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MADE A POOR GUESS.

The Chinese General Knew More Than
Did the Tibetan Buddha.

At the entrance of the lamasery at
Kumbum are eight large monuments,
which contain the ashes of eight
Buddhas. Long years ago, at the be-
ginning of the Ming dynasty, after
hard fighting the Tibetans were driven
back from Chinese territory, which
they had overrun for hundreds of
miles. When the victorious Chinese
general reached Kumbum he sent for
these eight Buddhas and said to them:
"You can read the future. Can you
tell me when you are going to die?"
One of them, shrewd enough to un-
derstand the general's mind, said, "To-
morrow." "No," said the general; "it
will be today." And it was.

Quite a number of temples and
buildings make up the lamasery. The
chief temple, which is dedicated to
Tsong Kaba, the great reformer of
Tibetan Buddhism, has a roof of gold,
variously conjectured as being from
one-eighth of an inch to half an inch
thick. Inside is a large image of
Tsong Kaba, said by some to be of
gold, but it is probably overlaid with
gold. The temple threshold is covered
with planks, and we saw many poor
deluded people prostrating themselves
in worship there. Around the main
building are many large prayer wheels,
which are kept well on the turn by the
devotees to obtain merit.—Christian
Herald.

Miseries of the Red Sea.
In the waters of the Red sea the
cessation of the engines on a steamer
for an hour means extreme physical
suffering for passengers; for a day it
would involve absolute torture. The
wind which prevails every day is a
hot, asphyxiating blast, and its contin-
uous directions are from north and
south toward the center. As a result
every passing vessel is subjected to
two days of almost intolerable heat,
followed by two days of compara-
tive comfort, but instances have been
known of crowded liners being com-
pelled when traveling with the wind
to turn round and stem back for an
hour or so in order to give the pas-
sengers even a brief respite from the
sufferings induced by the dull, dead,
unbearable atmosphere.

Must Try Something Else.
"I've planned a new cookbook for
wives who take but a desultory inter-
est in the kitchen."
"What's your idea?"
"Recipes will be sandwiched between
short stories."
"That won't work. They won't read
the recipes. Next to looking at the
back of a book to see how a story
ends the favorite occupation of the
average feminine reader is skipping."
—Birmingham Age-Herald.

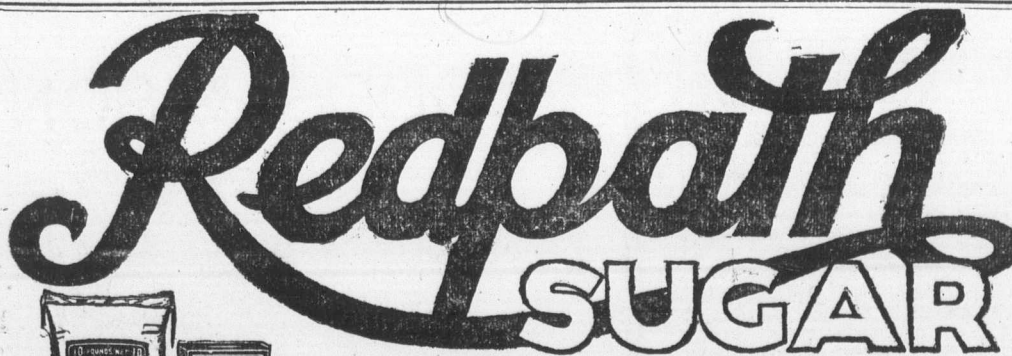
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A "BIT" OF MONEY.

The Use of the Term to Designate a
Small Coin Is Very Old.

There is more than one theory as to
the origin of the term "two bits" and
its multiples of "four bits," etc., as ap-
plied to money.

But according to a writer in the New
York Sun the use of the word "bit" in
the sense of a small coin is very an-
cient. The "Colonial Records of Penn-
sylvania" aver that at a council held
at Philadelphia "ye 24th of the 8th
month, 1683, under the presidency of
"Wm. Penn, Prop. and Gov."

The Govr. telleth Ch. Pickering & Saml.
Buckley of their abuse to ye Governmt
in Quoning of Spanish Bitts and Boston mon-
ey to the Great Damage and abuse to ye
Subjects thereof.....

They confess they have put out some of
these new bitts....

and in three other parts of the report
of said council, the word "bitt" occurs
again.

But as a matter of fact for whole
generations before that time a "bit" or
"bitt" was as common a synonym for
a small coin in the slang of thieves in
England as were the variants "bong,"
"bung" and "pung" for a purse. In
1607 Thomas Decker said in his "Jests
to Make Merle:"

If they once knew where the bung and
bit is—

And further back in 1592 Harman in
his "Defence of Coneycatching" said:
Some would venture all the byte in their
bung at dice.

What the real origin of the slangy
"bit" is does not appear to be known,
but it seems plausible that it is nothing
more than the common every day "bit"
in the sense of something small.

Not So Easy as It Seemed.
Twelve persons decided to lunch to-
gether every day and agreed not to sit
twice in the same order. One of the
number, a mathematician, surprised
his associates by informing them that
their decision meant that one and one-
third million years must elapse before
they would again be seated in the
original order. Two men can sit to-
gether only in two different ways, three
in six ways, four in twenty-four, five
in 120, six in 720, seven in 5,040, eight
in 40,320, nine in 362,880, ten in 3,628,800,
eleven in 39,916,800 and twelve in
479,100,000.—Buch fur Alle.

Women employed in journalism in
Japan received from \$10 to \$25 a month.
THERE PILLS CURE RHEUMATISM.—
To the men who suffer from rheumatism
a trial of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills is
recommended. They have pronounced
action upon the liver and kidneys and
by regulating the action of these organs act
as an alternative in preventing the ad-
mixture of uric acid and blood that
causes this painful disorder. They must
be taken according to directions and
used steadily and they will specify give
evidence of their beneficial effects.

A Corporal of "The Guards"

A little psychological study of the
old soldier on the new and the new
on the old is unfolded in a series of
letters to an English newspaper,
from which we cull the following:
Says the new soldier: The natural
outcome of the old soldier's attitude
towards soldiering—a job very much
like any other job—is that he does
heroic things without feeling particu-
larly heroic. Death in action is to
him a mischance, a piece of bad luck,
whereas to the new soldier it is "the
supreme sacrifice." I have heard a
drill sergeant from the Grenadier
Guards referring with contempt to
what may be called without offence
the dramatics of soldiering. "None
of your 'Death-or-glory boys' or
'Die-hards' here!" he said.

These Guardsmen are magnificent
soldiers, with a strong pride in their
brigade and a genuine love of work
well done; their record in the
present war, particularly during the
retreat from Mons, is so splendid
that it is almost incredible; and
yet to those men it was very little
more than ordinary squad drill.
They did their work according to
rule, because they believed that that
was the most skillful and safest way
to do it. "I'm not a 'ero," said a
Guardsman to me, "I'm a soldier,"
and the scorn with which he said
"ero" was only equalled by the
pride with which he said "soldier."

Biblical Bottles

Who made the first bottle has
never been determined, but the
necessity for some means of trans-
porting liquids, of which water was
undoubtedly the first to be consid-
ered, must have existed from the
beginning of the human race, and it
is generally considered probable that
the first receptacle for this purpose
was made from the skin of an
animal. This was removed with as
little mutilation as possible and all
the unavoidable openings carefully
sewn up, leaving a single leg for
filling and emptying, which is tied
with a cord.

These we know were first used
ages ago by many primitive people,
and have since been employed ex-
tensively in many parts of the world,
and even to-day they may be seen in
use in some Oriental countries. It
was this kind of a bottle that was
referred to in the Bible in the much-
quoted dictum relating to putting
new wine into old bottles. The
objection to the procedure was that
the skin of an old bottle has become
fully stretched and weakened by use,
and if new wine was put into it the
pressure of the gases generated by
the continued fermentation of the
wine would burst the bottle.

It is a generally accepted fact that
glass-making and glass bottles origi-
nated among the Egyptians, although
at what date no one has presumed to
state. Even in Egypt, however, the
art of glass-making in its early
history appears to have been con-
fined to certain localities, and was
not practiced at all widely.—Scientific
American.

The Late William Warren

The first settler of Inwood passed away
last week in the death of William War-
ren at the ripe age of seventy years.
Mr. Warren assisted by Mr. Collison,
now of Michigan, cut the first tree on
the site of which later became known
as Inwood. In the early days he work-
ed in the Mills, coming from the Eastern
Townships where he and his wife were
born and spent their early days. After
leaving the mills, Mr. Warren brought
a farm on concession six and seven
where he lived until a few years ago
when he moved to Inwood where he died.

Mr. Warren was a true citizen, always
busy and interested in the welfare of
the village. He was a member of the Pres-
byterian church and deeply interested in
its work and welfare. He is survived by
his wife and four children, Mrs. Ander-
son, Mrs. Anderson, Inwood, Mrs. Wm.
Soper, of the 9th concession Ennisville,
Alton, in London, and Arthur, in Brant-
ford. The funeral was held on Thursday
at Alvinston cemetery and was largely
attended, the services being conducted
by his pastor, Rev. N. A. Campbell. The
sympathy of the community is extended
Mrs. Warren and the family in their sad
bereavement.—Alvinston Free Press.

A woman is claimed to be the wisest
at the age of 30.

The municipal councils in Berlin and
other large German cities now include
women among their members.

The killing of male heirs in the war
has made it imperative that many
women in England be made peeresses.

A Kansas City woman is the patentee
of a rocking chair in the arms and seat
of which are boxes to hold sewing
material.

Men's pay for women who labor dur-
ing the war is the demand of the
women's great organizations through-
out the country.

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27TH REGT.—1ST BATTALION
Thos. L. Swift, reported missing,
since June 15, 1915, Rich. H. Staple-
ford, Bury C. Binks, L. Gunn Newell,
killed in action, Arthur Owens, F.
C. N. Newell, T. Ward, Sid Welsh
Alf Woodward, killed in action M.
Cunningham, M. Blondel, W. Blun
R. W. Bailey, A. L. Johnston, R. A.
Johnston, G. Mathews, C. Manning,
W. G. Nichol, F. Phelps, H. F. Small,
E. W. Smith, C. Toop, C. Ward, J.
Ward, killed in action, F. Wakelin,
D. C. M., killed in action, T. Wakelin,
wounded—missing, H. Whitsitt, B.
Hardy.

PRINCESS PATRICIA'S C.L.I.
Gerald H. Brown

18TH BATTALION
C. W. Barnes, Geo. Ferris, Edmund
Watson, G. Shanks, J. Burns, F.
Burns, C. Blunt, Wm. Auttersen, S.
P. Shanks.

2ND DIVISIONAL CAVALRY
Lorne Lucas, Frank Yerks, Chas.
Potter.

33RD BATTALION
Percy Mitchell, died from wounds
Oct. 14th, 1916; Lloyd Howden,
Geo. Fountain, killed in action Sept.
16, 1916, Gordon H. Patterson, died
in Victoria Hospital, London.

34TH BATTALION
E. C. Crohn, S. Newell, Stanley
Rogers, Macklin Hagle, missing since
Oct. 8, 1916; Henry Holmes, killed
in action Sept. 27, 1916, Wm. Man-
ning, Leonard Lees, C. Jamieson.

29TH BATTERY
Wm. Mitchell, John Howard.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT
Gunner Woolvet

70TH BATTALION
Ernest Lawrence, Alfred Emmerson,
C. H. Loveday, A. Banks, S. R. Whal-
ton, killed in action Oct. 1916, Thos.
Meyers, Jos. M. Wardman, Vern
Brown, Sid Brown, killed in action
Sept. 15, 1916, Alf. Bullough, C. F.
A., Corp. V. W. Willoughby.

28TH BATTALION
Thomas Lamb, killed in action.

MOUNTED RIFLES
Fred A. Taylor

PIONEERS
Wm. Macnally, W. F. Goodman.

ENGINEERS
J. Tomlin

ARMY MEDICAL CORPS
T. A. Brandon, M. D., Capt. W. J.
McKenzie, M.D., Norman McKenzie
Jerrol W. Snell, Allen W. Edwards.

135TH BATTALION
N. McLachlan, killed in action
July 6th, 1917.

3RD RESERVE BATTERY, C.F.A.
Alfred Levi

116TH BATTALION
Clayton O. Fuller, killed in action
April 18th, 1917.

196TH BATT.

R. R. Annett.

70TH BATTERY

R. H. Trenouth, killed in action
on May 8th, 1917; Murray M. For-
ster.

142ND BATTALION

Austin Potter.

GUNNER

Russ. G. Clark.

R. N. C. V. R.

John J. Brown

ARMY DENTAL CORPS

Elgin D. Hicks, H. D. Taylor.

ARMY SERVICE CORPS

Frank Elliot, R. H. Acton.

Arthur McKerscher

98TH BATTALION

Roy E. Acton.

64TH BATTERY

C. F. Luckham.

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WATFORD.....	"	2-3
Wyoming.....	"	4-5
Florence.....	"	4-5
Alvinston.....	"	-10