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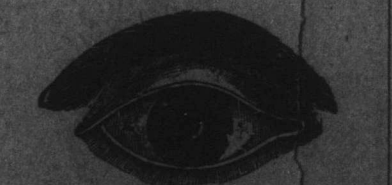
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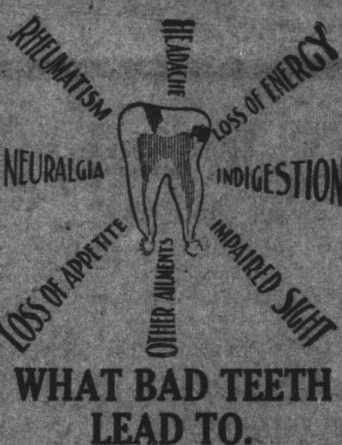
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Making Your Football.

There are footballs and footballs, but one I am going to talk about is the really Good football, with a capital G.

We have all of us seen those misshapen affairs that were once footballs being punted about on odd bits of ground, and bursting at the seams. It is not only because they are old that they are misshapen and bursting.

In many cases it is the result of age on leather that has not been tanned and dressed properly, and in some cases seams that have been sewn by machinery.

Footballs are made from cow-hide, but the good balls are made from only one part of the hide—the back. The hide that covers the shoulders and underneath of the beast is not first-class leather, and for that reason is rejected, and only goes to make up inferior footballs.

So, after the skin is tanned, the section that covers the back is cut out and prepared for making the "panels" which, when sewn together, form the familiar football cover.

Removing the Hair.

The first process a hide undergoes is to have all the hair removed. This is carried out by soaking it in lime and other baths, which soften all the bristles, so that they can afterwards be scraped off with a sharp-bladed knife.

This, as you may guess, is a job that requires skilled handling, otherwise the leather would be quickly cut to pieces.

After the hide has been washed it is then subjected to one of two tanning processes, either a "vegetable" tanning, which is the method principally used for the footballs we sell in this country, or a process known as "chrome" tanning, which renders the leather waterproof. The chrome ball is a type sold largely for play in very wet countries.

Although the more waterproof of the two, the chrome-tanned ball is not popular in England on account of the fact that on becoming moist the surface gets very slippery and greasy, and therefore causes much mis-kicking.

Advantages of a Waterproof Ball.

In fact, the great advantage of this waterproof ball is only evident in parts where the ball is to be used in heavy rain, such as the north coast of Spain, where a vegetable-tanned ball would soon become too heavy for use.

After tanning, the hide is laid out on a table to undergo a process that takes all the stretch and "give" out of the leather.

This process is an essential one if the resulting ball is to be thoroughly sound. When the stretching process is badly done the ball becomes misshapen and bulgy—hardly an ideal football!

A sharp instrument, something like one of those old-fashioned snuff-choppers, is repeatedly pressed on the leather at a particular angle which does not cut the surface, but tends to smooth it out and stretch it.

Twelve Panels or Eighteen.

It is now ready for making up into panels, which are cut out by a machine in much the same way that pastry is cut up into various shapes. The shape and size of these panels depend on the number that are going to make up the ball. Some footballs have twelve equal panels—the best number, to my mind, as there are fewer seams—others have eighteen seams.

With all the best footballs these panels are sewn together, inside out, by hand. Only when the seams at either side of the valve entrance require about half a dozen stitches each is the leather sewn turned outside out. The final stitches are then put in, and the result is a football cover that will stand by you through thick and thin and under treatment that you wouldn't give your worst friend—Pearson's.

66 Victims Buried in Common Grave.
CAROLINA FIRE CASUALTIES RECEIVE SIMPLE FUNERAL RITES.

CLEVELAND, S.C., May 19.—In one huge grave the charred remains of sixty-six men, women and children, whose lives were burned or crushed out in the rural school holocaust, were laid to rest last evening.

And, as the final brief prayers were said over those whose happy play had suddenly terminated in a raging inferno, 4,000 people, assembled from miles around, watched the huge casket lowered into a great earth vault prepared during the day.

Ten others who lost their lives in the catastrophe were buried this morning. The grave, forty feet by twelve, was marked only by simple floral gatherings from the fields, temporarily laid over the box by friends and relatives of families which either had been wiped out entirely or broken up by the disaster.

Only a brief service was read.

Von Moltke, Who Commanded in 1914,

TELLS SOME HOME TRUTHS.

The Ex-Kaiser has attempted to disclaim his responsibility for the disaster to German arms. In the papers left by General Von Moltke, Chief of the General Staff up to and for a short time after the out-break of war, there are some damaging statements about the "War Lord's" ignorance of the conduct of operations on the grand scale during those critical early days. These papers have been edited by the General's widow and published in book form by "Der Kommande Tag" staff.

Before War Was Declared.

Under my predecessor the advance through Belgium was perfected. The reason for this operation was that without the violation of Belgium neutrality the French army could not be forced to a decisive engagement in the open country. . . . Graf Schlieffen (his predecessor) even wanted to march through South Holland with the right wing of the German Army. I have altered this in order not to force the Netherlands on the side of our enemies. . . . That France was not overthrown in the first onslaught was owing to the prompt assistance of England.

The Chancellor (Bethmann Hollweg), who considered in the main part of his policy to establish friendly relations with England and who, strangely enough at this late hour, believed that a universal war might be averted, or at least the participation of England avoided, was evidently misled by the contents of a telegram which had just arrived from Prince Lichnowsky, the German Ambassador in London. The Kaiser was also misled.

"We Simply March."

The telegram stated that Grey, the Secretary of State, had informed our Ambassador that England would guarantee France not coming into the war against us if Germany on her side undertook no hostile action towards France. Here I must remark that France, as was known to us, had given the order to mobilize the same day as ourselves. The dominant feeling, as I said before, was one of elation.

Now we need make war only against Russia! The Kaiser said to me: "So now we simply march the whole army to the east." I replied to his Majesty that this was impossible. The march of an army of a million cannot be improvised; it is the result of a whole laborious year's work and cannot be altered if once pre-arranged. If his Majesty insisted upon leading the entire army to the east he would not have a force ready to fight but a disorderly crowd of disorganized men under arms without means of sustenance. The Kaiser became very angry and said to me, among other things: "Your uncle would have given me a different answer!" which hurt me very much. I have never made any pretence to be the Field-Marshal's (the great Moltke) equal.

Nobody seemed to think that the fact of marching to Russia with our complete army, leaving a France under arms in our rear, must precipitate a catastrophe! How would it be possible for England, presuming her good intentions, to prevent France attacking us? Even my plea as to the impossibility of a mobilized France and Germany coming to any peaceable agreement to refrain from mutual hostilities remained of no avail. The atmosphere became electrical. I stood alone.

Finally, I succeeded in convincing His Majesty that our march with strong forces against France and with weak defensive troops against Russia, which was contemplated, must take its course according to plan; if not, the most disastrous confusion would ensue.

The Kaiser's Order.

During this scene I felt almost in despair. . . . I must here explain that our plan of campaign provided for the occupation of Luxembourg by the 16th Division on the first day. We must at all costs secure the railways of Luxembourg against a sudden French seizure as they were necessary for our advance. When the Chancellor now declared that this occupation must under no circumstances take place because of its being a direct threat to France and also calculated to make the offered English guarantee illusory, it was as though I had been struck. While I stood by, the Kaiser without asking me, turned to his aide-de-camp and commanded him at once to telegraph the 16th Division not to march into Luxembourg. It seemed as though my heart would break. . . . In vain I tried to convince his Majesty that the railways were indispensable, and that they must be secured. I was curtly dismissed with the remark that I could use other railways. His order held good.

The War Lord Changes His Mind.

It is impossible to describe the feelings with which I reached home—I felt completely broken and shed tears of despair. When the telegram to the 16th Division was brought to me for signature. . . . I thrust the pen into the table and declared I would not sign. . . . At

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eleven o'clock the same night I received an order again to attend his Majesty. The Kaiser saw me in his bedroom; he had been to bed, but was up again with a coat thrown about him. He gave me a telegram from the King of England, who declared that he knew nothing of a guarantee by England to prevent France taking part in the war. Prince Lichnowsky's telegram must have been due to a mistake, or he had misunderstood something. The Kaiser was very excited and said to me: "Now you can do what you like." I drove straight home and telegraphed the 16th Division to march into Luxembourg—John O'London's Weekly.

Sweden and America To Be Linked by Radio.

GOTHENBURG, May 18. (A.P.)—For the first time in history America and Sweden will be linked by direct radio connection on June 29, at the beginning of the so-called "American week" of the Gothenburg Fair. The "American week" of the Gothenburg Fair is expected to be very great, judging from the thousands of accommodations that are being booked by American travelers.

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