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Food

How Cooks Prepare Meals for

Troops When in the

Field.

"Flying Column Trench" -- "Broad

Arrow" Kitchen Can Be Built

in Four Hours.

with philosophic fortitude, ate a hearty breakfast. You expect a foiled and captive commander to show some sort of feeling. riding in it. Then the regular passen Napoleon at St. Helena used, according ger train pulled out and

to the pictures, to walk up and down chafing his soul, or to stand with folded arms and contracted brows gazing moodily at the sea and the might-have-been. Well, Cronje did nothing of the kind. His emotions, if he had any, expressed themselves in appetite. He ate not merely the proverbial hearty breakfast. the English out of their own colonies He ate several hearty breakfasts. There into the sea.

was ham to eat-the last of the ham of the headquarter staff mess. A young staff officer, looking on with hungry, regretful eyes, could stand it no longer after a time. "The ruffian," he said, as he turned

manding personality. The man who hid-

MR. AND MRS. CRONJE.

(By Julian Ralph.)

CHARLES E. HAND.

Kimberley, Feb. 28.

last.

"Well?" I enquired.

the expense in this connection

with waterproof shoulder-covering.

gloves to complete a single order.

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Cronje had fallen indeed!

away; "he gives us all this trouble, and now look at him wolfing up the last of Paardeberg, Feb. 27. our ham!"

When he had finished the ham Cronje Cronje had surrendered! asked for a cigar, and a cigar, one of The white flag went up at 6 o'clock, and the black implacable was waiting to He smoked it, and looked philosophicalbe brought in to headquarters! That was ly at the news on the morning of Majuba The Camera Fiends

who hovered about him. When he had Day. But was it true? was it another dodge to gain time, another trick to put our asked for another one, but another one was not forthcoming. The man who men off their guard?

Surrender

Scene in British Camp When the

fore Roberts.

He Showed No Emotion--Depar-

ture of Mr. and Mrs. Cronje

for Capetown.

Boer Leader Appeared Be-

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Cronje's

had the only cigar was not to be found. Along there where the winding belt So Cronje was supplied with a Boer of green marked the river bed some of pipe and some Boer tobacco, and puffed our men were walking about in the away just as philosophically at that. open, where only to show yourself was Apparently the man had ceased to be to be the target of hundreds of Boer general. His command and his aumarksmen. I expected every moment to hear a volley from the trenches among dropped from him, and he had relansed bushes, and to see heaps of our into the mere clumsy peasant again. trustful, confiding boys fall.

Mrs. Cronje, a meagre little elderly You see, Piet Cronje had played white lady, with a meek look of the habitually flag tricks before. On that dreadful subdued and repressed woman, was Sunday he had pretended to surrender, driven in later, and in the early afterand had written a purposely ambiguous noon Cronje and she and the lean secletter which deceived everybody. retary were driven off in an artillery And now? There was his white flag wagon, with an escort of cavalry, for among the green across the plain; a couple of horsemen of ours were cantering towards it. What treachery were

we going to see? I confess I waited with my heart my mouth. Of Cronje fighting cooped up where he was there was no occasion terrible Cronje was. to be afraid. But of Cronje flying a white flag only lost his army, but his own com-

Anything Might Be Expected. But of all the extraordinary things!

Out from the green cover that sheltered Cronje was now, out in the open withthe enemy's impenetrable trenches came a body of horsemen, three riding abreast clodhopper in the lead, and a small cluster behind. I had no glasses to look through, having lost everything in the convoy action at Waterval, but a staff officer beside me was looking with eager attention. "Well, I'm hanged!" he said, with a

puzzled look as he put down his binocular. "What is it?" I asked.

"It's true enough," he said, "it Cronje coming. I hurried to headquarters. The trim

Majuba Day. However, I have been in continual receipt of news from the figure of the chief caught my eye first. front, only twenty-five miles away. He was alone in front of the little lean-I am not under the spell or illusion to tent fixed to the side of a travelling that the demi-savage Boer is either a wagon in which he works and sleeps. brave or an honorable foe, and in my His grey face, grave and thoughtful, letters you will discover that, not beshowed no sign of elation. He looked ing a member of the military or civil around, gave an order to one of his' force, I can justify my well-founded reastaff, and a table and two chairs were sons for deploring the tone which these brought out of his tent and placed under authorities insist shall be used in all the shade of a tree at the edge of the references to both the enemy and his river bank friends the colonial rebels. He gave another order and half I prepared you for the knowledge that,

company of Highlanders formed up in three sides of a square about the spot. The chief looked carefully around, saw proved themselves worthy of the com

soldiers, went out of the station to fool Soldier the rebels in this English colony into the belief that the field marshal was

Picked Up Lord Roberts in the suburbs. We did not dare to send our commander-in-chief to the front as even a private citizen travels, but we load with honors our enemy, who has plotted for twenty years to take England's possessions from her and to drive

> Let no Englishman forget this when the day of settlement comes. It is none of my business, except that I am an American-a cousin and a friend.

When hard work such as 'campaign-Another correspondent of mine desing is to be done, men must be well fed. cribes Frau Cronje as follows: "She is a In the field the soldier must have meat, thin, decrepit old woman, and in her and he must have bread. As much varough straw, hat and dirty old black riety as possible should be given to him dress, without cloak or shawl of any in addition, as man does not thrive on a sort, presented a hopelessly, miserable, draggled and woebegone appearance." the very few left, was given to him. She appears to have re-assorted her belongings at some time during the day, for when she was put on the train (an observant officer tells me) she carried 'Cooper, Bond street," which was plainly legible, became an advertisement which, I fear, was wasted upon the "Tommies" and the gaping countryfolk

who read it. I did not see the old guerilla chief's which will do him more good than harm. as to be capable of shattering an attack surrender, but I enjoy thinking of the account of it which I have had from an we are afraid. thority and all that he had been had old naval officer. Prefers Quantity to Quality,

It was half-past seven o'clock in the morning when the old man came up Out of the River Bed,

mounted on a ragged white pony. He wore black trousers, a long dust coat over his jacket, and on his head a soft light brown hat, with a very broad brim of the enemy, so for many years num- This means a vast entension in the area and an extra wide band of leather around it. His wife tagged along be-Modder River, en route for Capetown. | hind him. Both came to Lord Roberts's | vise new methods of economically and miles long. And all the rest of the day the feel- laager-like headquarters, where three efficiently cooking the soldiers' rations. ing of elation at the capture of Cronje chairs had been set out on the veldt be-It is to be feared that the French are and his 4,000 men and his guns was tween three sides of a large hollow ery much ahead of us in this respect. dimmed, noticeably dimmed, by disap- square made up of the men of the Highpointment at the discovery of what the land Brigade. Cronje sat on one chair, Frenchmen are born cooks. but we think it will be admitted that they have his secretary sat on his right. Lord It was his debacle indeed. He had not | Roberts sat on his left, and an interpreter stood near, for the old fellow pre-

tended, as so many Boers do, not to be den behind a boulder on a kopje was the able to speak English. His little eyes tion-an attitude only too readily assumterrible, fierce, capable, implacable set close together in his broad round face ed by Englishmen. were touched with sadness and a hu-Accompanying French troops on manout a gun, nothing but a clumsy, greedy mility which did not match his square peuvres, we have frequently been struck chin and round cranium. He and Lord by the smartness with which the men

Roberts talked for nearly fifteen minwould take advantage of a short halt to utes, during which time it is said that get Cronje strenuously begged that he might Fires Lighted and Coffee Made.

not be separated from his wife and Scarcely would the column have halted secretary. Lord Roberts asked him what Scarcely would the column have halted and permission to make coffee have been thinker as Von der Goltz that trenches number of men he surrendered, and the given when men would run off to the and barbed-wire entanglements, in comold guerilla said he did not have any Unavoidable conditions prevented my nearest well or spring, where they would bination with the long-range rifle, would idea; his men had been slipping away. being in at the death of the military fill with water their collapsible canvas turn entrenched positions into fortresses, through the British lines, in twos and career of the guerilla chief, Cronje, on buckets which about every sixth man and reduce every battle to a siege. The threes for a week. Once, when his seccarries as part of his equipment. By the cover for the defenders, the obstacles to retary said something which excited him, the old Boer leader turned quickly time the water-carriers returned fires the advance, the distance at which the and shot so angry and fierce a glance at would have been lighted, for the French attacking force begins to lose, mean an the man that all who saw it said under soldier invariably carries a bundle of exposure so prolonged as to amount to their breaths, "Hello! that's the real firewood in his knapseck, and very soon the defeat of the offensive army. Cronje-the Cronje of Bronkerspruit- the fragrant smell of the coffee would To the new condition of things the the man

We Have An Old Account With." progress. When the column resumed its adapted. Every European Power has Suddenly Lord Roberts jumped up, march the men would be wonderfully sown its frontiers with fortresses. The bowed, and walked away. He did not refreshed, and would be stimulated to kopjes serve precisely the same purpose shake hands with his fallen foe. Break-fast was spread for Cronje, Fran Cronje they had swallowed. for the Boers. An element of surprise was inseparable from the opening operaand the secretary upon a table under See an English battalion halted on the tions of this war, and the

I prepared you for the knowledge that the colonials would do the best work in this war, and you will find that they proved themselves worthy of the com-smoked it and then sent his secretary mumber of mere will crowd down to fill

enough accommodation to cook for a Gate it commenced raining, and a foot strong battalion is required, is the "grid-of water on the ice was encountered strong battation is required, is of nine This resulted in extinguishing the burn. parallel trenches, 12ft. long, connected er and making progress very hard. The by underground flues with a central automobile had to be helped part of the way into Golden Gate. The night was chimney 6ft, high.

With the question of the soldiers' food spent at the last named place and the With the question of the solution of following morning at 8 o'clock a start his water supply, a subject of very great was made for Taku City, where they importance, and one on which military arrived in an hour. The party remainmovements very often depend. It is ed there till five in the afternoon, when officially laid down that each soldier re they left to cross the Portage. Whilst quires about half a gallon of water daily crossing this the automobile met with quires about hair a gailon of making and another accident that resulted in delay. cooking, one gallon; for drinking, cook- ing its arrival in Atlin till 9:30 that cooking, one ganon, for unitary, constant, sevening, Saturday. Several small parts each horse will need from four to nine of the machine were lost on the way gallons; and each mule or ox from six

to eight gallons .- Westminster Gazette.

MODERN WARFARE. The combination of the magazine rifle with defensive lines has revolutionized

monotonous diet; but meat and bread the whole practice of warfare as much as are essential, and an army deprived of did the invention of gunpowder or the these necessities of life is not likely to appearance of Napoleon. It has long long retain much fighting value. It is been suspected that the first great Euronot sufficient for cattle and the flour to pean struggle would prove this to be the Lady Sarah Wilson's dress on her arm, be brought to the spot where the troops case, but nobody was quite prepared for almost finished the cigar he calmly and the name of its fashionable maker, are waiting for their supplies; means the development on the side of the Boers must be provided for slaughtering the of the most advanced Continental science. cattle, cooking the meat sufficiently to Ten or a dozen years or so ago, it was make it edible and digestible, and for regarded by German and French writers converting the raw material of flour in- as a distant possibility that, with weapto bread which the soldier can eat, and ons of such range, rapidity, and precision Tommy Atkins is not an epicure, and, at an immense distance. field fighting and siege operations, totally separate un-Davison were seen at the offices of the til then, would become one and the same company, Yonge street. Both gentlemen thing.

having a partiality for a meal which will Wellington thought a better weapo growth of the business in the countries "tighten his belt;" but it is poor econ- than Brown Bess could never be inthey represent. Mr. Lester crossed the omy to feed on indigestible food the vented, but magazine rifles, with a range Atlantic on the Oceanic, landing in New fighting man whom, at considerable ex- of two miles, are almost as different from York. Mr. Davison landed in Vanconpense, we have brought into the presence Brown Bess as from bows and arrows. ver and came on to Toronto via the C. P. R. bers of clever heads have been at work of the battlefield. Buller and Methuen

trying to improve upon the old, and de- have been faced by Boer lines 20 and 30 been known in England?" Mr. Lester was asked.

"Well, that is hard to say, exactly," The Field of Waterloo replied Mr. Lester. "You see their re-putation had crossed the pond ahead of would be a mere pocket upon such spaces. We do not go so far as to assert that all and this means that bayonet assaults us, and mail orders from the old country and cavalry charges cannot now be dewere common before we advertised over livered quick enough to tell, and are rethere. But if you mean how long has legated to the museum of antiquities. our English office been in operationing, and are not so ready to regard it as with the hand-to-hand combats of knights since 1898." an art quite unworthy of serious atten- in armor. With the distances that must "Do you find that Dodd's Kidney be taken, such assaults as our own and Pills are likely to become as popular other armies have hitherto employed are

form of wholesale suicide. What was never expected, however, was that immense and novel problems would be first demonstrated at the expense of the most conservative and worst. prepared of all the considerable armies in the world. A comparatively few years virtues."

float to leeward, telling of the meal in ground in South Africa is wonderfully this country?" England

Proper Point of View

AUTOMOBILE

Atlin-The Parisian Returns.

there as in this country?" Mr. Lester laughed. "They are quite as popular already," he replied. "They met with even quicker appreciation on the old sod than in their native country. As soon as it became generally known, by means of advertising, that a reliable cure for kidney disease had been found, orders poured in faster than

we could fill them. There had been other remedies advertised for kidney diseases before, but they had been disappointing. The new Canadian remedy became famous as a certain cure for the diseases it was recommended for, and few people in the British Isles at the present time are unacquainted with its "Do you find that the success of Dodd's Kidney Pills in England has brought forth imitations, as it has in

"Yes," said Mr. Lester, "that was bound to happen. However, we adopt the same policy towards imitations in as in Canada-we ignore them. We keep pegging away at our own business and leave the public to decide as to the merits of the case. The original is always worth

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OLD TORONTO BOYS Representatives of Dodd's Medicine

Company Home on Business

where his people old and had o weeks. The fu (From the Globe.) Mr. J. W. Lester, London representative of the Dodds Medicine Company in esday afterno Europe, and Mr. R. C. Davison of Australia, both formerly of Toronto, are There has be branch of the in town on a business visit. These two gentlemen are the forcign agents of one B. C., with W. of the most enterprising business firms and W. E. Tr in Canada, it having substantial estabprimary object lishments in no less than four of the united effort, English-speaking countries-the United which the sett States, England, Australia and Canada, whether admin or Provincial g the headquarters. Messrs. Lester and

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siege of Cronje's tabbit-like retreat. When he came out again he was wear-It is a grand thought for England that after this war each of her colonies will ing his sword-a heavy sword with a maintain a standing force of soldiers jewelled hilt. It was the first time I had seen him wearing it since the unhampered by traditions, brave to the column started. But he forgets nothing, last degree, and taught to depend on themselves and overlooks nothing, considers everything. And he had donned his sword now as a Not On Their Officers.

mark of respect for his fallen foe. The decisive moment of the siege was Presently the body of horsemen came that at which Lord Roberts's furtherpast the hospital tents into the camp. most force planted cannon on the kopje Major-General Pretyman was one of to the eastward of the river bed and the the leading horsemen, his compact figure contiguous trenches in which the everlightly swinging with the movement of cautious Boers were hiding. These gins his charger. By his side a great heavy bundle of a man was lumped atop of a enfiladed the trenches and so slaughtered the enemy that they had to surrendwretched little grey bony Boer pony. And this was the terrible Cronje.

Was it possible that this was the man When, a day or two before this trium who had held back the British army at phant move, the Modder River rose Magersfontein? Great square shoulders three feet, it floated many hundreds of from which the heavy head was thrust dead horses and cattle way upon its forward so that he seemed almost swift current. The British, not realizhumped; a heavy face shapeless with ing that the Boer thrives best in a unkempt grey-tinged black hair; lowering stench and amid surrounding of putridity, such as he always provides near his heavy brows from under which small, cunning, foxy eyes peered shiftily. A homes, were of the opinion that this broad-brimmed grey Boer felt hat was cleansing of the rabbit-hole would propulled down low, a loose brown overlong the siege. But the advantageous coat, ordinary dark trousers; nothing placing of the British guns in an enfiladmilitary, not even spurs on his brown ing position quickly (next morning) veldt boots. The only thing he carried brought the Boers to terms. Cronje is picturesquely described as a

To the Modder River To-day.

before leaving London.

What galls me beyond measure is the

His belongings were in a sack. His

that seemed to speak authority was his sjambok, a thick, heavy stocked whip thwarted general, but to the wide-awake of hide, which he grasped and swung and well-informed British officers, who as one are not under the severe rod of misguided censorship, he presented the ap-Accustomed to Use It.

I had desired to be impressed by pearance of a typical squat-figured, black-bearded, neckless Boer, I am en place in a cold climate instead of in a Cronje. I had been prepared to be imsorry to say that, because of our prepressed by the power of the man, and was a certain sense of power vious ill success, or because of those there politics which beset us but do not hinder | paign. about his heavy build and look. But there was nothing of the power of greatthe Boers in warfare, we have treated. this bush-whacking-chieftain as if he ness. Cruelty, hatred, you could see in were another Napoleon. We brought him; the signs of strength of character him and his wife in a Cape cart, drawn such as you may see in a sixty per cent. by six artillery horses, money-lender. I do not know onite why. but pig-dealer was the term which came into my

mind at once. His cunning eyes and the look of a man who would wife's wardrobe was in a pillowcase, and haggle and cheat suggested that rather the chief article in Frau Cronje's pillowthan a farmer. By his side rode his secretary and incase proved to be a silk dress comman

deered from Lady Sarah Wilson. terpreter, a long, bony young man, with When Cronje reached Modder River a straggling red beard and very light eyebrows and eyelashes. They passed he was courteously asked whether he into the square of Highlanders and diswould have breakfast. He grunted, "No mounted-Cronje heavily, like a truss of | I have had it.' hay rolling out of a wagon. Then he was informed that the train

The chief, trim and alert, was stand to carry him to Capetown was to start ing by the table to receive them, looking at 3 o'clock. more dignified and grave than I have At this he grunted "Yes. ever seen any man look. He saluted as His manner was such that he was no Cronje advanced, and the Boer, dangpressed into further conversation. Neverling his sjambok. clumsily bowed. theless, he was provided with champagne

Lord Roberts himself handed a chair. at lunch, while the mounted troop of and Cronje sat down. Then the chief City Imperial Volunteers, who brought sat on the other side of the table and (I dare say) with recollection of a re-cent banquet or two which they enjoyed spoke a few

Quiet, Emotionless Words.

to which Cronje, through his interpreter, briefly replied.

The conversation lasted but a few moments, and then Cronje, having, as the enemy's (our) country, and the manit afterwards appeared, made one or two ner in which Lord Roberts, was obliged small personal requests, to which Lord to make his way through the same (Brit-Roberts immediately acceded, the chief rose from his chair, and bowing, left his Roberts was spirited out of Capetown. captive to himself, whereupon Cronje, The train, with a pilot engine and thirty over the others.

number of men will crowd down to fill would be to regard the practical exper to ask for more. their water-bottles, and will drink a ence of the last three months as invilumendation in the short and sanguinary "Oh, no," said the kindly officer, "let quantity of cold water, him have a pipe and some Boer tobacco

The Worst Possible Thing if he wants to smoke; that's good enough on a march. Refreshed for the moment,

for him.' It was a sentiment applauded by all Gibraltars, we have been nonplussed slthey will light their pipes and sit along who heard, or heard of, it. most as much as the wooden ships of the the side of the road till ordered to fall The only pro-Boer I have ever met in, when with stiffened limbs and chilled Federals upon the first appearance of the the British army watched the 4,000 and stomachs they will resume the march Merrimac; and we are confronted with as odd prisoners marched off to Modder without being in the least benefited by River, all glad to be prisoners, but

grumbling because they were obliged to deal to learn from the French. walk. He came to me afterwards. "] Where troops are on the march, only will never defend the Boers again," said halting for one night, and taking to the "I am cured. I have seen them at road again the next morning, it is usual

for the cooks to content themselves either with what is known as the "flying

"They are the worst-looking men column trench" or to make no trench have ever seen. They are wild-eyed, at all, and merely light their fires on the savage, dull-witted, misshapen. 'Those who show symptoms of a brain appear ground, placing the camp kettles on it. This last plan is rather wasteful of fuel. to be unbalanced. If you saw two comand would only be used where it was ing down a road at home you would plentiful, and it is probable that the take your wash in off the lines. The different parts of the bodies do not fit trench kitchen is more generally used in

together. This one's legs do not match South Africa. If the kitchen is to be riage over the breaking ice. his trunk. The next one has a head like made in a camp where the stay of the a button on the shoulder of an ox. A troops is to be for only one or two nights, a simple trench will usually be fourth has the long arms of an ourangoutang. No one could support a cause used; if for two or three weeks, what is in which such men were joined."-Julian known as Ralph, in the London Daily Mail. The Gridiron Kitchen

FIGHTING IN FURS. will be made; while if the troops are to As most people can imagine, the cost

occupy the camp for a lengthened period. it is probable that in most places a roof of equipping our troops for South Africa will be placed over the kitchen to shelin clothes alone has been enormous, but ter the cooks from the weather.

The ordinary trench is a slight exhave been still greater had the war takcavation, long enough to carry the camp kettles holding the food to be cooked, warm one, as, for instance, if we had with a chimney built of sods at one end. been involved in a second Crimean cam-At the base of the chimney the trench should be 6in. deep, the depth increasing During the terrible struggle in Russia to 14in. at the further end, and it is broken down and have given it up for a in 1854-6 our troops were clad in costly throughout 9in, wide, so as to allow of bad job." furs to preserve them from the rigors the cooking pots being placed on it withof a Russian winter. The coats of the out falling in; at the end further from made officers were made of a fine brown fur, cut in the well-known military shape of were, nevertheless, of a good substantial about 31/2ft, high sufficient draught for make, and were, furthermore, supplied Both officers and men alike wore very strong overalls of cowhide, and it is on record that one city firm alone secured a

contract to supply 50,000 suits of this for about half-a-battalion three of these worse. Slush and slush and holes and material for the men, and 10,000 more trenches can be combined, radiating holes appeared to multiply at every step. for officers. A noted furrier made no from one chimney, the two other A stop was made 15 miles this side of fewer than 50,000 pairs of large fur trenches being at an angle of 45deg. Bennett, where three hours were spent in with the central one, the kitchen thus adjusting some lower parts of the ma-Those regiments that did not wear formed being known in the service as chine that had been knocked out of bear skins, as did the Guards, were supthe "Broad Arrow" kitchen. Three of place. This was accomplished in a manplied with a sealskin head-dress, an exact these, with trenches 10ft. in length, will ner, and then a start was made for copy of that worn by Arctic explorers, suffice to cook for a battalion at war Cariboo. Some cloth bandages had been This cap was pronounced to be both strength. Five men will make a broad- placed around the pipe leading from the warm and easy to wear and was a boon

arrow kitchen in four hours. him to the Modder, satisfied themselves to many poor fellows who otherwise The camp kettles used in our army are the pipe from freezing. The must have suffered terribly from frostof two kinds, and are known as "large which, unfortunately, had been placed oval" and "small oval"; the former will too close to the burner, caught fire and Whatever may have been the mistakes hold twelve quarts, will cook food for set the machine aglow. Cariboo was of that war there was no stinginess or unavoidable comparison between this the part of the government in providing progress of the guerilla Cronje through the soldiers with warm clothing, as is eight men with vegetables, or for fifteen reached in a very disabled condition men if vegetables are not issued, and and the White Pass railroad blacksmit measures at the bottom 131/2in, by 9in.; shop was called into play. Two nights evidenced by the fact that one consignment of stores includes 250,000 pairs of the small kettle holds seven quarts, will were spent there. The following gloves, 200,000 pairs of lambs wool stockcook for five men with vegetables, or ing a run of 15 miles was made in 55 ings, some 50,000 flannel gowns to the eight without, and measures at the bot-tom 1214 in by SIG in. hospitals, and 60,000 greatcoats for wear

tom 121/2 in. by 81/2 in. Another pattern of field kitchen, where ed. Three miles before reaching Golden

of confidence than the imitation, and that fact seems to be on our side. With the magazine rifle and Anyway, imitations have done us as modern artillery for the first time in the little harm in England as they have in hands of opponents able to post them-Canada." selves upon a succession of improvised

Mr. Lester reports also that Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets have been equally well received in England. He will remain in Canada for about three weeks. Mr. Davison's story of the success of Dodd's Remedies in Australsaia was proportionately gratifying. They have repeated their usual success in the antipodes, having been introduced in Australia the same year as in England. The different managers of the Dodd's Medicine Company assemble once a year to discuss the business campaign of the ensuing year, coming from all

over the world to do so. Mr. Davison Jeanne de La Marre, the Parisian newspaper correspondent, who started has the longest journey, travelling nearly ten thousand miles to be presfor Dawson in company with two other ent at the Dodd's Medicine Company's Frenchmen by automobile, returned Annual Meeting. from the North by the steamer Amur,

being unable to shunt his horseless car THE DEFENCE OF LONDON.

Speaking of his trip Mons. de Le The defence of London is explained Marre says: "It was an experiment by Mr. A. H. Atteridge in Cassell's Ma-I wanted to find out whether it would gazine: If we were at war with one or run on ice, and this I found out to my entire satisfaction. Everything was sac- more continental neighbors, steps would rificed to lightness. This was a mis- at once be taken for the defence of Lontake, because we weakened the machine don. If our ill-fortune made invasion a too much, and in consequence broke nearer possibility, the arrangements alseveral parts on the way. Then, again, ready planned would be carried out in the machine is too low. The burner on their full completeness. As soon as the left hand side of the automobile war was imminent the Thames defences was under water a considerable portion would be first attended to. Probably in of the journey, and we had great diffisuch a case a large part of our regular culty in keeping it lighted. I'll take ad- forces, and all the militia that had volvantage of all these weak points and unteered for foreign service, would be when I come in with a stronger and more either abroad or under orders for the perfect machine next year, I'll allow no defence of various parts of our wide exone to pass me and say that I am tended Empire.

The militia and volunteer gunners told off for the Thames forts would be mob-

The journey to White Horse was ilized and conveyed to their stations. as follows: The start from The volunteers would probably be called the chimney it is usually splayed out to Bennett was made at 5 o'clock on out by reliefs, half or a third of each the time. The coats and cloaks for the a width of a couple of feet to facilitate Monday afternoon, the 9th. M. de regiment being on permanent duty at a men were not of so fine a quality, but the feeding of the fire. With a chimney La Marre and the driver were seated on time, and the rest ready to join them the automobile. M. E. Crom, followed at a few hours' notice. The artillery, a good fire can be obtained, and with the cn a sleigh, with what would be term- submarine, miners, and engineers would trench thus described, about 10ft. long, the dinners for a hundred and fifty men difference of the first five miles was an ideal laid down, new batteries placed in posican be cooked without difficulty, if veg-etables are not to be cooked." To cook ing. After this things changed for the close the Medway every night; great searchlights would sweep every approach, and scouting vessels would lie well out to sea. In this service Marconi's new wireless system of telegraphy would be a priceless advantage to us. Meanwhile the land defences would not be neglected. Working parties of militia and volunteers and organized gangs of navvies, under the direction of engineer officers, would be throwing un gasoline reservoir to the burner, to keep the redoubts and earthwork batteries as ready planned along the North Downs

and the Tilbury-Epping line. Not only are the plans for every work complete, but the orders are ready for the troops who will help in the work, and the requisitions for civilian labor are written out and waiting in pigeon-holes to be handed to the commanding officers. The grim possibilities of war would be suggested by the organization of large en and a fresh supply of gasoline obtainhospitals, and the enrolment of a small army of trained nurses and doctors.

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