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## The Infamous Bissing.

(From the Boston Transcript.)

The rule about saying nothing but good of the dead will be generally suspended in the case of Baron von Bissing, military governor of Belgium. He has won a title of infamy which his death in the harness of his tyranny cannot set aside. All that could be said in palliation of Bissing's deeds is that, in committing them, he was merely obeying orders. But that he was entirely willing to obey these orders, and even to improve on them a little in the direction of rapine, of slaughter, of slave-catching and slave-trading, has been plainly apparent. He takes with him to the bar of judgment, not only the infamy of his master, but a red burden of his own. His selection for an odious task was evidently not without reason; his characteristics were at Potsdam; he began to exhibit them from the moment that his rude Prussian foot was set upon Belgian soil; he burned and pillaged; he shot down innocent citizens for the alleged offences of ne'er-do-wells; he tore women and girls as well as men and boys from their homes, and dispatched them into bitter slavery in Germany; he sent Nurse Cavell before the firing squad; he has made his name, which

suggested its fate in its very orthography, a hissing an astonishment, a reproach and a shame among all the nations forever. It cannot be said of Bissing that nothing in his life became him like the leaving of it, for he has departed this life on a bed and not on a gibbet. But by his death now he has anticipated the judgment of a certain military court which one day will sit in Belgium's capital. He has gone to his reward betimes. He leaves the crime of Belgium to be expiated by others. No one can sorrow for him, but justice may mourn because fate has deprived her of her proper function.

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## Austria May Quit Central Allies

Is Seeking Way to Cast Off German Fetters, Well-Informed London Circles Say—Sees Futility of War—Suggestion That in This Event Berlin Might Hurl Strategic Reserves Against Her.

London, April 25.—From specially well-informed sources The New York Times representative learns that there is some ground for believing that the days of the Quadruple Alliance are numbered. No statement of the kind can of course be predicted definitely, but it is believed to be certain that Austria is looking around for ways and means of shaking off the German fetters which bind her to a continuation of the war, from which she can expect no solid gain.

A clear distinction is drawn between the secret move by Austria in the direction of freedom from German shackles and the illusory "peace moves" which Berlin is generally ready to foster with the object of opening up divergences between the Allies. There is no danger, for instance of Italy accepting proposals from Austria without the fullest consultation and agreement with the other signatories of the London agreement. The terms and spirit of that document will be most loyally adhered to. The London agreement, however, while precluding any Entente Power from making separate peace does not prevent the Entente Powers together making peace with separate members of the Central Alliance.

It is unnecessary to go into details of the reasons which may be presumed to be actuating Austria, for the changes which the revolution in Russia and the entrance of America into the war have brought about in respect of territorial questions, particularly concerning Austria-Hungary, are obvious.

There was a period of the war when it was the common boast of Germany that her Austro-Hungarian ally was a dead weight around her neck. Austrian defection now would be calculated to create a different feeling which might translate itself into an attempt to employ in a "unitive" expedition such as the German military mind rejoices in, against the former ally that strategic reserve of which Hindenburg boasted and which in the view of some people here is already being drawn upon to repair the wastage on the western front.

## Rann-dom Reels.

SUNSHINE.

Sunshine is a priceless commodity which is used to ripen the growing corn and also to sweeten the disposition of irate customers who insist that they paid for vegetable silk and received lisle thread. It is the most valuable asset of that patient beast of burden, the dry goods clerk, and is worth more to the management than the refunded railroad fare.

Sunshine is manufactured by the sun and distributed by people who absorb it before it strikes the ground and pass it around on the wings of a contagious smile. Some people absorb more than others and are always in demand at the sick bed. A patient who has wearied of the quinine capsule and the hot water bath will often be restored to complete health by a sunshiny neighbor who drops in once or twice a day, and deals out generous doses of encouragement and good cheer. The ailing commutator who has a neighbor of this description would not exchange her for a nine-room flat within four blocks of the nearest remnant sale.

The most popular and costly form of winter climate is that which contains 99.9 per cent. of sunshine. Samples of this climate are found in great abundance on the Pacific coast, and are eagerly pursued by eastern tourists whose money is invested in bright-hued bank stock. If California could bottle her surplus sunshine and ship it east along with the seedless orange and the nutritious prune, she would have a source of revenue that would make Hetty Green's income look like the proceeds of a Mite Society social.

Sunshine is caused by the earth's surface coming in contact with the large central heating plant known as the sun. This is the only heating plant known which does not charge meter rates or figure condensation as pure profit. There are times when the sun is several million miles away from the earth and sheds about as much heat as a gas log, while at other times its action can be felt distinctly at a distance of a few feet. The south seizes a large amount of this heat which it carries over into the night and sells to northern visitors whose enthusiasm for the saw-tooth blizzard has waned.

The best use for sunshine is in the family circle at the close of a hard day, when there is a tendency to look for trouble. There are times when a little extra pressure on the sunshine pedal is worth more than a theatre box or a wrist watch, and will be remembered long after both are forgotten.

## Ensigns of Allies Enigma to New York

Most Conspicuous Errors, Because Least Expected, Committed With British Flag.

Strange things are being perpetrated, with the most laudable intentions, by many New Yorkers who have been moved by the recent flare of patriotism to put up on their homes or office buildings the flags of our allies. In the two months between the rupture of relations with Germany and the President's war address the city flowered with American flags as perhaps never before over an extended space of time, but foreign ensigns were notably absent except here and there the tricolor of France.

Since war became a fact there has been a widespread eagerness to emphasize our solidarity with the Allies by putting their flags on display, and with respect to the two greatest among them this movement has been accelerated by the imminent visit to New York of the Anglo-French commission. But the rush to put up standards of nationalities whose flags were not often seen here found New York ill-prepared. Except for occasions like the annual dinners of certain societies whose purposes spanned the Atlantic, and now and then a bazaar of all nations for some charitable purpose or other, there had been but little call for certain national emblems. Consequently there was a pardonable uncertainty as to just what certain flags stood for.

The most conspicuous errors, because the least to be expected, have been those committed with the British flag. The Union Jack—the blue field with red and white crosses—vertical, horizontal, and oblique—is the only British flag used for military or civil purposes on land. But the first British banner displayed on the streets of New York since the war started was hung out, along with the Stars and Stripes and the French tricolor, from a house in West Tenth street on the day after the President made his war address; before that three years of sympathy with England had had no visible sign. The one place where New York has been used to seeing the British flag is on ships in the harbor, and this shipping flies the merchant marine ensign—a red field with the Union Jack in the corner.

Consequently about half the British flags flying on Fifth Avenue are the merchant marine flag, which all propriety prohibits for use ashore. Now and then is seen the Naval Reserve flag, the same as the merchant marine flag, but with a white field and the red cross of St. George. Even when the Union Jack has been flown it has sometimes been impossible to get one of the proper size, and here and there one may see a large American flag and beside it a Union Jack no bigger than the blue field of stars.

The flag of the Russian Republic is likewise singled against in the banners on display and the clusters which many automobilists fly on their hoods. The Russian ensign at present—since the revolution of last month—is the red flag which has stood for revolution in all countries. And the only place in New York where the red flag is flying just now is on the Union League Club. Elsewhere most people keep the old Russian flag of the dethroned empire—white, blue and red bars; and a few even display the Russian naval flag, a white field with the blue cross of St. Andrew.

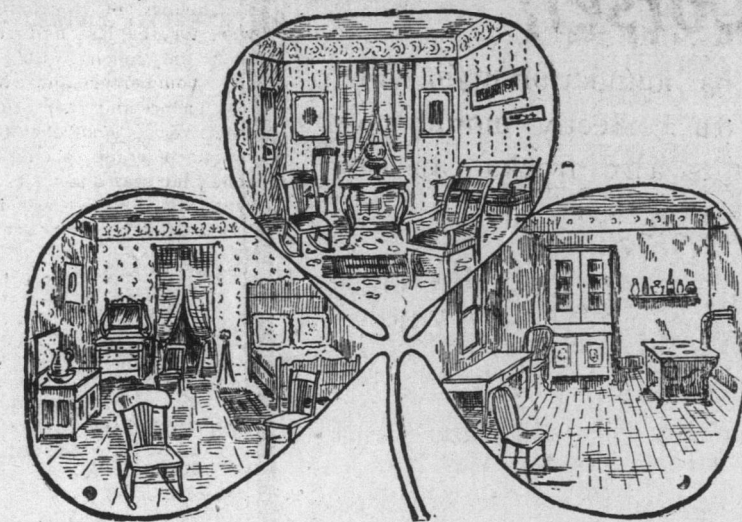
Another mistake made now and then is the use of the brilliant naval flag of Japan—a red sun with sixteen rays reaching out to the border of a white field—for the national ensign, which has no rays.

The flags of the minor countries, where they can be obtained at all, are usually right, and many Americans are getting acquainted for the first time with the ensigns of Portugal, Panama and Roumania.

The only place in the central part of the city which has them all, and has them all right, is the Union League Club, where a big American flag jutting from a staff is flanked by a row of banners against the wall—the Union Jack and the red, white, and blue of France; then the red flag of Russia and the Italian tricolor; and ranged beyond these the red, blue, and white of Serbia and Montenegro, differentiated by the arms of the ruling houses; the red and green of the Portuguese Republic, the blue, yellow and red of Rumania, and the flags of Japan, Belgium, Cuba, and Panama.

French flags are still the most numerous; they were flown here before the war for much the same business purpose as the American flag in Eng-

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land and France, and since its outbreak sentiment has kept them affluter in many places.—N. Y. Times.

## Hammering Due For Enemy.

London, April 26.—Far greater battles than those raging in the Arras region are impending in the immediate future.

This statement is heard from many reliable sources to-day, when the question arises whether the British have reached the climax of their artillery work.

Field Marshal Haig's plans apparently are developing excellently, and he is forcing von Hindenburg to do just what the British anticipated. They knew he would wait until he thought the Allies had reached the highest point of efficiency and then throw in enormous masses of reserves to catch them on the down grade. Reports indicate that the Germans already have used two-thirds of their

reserve forces without gaining a single objective. At this rate, their force will be spent in futile counter attacks before the Allies reach the mightiest force of their arms. The British have already a wide front on which to deploy, and this soon will be extended.

There is not a single officer in London who believes that the affairs on the Arras front will take a dramatic course, but all are assured that the British are going to give the enemy the worst hammering ever delivered to an army.

## Your Boys and Girls.

Somewhere in a convenient corner of the sewing-room table or other stated place should be kept a small notebook with a page devoted to each of the various members of the family. Such a list is invaluable to any mother of a numerous family. A glance at the little book shows that Bobby's last shoes were No. 8, width E, and it needs only a telephone or a note to

the shoe shop to order and dispense with the necessity for dragging Bobby to town.

Maria wears a No. 5 nightgown, and father wears a 16 collar—all discovered by a glance at the useful little volume without a vain hunt over garments and a tiresome jolting of the memory, followed, nine times out of ten, by a long wait at the exchange desk next day.

The general measurements needed for underwear, length of skirts, sizes of gloves, stockings, shoes, dress measurements, and, in these case of boys, size of hat and length of coat and trousers.

## Household Notes.

Nuts which have grown dry can be freshened by soaking in warm water. To improve the light of a lamp, put a small piece of camphor in the reservoir.

Fresh air and sunshine have a great deal to do with successful laundry work.

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