

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THE CONSERVATIVE WAY.

Montreal Gazette.
The new Manitoba government bill abolishes the special enrolling machinery of the province's franchise law and entrusts the making of the lists to the municipal officers. The manipulation of the electoral lists was one of the late Liberal government's great sources of strength when what were called elections were held. It was only when jobbery and trickery had been carried to the extent that the whole people revolted that the gang's work failed. Mr. Macdonald is making a record for decency in administration and honorable observance of his pledges that will help his party throughout the country.

PREMONITORY.

Ottawa Citizen.
Running through the names of the ministers the reader will find it plainly written thus:

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SIDE VIEWS OF LIFE.

Don't cry over spilt milk; hustle around and get some more milk tickets.

Wisdom is one of the things that don't come to the man who sits down and waits.

Next to knowing when to grasp an opportunity the most important thing is to know when to let go of it.

There is one good thing about the man with trouble on his mind. He never breaks into your office humming selections from a rag-time opera.

Cheek wins in this world—especially if the cheek is plump and rosy.

Troubles are like babies: they grow larger by nursing.

Procrastination is the thief of time—and the plunder can never be recovered.

It is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all—better for the jeweller, the florist, the messenger boy, and sometimes for the lawyer.

WORTH KNOWING.

If the fat begins to froth when you are frying fish or croquettes the temperature is too low. Finish cooking what is already in the pan, and reheat the fat till a blue smoke rises from it before putting in any more.

If when making a fruit tart you make a little opening in the centre of the crust and insert either a straw or a little paper funnel, the steam will escape through it as through a chimney, and all the juice will be retained in the pie.

When mixing batter for Yorkshire puddings or pancakes add a little water to the milk. This makes them much lighter than if all milk is used. Always remember that the batter for puddings should be mixed quite two hours before it is needed for frying.

If when you are baking anything in an oven you get too hot, put in a basin of cold water instead of leaving the door open. This cools the oven, and the steam arising from the water prevents the food from burning.

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"A friend of mine, a college professor, went into a crowded restaurant in New York city for luncheon one hot day last summer. The negro in charge of the big corridor where the hat shelves stood was an intelligent-looking fellow, and his bow and smile were not of the obsequious, stupid kind often affected by colored waiters and doormen in hotels. He took my friend's hat and gave no check for it in return. An hour later when the professor came out of the dining room, the negro glanced at him in a comprehensive way, turned to the shelves and handed him his hat."

"My friend is a man who prides himself on his powers of observation, and the negro's ability to remember to whom each article of clothing belonged struck him as being something very wonderful."

"How did you know this was my hat?" he asked.

"I didn't know it, sah," was the reply.

"Then why did you give it to me?" the professor persisted.

"Because you gave it to me, sah."

THE POPULAR ACTOR.
For many years he courted Fame—She did not even know his name; Now back he sits with placid smile And lets proud Fame court him awhile.

SOMETHING STRONGER.
Smiling Stranger (stopping in front of the cage)—"Only want a cracker?" Parrot (from Missouri)—"Cracker nothin'; you durn fool. I want a chaw o' tobacco!"

Precious Metals in the Arts.
It is easy to ascertain how much gold and silver are absorbed in the coinage of the various nations, but the most careful estimates as to the quantities of these metals used in the arts and industries are only approximate. Statisticians in the Treasury Department of the French government recently undertook the considerable task of compiling the best information on this subject, and the figures they have reached are probably as accurate as any that have yet been published.

Most of the gold used in the arts is for ornamentation, though it is also employed to a large extent for the most practical purposes, as in lacquer-work. It is doubtful if even jewelry consumes a larger quantity of gold than some other ways in which it is used.

The consumption for gilding alone is very large. The films of gold leaf are very thin, but enormous numbers of them are applied to a considerable variety of manufactures, such as signs, jewelry, books, frames, furniture, pottery and other articles, and the aggregate value of the gold thus used is very large. The consumption of gold for gilding has considerably increased since electro-gilding came into vogue, both because more gilding is done, and because the new process wastes a considerable quantity of the metal. According to the French figures the United States consumes in the arts about thirty-one thousand pounds of gold in a year, which amounts in value to \$10,000,000 in round numbers. France, however, with her pre-eminent manufactures of jewelry and other articles of luxury, heads the list with an annual consumption of about thirty-five thousand two hundred pounds a year. Great Britain also surpasses the United States with 34,300 pounds, Switzerland 18,900, Italy 11,000, Russia 9,000, Austria-Hungary 6,515 and Belgium and Holland 6,802.

Perhaps one reason why the United States consumes in the arts a good deal more silver than any other country is because photography here, with its amateur branch, is far more extensively in use than in any other land. The chief industrial uses of silver are for solid silver plate and silver plating, mountings for harnesses and other ornaments, and photography.

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