

## CURIOUS MARRIAGE CUSTOMS

The one day in a woman's life in which she shines pre-eminently above a man is generally supposed to be her wedding day. There are some countries, however, where she is not the chief personage on the interesting occasion. This is the case in Bulgaria, where the bridegroom is the more beautiful and charming of the two. The friends of the groom enter the house while he is shaving and dance round him. They do not leave him all day, and the bride is quite a secondary character.

In Malaya when a prince is married, the bride does not appear at all. It takes three weeks to perform the ceremony. After the preliminary proceedings are over the bridegroom returns to the palace, and sixteen women stand guard over him for a week, during which time he is not allowed to see any woman. After this interval the marriage ceremony is resumed, and all is concluded before the bride appears.

In some countries the bride has a very trying ordeal to go through before she is married. In the New Hebrides the girl who hopes to become a wife must have her upper front teeth knocked out on reaching the age of maturity—generally about thirteen years. This operation is performed by an old woman, who gives either one smashing blow with a stone or several lighter taps. If the girl refuses the ordeal she remains unmarried and the scorn of all beholders.

In Morocco the bride is put into a rough wooden cage, usually whitewashed; she is arrayed in her wedding finery, imprisoned in the badly ventilated and uncomfortable box, and taken in procession through the streets to the home her bridegroom has prepared for her. Musicians accompany the procession and play lively tunes. When the party arrives at the house the bride is allowed to emerge from her prison.

After a brief honeymoon—a couple of days in duration—the box is hoisted on to the roof of the house as an intimation that the happy couple are "at home" and prepared to receive callers. During the reception the husband and his friends thoroughly enjoy themselves, the bride not troubling herself about her guests; she is in fact ignored, and allowed to doze all the time.

In Ceylon the form of marriage is by binding together the thumbs of bridegroom and bride. And it was up on the thumb that the wedding ring was originally worn in our own and other countries.

The suffering is not always on the side of the bride-elect. In some parts of Africa the savages have a remarkable way of testing the would-be bridegroom. He is fastened to a tree with his hands tied up in bags containing stinging fire ants. If he can endure this patiently for many hours he is approved; if not he is not considered a worthy person for a woman to mate with.

In Kamschka a singular marriage ceremony is observed. A Kamschdale who wishes to marry, looks about for a suitable girl—usually in neighboring villages, rarely in his own. When he has made a selection, he has to obtain her parents' permission to serve them for a fixed time. Permission is never refused by the girl's parents, and the would-be son-in-law is numbered among their servants and is treated in every way as though he were one of them. When the time of service has expired he asks the consent of the parents to his union with the girl of his choice. If they have any objection to him they give him many thanks for his services and a small present, and he knows that he may consider his suit rejected. But if they accept him they simply tell him that he has their consent.

In Guiana a woman may make an offer of marriage. A girl takes an opportunity to offer the man of her choice something to drink. If he declines the drink it indicates that he declines the offer of marriage, but if he accepts it the matter is finished and the marriage is held to be concluded.

In the Tyrol this method is reversed, the offer being conveyed by the lover to the girl through the medium of a bottle of wine. If she drinks, his proposal is accepted; if she refuses the wine, she refuses him at the same time. Should the maiden hesitate or say that wine goes to her head, it is in vain.

## SAVE YOUR HAIR AND BEAUTIFY IT "WITH DANDERINE"

If you care for heavy hair, that glistens with beauty and is radiant with life; has an incomparable softness and is fluffy and lustrous, try Danderine.

Just one application doubles the beauty of your hair, besides immediately dissolves every particle of dandruff; you cannot have nice, heavy, healthy hair if you have dandruff. This destructive scurf robs the hair of its lustre, its strength and its vitality, and if not overcome it produces a feverishness and itching of the scalp; the hair roots fall out, loosen and die; then the hair falls out fast.

If your hair has been neglected and is thin, faded, dry, scraggy or too oily, get a 25-cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine at any drug store or toilet counter; apply a little as directed and ten minutes after you will say this was the best investment you ever made.

We sincerely believe, regardless of everything else advertised, that if you desire soft, lustrous, beautiful hair and lots of it—no dandruff—no itching scalp and no more falling hair—you must use Knowlton's Danderine eventually—why not now?

## "THE ENEMY IS EVERYWHERE, AND EVERYWHERE THE ENEMY IS, THERE IS DANGER", SAYS MRS. PANKHURST

Eminent Woman's Leader Delivers Excellent Address Last Night to Crowded House in Victoria Hall, and Created Mild Sensation by Hinting at Danger From Across the Border—Emphasizes the Need of Women Helping in the War.

It was difficult to realize in Victoria Hall last evening that the quiet-looking and quiet-spoken woman addressing the large audience was in reality Mrs. Pankhurst, the active leader of the militant suffragettes and the protagonist of the hunger strike methods. She is clearly a highly-cultivated woman, and her delivery was very pleasing indeed. She presented the cause of suffering Serbia, but the fiery eloquence which characterizes her presentation of the suffragette cause in times of peace (are they times of peace with the militants on the war path?) was somewhat lacking. One of her notable assertions was that from just across the States, and that she believed Canada was not free from danger at the hands of the pro-German element over there.

La. Col. Cockshutt, who presided over the gathering, made a brief speech, stating that the people of Brantford were privileged to have such speakers with them. He regretted the absence of Mr. Cheddome, Miyatovich on account of illness. Everybody was anxious to go their share in this conflict. He said he did not wish to make a recruiting speech, but if anybody did want to join they could come down to the 21st headquarters and would be royally received. France, as well as men, could call in, as the 21st would find a place for both sexes.

MRS. PANKHURST. One of the things that helped her in England in her recruiting campaign, began Mrs. Pankhurst, was the fact that Canadians, so early in the war had sent her sons across the seas to help the Empire. So when an invitation came to visit Canada, she could not resist it, that she might put in a word as a recruiting sergeant here, which sort of work she liked. Recruiting meetings were no longer necessary in England, the new compulsory act had superseded them. Magnificent as had been the response in Canada, there was still need for a further realization of the gravity of the struggle. This was a struggle which would need every man and woman to win the war completely and to do other kind of work would be futile.

La. Col. Cockshutt was wise in asking for "women, too," as recruits, he said, only a week before, when women who were willing to take men's places were asked to come to the platform, they came up in a steady stream, and the male recruits promptly followed.

Every man of fighting age should be in the fighting line, and as long as an intelligent woman or a man over age, could take an eligible man's place, and did not, there was something seriously wrong with the way things were organized. Women had the right to ask men to fight for them. If a man of fighting age could find some one to take his place, he should go.

Practically every man in England of military age was in service. But they had gone further. Many of the over age and boys under age were organized for home service. If the navy failed, in an invasion case, the women and children would suffer infinitely more than those of Belgium, France or even Serbia. They would be destroyed like a trap, wiped out altogether. All along the East coast trenches had been dug by the defence corps. The most impressive sight in England was to see a "march past" of the home defence, many men being old, and many being clergymen. Among the leisure classes of Britain, there were thousands who wished to help. Knitting and more than enough. Technical instruction was demanded. To-day 400,000 women were being recruited for agricultural purposes. The harvest would not be lost. Women were being taught all the different phases of the art of agriculture.

Canadian women were not behind the women in help. Mrs. Pankhurst stated that she had been much impressed with the way the Canadian women had taken up war relief work. Do not make any mistake ladies and gentlemen. I have just come from the United States of America. The enemy is everywhere and where the enemy is there is danger. It is better to be overprepared than not well enough prepared. If only the women were given a full chance, they would rise to the occasion and do all the work required and do it well.

SERBIA'S NEEDS. The Serbian Minister, explained Mrs. Pankhurst, was headed by an old Serbian diplomatist and statesman. When the war broke out he came to the United States and Canada to tell the story of the Serbian situation. Serbia lay in the direct route between the East and the West. Serbia had resisted Mohammedanism for 1,200 years in the days gone by, and although subdued, broke the force of the invasion. For 500 years Serbia was under Turkish rule. At the end of the 19th century, she was free. She clung to Christianity. At the end of 500 years, the people rose and drove out the Turk, and were again free. The Turk did not love fighting; fighting was thrust upon it by its geographical position. Serbia yet not a physical position. Serbia yet not a physical position. Serbia yet not a physical position.

Archduke was merely a pretext seized upon by the Central Powers, Serbia had warned the Archduke months before of plots against him; one of the assassins had been imprisoned by Serbia before they could reach the Austrian consul. The assassins were tools of an Austrian political party. Serbia claimed even to-day they could beat Austria or Bulgaria separately. But when Germany, Austria and Bulgaria invaded them, they lost their country. The reinforcements sent to them arrived too late, and were too small. So now there fell upon the allies and particularly Great Britain, the work of healing the victims of the Serbian invasion. The Serbs were sent to the front, and were exposed to all kinds of weather. Then when they got to a place of refuge, they got to places more barren than their own. Even in Greece their condition was pitiable.

sleek prosperity, both preferred for their country annihilation, thinking it was better to save their soul and lose all, rather than sell their honor to their people.

Need of providing great stores of nitrates is urged by the naval consulting board.

The anti-preparedness committee at Washington endorses the selection of Mr. Baker for secretary of war.

The New Jersey Assembly passed a bill providing a license fee on all cats, the money raised to go to the overseer of the poor.

Richard E. Burke, of the Chicago Criminal Court, is seriously ill. He was one of the guests made ill by the poisoned soup served at the dinner given to Archbishop Mundelein.

John R. Thompson of Chicago once worked as a farm boy for John R. Reub for 50 cents a day. To-day the Chicagoan engaged Reub to manage the Thompson farm near Home.

The grand jury indicted Elbert H. Gary and several steel companies in connection with the Youngstown riots.

Bituminous coal operators of the Middle West have agreed upon an advance of wages for union mine workers.

A bill has been introduced in the New York Legislature to prevent barber shops from remaining open on Sundays.

The will of Ada Rehan, the actress

disposes of an estate estimated at \$175,000 in personal property and \$25,000 in real estate to her sisters.

Mystery surrounds a shooting tragedy by which a young naval officer lost his life at Torquay. The lieutenant was in command of a patrol boat in harbor. He made the acquaintance of a lady and gentleman who were visitors to Torquay, and one night the three dined together. The lieutenant subsequently suggested that a visit should be paid to the patrol boat, and the party went off to the vessel. Whilst on board a bullock, a pet of the lieutenant, sprang at the lady and bit her severely. The lieutenant was greatly upset by the incident, and later when the guests had left the ship, the report of firearms was heard and he was found dead shot through the head.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE OF CANADA. The next examination for the entry of naval cadets will be held at the examination centres of the Civil Service Commission in May, 1916, successful candidates will be admitted without examination, if approved of. Such Matriculation should apply to the Secretary, Civil Service Commission, Ottawa, from whom blank entry forms can now be obtained.

Candidates for the examination in May must not be between the ages of fourteen and sixteen on the 1st July, 1916. Further details can be obtained on application to the undersigned.

G. A. DESBARATS, Deputy Minister of the Naval Service, Department of the Naval Service, Ottawa, January 10th, 1916. (Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for—50798.)

Examination for Entrance to the Royal Military College of Canada, Kingston, Ontario. THE regular examination for entrance to the Royal Military College will be held on Monday the 28th July, 1916.

This examination is open to all British subjects between the ages of 16 and 21 years inclusive, unmarried, and who have resided, or whose parents have resided, in Canada for two years immediately preceding the date of examination.

1. Application by the parents, or guardian, of any intending candidate to be made in writing to the Secretary, Military College, Ottawa, Ont., not later than Saturday the 29th April, 1916, accompanied by: (a) Birth Certificate in duplicate, (b) Certificate of good moral character signed by the head of the School or College at which the Candidate has received his education for at least the two preceding years, or by a clergyman of the place of worship attended by the Candidate, and (c) Recommendation of \$2.00 (five dollars) in favour of the Receiver General.

4. Any further particulars regarding said examination can be obtained from the Secretary, Military College, Ottawa, Ontario.

5. Should the number of Candidates not be sufficient to complete the establishment of the Royal Military College, Matriculation in the Faculty of Arts and Science of the University of Toronto will be admitted without examination, if approved of. Such Matriculation should apply to the Secretary of the Military College, Ottawa, forwarding a Certificate of Matriculation and number of marks obtained in each subject, and (b) Birth Certificate in duplicate.

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## ALLIES FOUGHT DESPERATELY DEFENDING VERDUN



ALLIED OUTPOST PROTECTING VERDUN LINES.

WHILE THE GERMAN FORCES WERE MAKING THEIR DESPERATE ADVANCE ON VERDUN THE ALLIES PUT UP A STUBBORN DEFENCE. ONE OF THE ALLIED OUTPOSTS IS SHOWN IN THE ACCOMPANYING PICTURE PROTECTING THE VERDUN LINES. THE BATTLE THROUGHOUT HAS BEEN OF A VICIOUS NATURE.

## Help to Make Her Dream Come True

SHE is one of some Three Million Belgians who, since they refused to sell their honor to Germany, have lived on the brink of starvation. A thriving industrial people, used to life's comforts, they have been reduced to a state where they dream, not of luxuries or pleasures, but of having enough to eat!

True to their character as the war has unmasked it, the Germans callously refuse to help the starving. The task of feeding them has been undertaken by Belgium's Allies and Neutral Nations, through the

## Belgian Relief Fund

provided by voluntary contributions and administered with wonderful economy and efficiency by a neutral Commission.

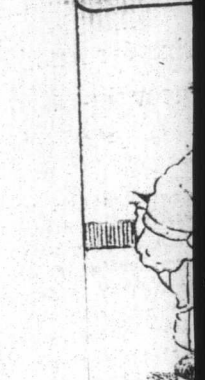
Absolutely none of the supplies go to Germany, and most of the food taken into the country is paid for by Belgians who have still a little money. But to feed those who cannot pay, nearly \$2,500,000 a month is needed!

Send your contributions to Local or Provincial Committees or to the Central Executive Committee, 59 St. Peter Street, Montreal.

**\$2.50 KEEPS A BELGIAN FAMILY A MONTH**

Cheques to be made payable to "THE TREASURER, BELGIAN RELIEF FUND 59 S. Peter Street, Montreal, or to local committees."

YOU HEAR? IF YOU WANT TO STAY HERE BEACH, YOU AN' ARRA DIFFERENT



SARNIA WINS BY Beat Bellevue Overcome

Sarnia, March 10.—Intermediate championship last night was defeated Bellevue in the nine goal game at Bellevue. Result was unexpected, but the local team was victorious.

Even the most recent Tunnel Town victory at Bellevue was a result of a last-minute goal by Sarnia.

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