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WOMEN DRIVERS IN FRANCE.

Women are more and more taking place of motor drivers in France. They take the place of ordinary chauffeurs, they do ambulance work, in some cases the driving of heavy lorries. The work is no picnic. As a woman driver in France you give up all thought of comfort, of cleanliness. Your hands are soon not fit to be seen, and your complexion is best not thought of. These are, of course, little things compared with the sacrifices called upon to make, but they are quite little things within the big standards. There are big things, too—risks to be run, nerve to be shown, opposition to be overcome. Ambulance drivers are great in demand, and they are excellent. A deal of their work consists in getting wounded from the hospital to the big base hospitals. You see a string of them any day, the great cases going on ahead, the seriously wounded being driven in great beautifully-swung ambulances at not more than four miles an hour. The lessening of hardship and suffering by the motor ambulance is immense. The careful driving of women adds immensely to its advantage. Often, of course, very much of a dangerous work is undertaken, universally the nerve shown by them calls for admiration.

THE SALUTE.

From time to time attention has been called to the strict adherence to the system of saluting in the Army, and demands have been made for a modification of the rule. The attention of the Army since the war has been many of the strands of the tape which bound old conventions firmly that a suggestion to inter-leave would have been regarded as sacrilegious; but apparently the formality of the salute is to be maintained on war lines. I understand that a law has been passed to that no reduction in the regulations will be made. It is regarded as essential to discipline that every soldier who is an officer should salute, not the officer, but the commission which he wears. Many suggestions have been made for modifying the practice, but salutes have turned a disappointing corner. In busy streets a salute of the pedestrians, the conditions are very trying, and much of the saluting, particularly on the part of officers, is of a perfunctory character.

GERMAN FOOD HOGS.

Statistics which Mr. Clynes (the Food Controller) has had prepared show that while nearly half a million Germans were prosecuted under the national food system in the ending November, 1917, only a few over twenty thousand of our own came before the courts on food charges between January and June of last year. Before January no food offences of any moment were recorded in the United Kingdom.

DEMILITARISATION WILL WORK.

Demilitarisation is apparently a long off, but it is good to know that in the Ministry of Labor have schemes all ready to be put into operation directly the happy day arrives. Every man, who has gone into the Army has his calling

docketed, and our citizen fighting men will be restored to civil life by trades, and, if possible, according to their family responsibilities. The essential trades will come first; and although it is impossible, of course, to say that as soon as peace is declared all the engineers, for instance, in the Army or on board ship will be immediately sent back to their shops, there is a reasonable hope that the process of demobilising them will be carried out with as little delay as possible. I understand that the hundreds of journalists who have "joined up" will form one of the later groups to be disbanded, while the youths classified as "students" may look for a fairly early return to college and school.

WAR SHRINES.

The most touching of the war shrines in the back streets of London are the simplest, those which are the spontaneous outcome of the piety and emotion of the street. You find them in the shabby neighborhoods packed away behind great thoroughfares, in the little groups of streets where everyone knows everyone else and there is local life comparable to that of some village community. Wandering this afternoon in a narrow street leading nowhere in particular, in that region behind Euston (one of London's most important railway termini) which is peculiarly rich in grimy little coal shops, old furniture, and shops that have chalked on the pavement in front of them "Ale and stout," I came across a typical shrine of the kind I mean. It was fixed against the wall of a cottage in whose windows a bit of pasteboard told you that its young men have gone to the war. There was a rude Calvary at the top, such as might be the work of a primitive artist of the Middle Ages. Underneath on a big sheet of paper, stained with dust and weather, were the names of at least fifty soldiers who have gone away from that one unlovely street alone. "R.I.P." in red ink marked those who have gone for ever. All round it was a framework of withered beech boughs, and on the roughly-made shelf were jam jars full of fresh flowers. There were inscriptions on these offerings such as "Waiting for the safe return of my dear son," and "In memory of ———, killed ———, age 17. He did his duty."

PROPAGANDA PAMPHLETS.

A gang of workmen of German origin are engaged at present in the City of London on a task of great importance to the Allies. They are composers, and they are employed in "setting up," or putting into German type, the pamphlets which our airman are dropping over the German lines for the enlightenment of the German rank and file. These useful media of propaganda are being turned out by the hundreds of thousands of copies. I have seen one of the latest pamphlets, and it reflects credit on the Department responsible for its production. In telling phrases it sets forth by unmistakable implication the hopelessness of the struggle which the German soldier is forced to wage in view of the great resources of men and material now steadily pouring in to France from America. They must make depressing reading for the German soldier, and that they are calculated to impair the moral of the enemy is proved by the anxiety of the German military authorities to stop this form of aerial activity.

WOMEN'S POLITICAL RIGHTS.

On the day that Parliament reassembles—October 15th—there will meet in the Caxton Hall, Westminster, a national conference of women, convened by the Labor Party, to discuss

women's civil and political rights and responsibilities. The conference will occupy two days, in the course of which a variety of items will come under discussion, but the greatest amount of interest will center on the demand that women should be able to take their places as members of Parliament. The removal of restrictions on the entry of women to the professions on the same conditions as men will be advocated, and the claim will be put forward that women should have all franchises and be eligible for election to public bodies on the same conditions as men, and, further, that systematic provision should be made for the representation of women in all committees or commissions, national or local. With a view to carrying out these principles the Government will be asked to pass a bill enabling women to be elected to and vote in the House of Commons, and it will be claimed that the Representation of the People Act, 1918, should be amended so as to give the Parliamentary and local government vote on a short residential qualification to all men and women of 21 years of age.

Ships "Listener."

The war has speeded up all sorts of contrivances, inventions, and industries as some compensation for its awful wastage of life and limb and property, and one thing it has done which may save countless lives in the future is to make collisions at sea even in thick fog at least avoidable, if not impossible.

It is the submarine menace that has brought this great improvement in the dangers and risks of navigation of our narrow seas to the fore, for the listener has been so much used and so much improved in order to detect those undersea piratical craft that hundreds of men are now wonderfully skilful in detecting the whereabouts of something they can neither see with their eyes nor hear with their unaided ears. It will be readily seen that this opens up a wonderful list of possibilities for the future, not the least being the avoidance of collision, one of the most dreadful and deadly dangers of the deep in times of peace.

Many a gallant vessel, after plowing its way from the Antipodes for weeks, has met its fate in the shape of another outward bound vessel almost within a cable's length of port on account of thick mists which come down in the Channel. But if every vessel has its listener, both human and instrumental, nine-tenths of these fatal encounters will be avoided.

What is Musk?

How many of the fair sex can answer this question? Where does the delightful musk perfume come from, and of what is it made? Practically the whole of the world's supply is exported from a town in China called Tachienlu, the gateway of Tibet. This musk is secreted in the pouch of the male deer in this region during certain seasons of the year. These small animals, about twenty inches high and three feet long, are almost exterminated in order to obtain this penetrating odour, and about 3,000 pounds was the total obtained in one year.

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Of all the many fish skins, however, that are now being made into leather, and ultimately into boots and shoes for civilian wear, that of the shark is by far the most serviceable, and consequently the most sought after. Luckily, too, it is also the most plentiful. Indeed, it is estimated that the shark tribe alone of the finny denizens of the deep, could furnish as much leather as the world's normal annual cattle supply.

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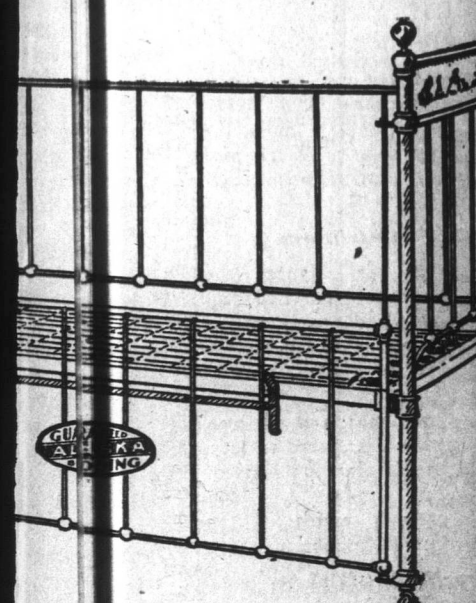
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Many of Lord Halsbury's reminiscences are amusing. Once, when Lord Chancellor, he had occasion to visit an asylum in England, and he announced to the attendant at the door: "I am the Lord Chancellor."

The attendant was in ignorance of the intended visit, and replied cheerfully but firmly: "This way, sir! We have three more of 'em in 'ere!"

The 'Scroungers.'

Every Soldier Will Know Them.

To most people, the word "scrounge" is unknown, although with "Tommy" in France, especially in the forward area, "scrounging" plays a very important part, indeed.

The meaning of the word is to seek and find, and with practice, like most things, one eventually becomes "great" at the work.

The really great "scroungers" one may find in a field company of Royal Engineers, for without "scrounged" material these sappers would many times be placed at a great disadvantage. In this way the country, without doubt, is saved thousands of pounds yearly.

On one particular sector we held there ran a railway which boasted of at least half a dozen decent signal-boxes. The R. E.'s didn't like the look of them standing idle, so they merely "scrounged" them—for cook-houses.

Going to and from work these sappers take note of all material dumped here and there, on roadside or track; material dumped probably by a party of infantry who had suffered a few casualties during their journey up the line, or perhaps a wagon loaded with wooden planks, barbed-wire, corrugated iron, etc., etc., which had got in the way of one of Fritz's minute strifes, and suffered the loss of a couple of wheels.

Of all such material these men take particular note; in fact nothing passes the eagle eye of the sapper, for who knows when he may be detailed to build an ammunition store, a sniper's post, or even make a few tables and chairs to complete the usual dug-out furniture with insufficient materials.

The work of "scrounging," of course, is not always a very pleasant task, especially when one is expected to make a real good job with material which might be, but in all probability is not, lying in the vicinity of the front line.

It is really wonderful, though, how soon "Tommy," on coming out here, falls into these improvised methods of working. Only the other day two men returning from work in the front line came upon an unfortunate chap who had been slightly wounded. Walking for him was quite impossible, and to procure a stretcher would mean a journey of at least a mile. However, the two men "scrounged" around, and in five minutes had improvised a stretcher and were on the way to the nearest dressing station with their "case." The British soldier really is a wonderful "scrounger."—Answers.

To prevent onions breaking while boiling prick twice with toothpick.

The Original Wireless.

The native inhabiting the jungle of Africa cannot send letters, and he has certainly no telephone-wires or telegraph-poles, and yet he can with ease communicate with his neighbours some twenty miles away. His method is extremely simple.

He makes a drum from one to three feet in length, hollowed out of a solid block of wood, and he taps out his message by means of two wooden sticks. News in this way is regularly transmitted, and no message is too complicated for the drum code. Every native knows the code, and is thus a wireless operator. The husband has only to tap on the drum to bring his wife along from the field; the men summoned to counsel, or soldiers to war. It is all so simple.

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