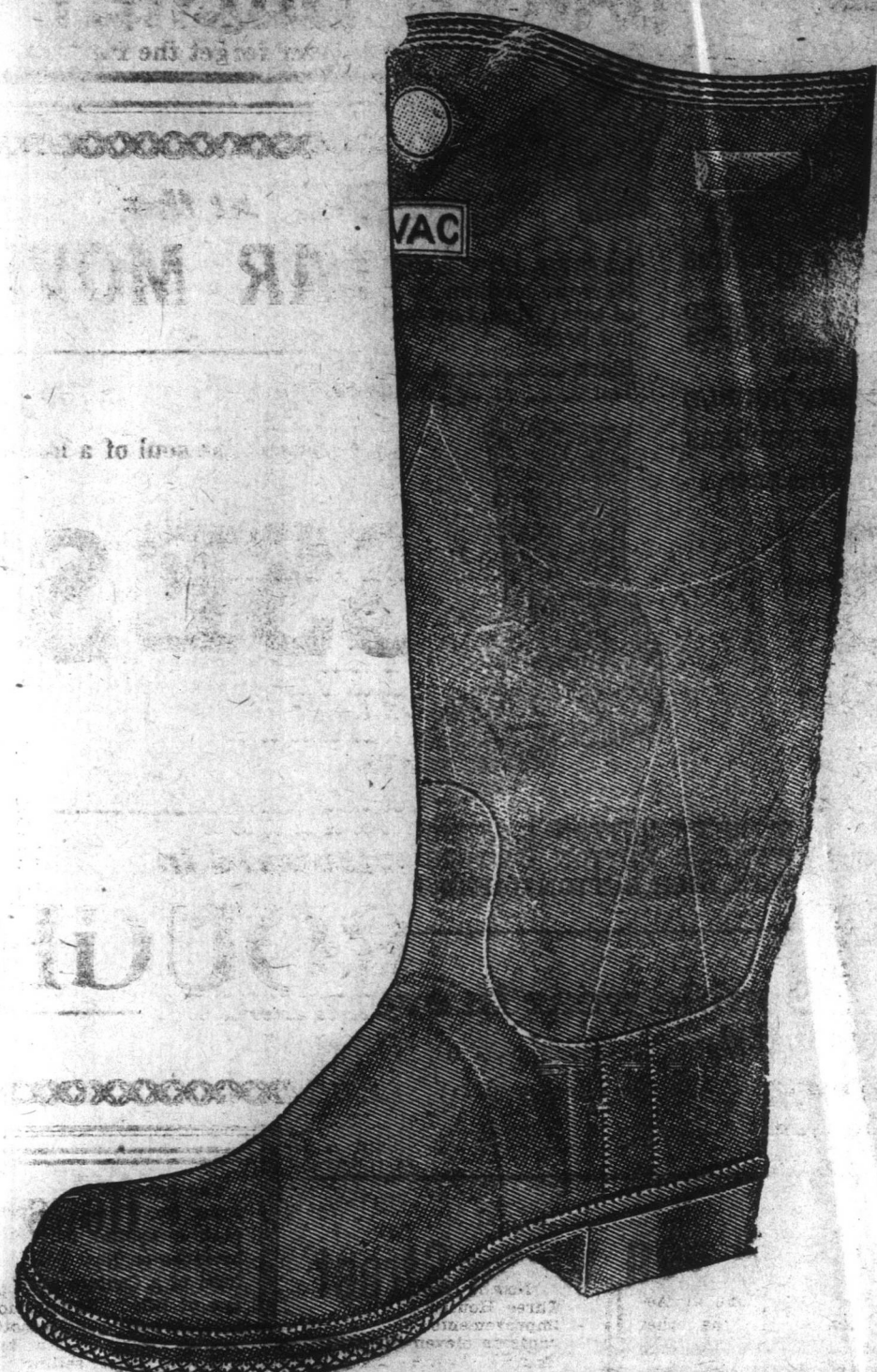


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Italy's Constitutional Revolution.

Italy has passed through a revolution which is surely unique. Badly handled it would have involved the country in civil war, adding another to the many tragic chapters in the history of these last ten years. As it is, the revolution involved very little more blood than an ordinary election, and the King himself, by a master stroke of constitutionalism, called the leader of the revolt to his Councils. The story of the Fascist is wanting in no element of dramatic completeness. When the Socialists triumphed at the polls and the Bolshevik menace became serious in Italy, one Mussolini, ex-Socialist, who put country first and had distinguished himself during the war, called into existence a body of young patriots prepared to resist all measures of a subversive or confiscatory character. It was a great middle-class movement, was actively supported by capital and owners of property, and was tacitly welcomed by Ministers without the courage to deal with the enemies of society by the only means that afforded hope of crushing extremism at its inception. It was encouraged by the thinly-disguised sympathy of the army and the police. The Fascist—whose black shirts will be as famous in Italian history as the red shirts of Garibaldi—grew until they became practically a State within a State. Mussolini commanded whatever he wanted, suppressed whatever he disliked from a newspaper to a meeting, and was a terror to every Socialist in the land. In October his men were at the gates of Rome itself. The Government decided to proclaim martial law. It was a supreme and tense moment. The King refused to sign. He read the portents aright. The Cabinet resigned, and the King invited Signor Mussolini to form a Government. The commission was accepted and within a couple of days Mussolini was head of a Ministry in which General Diaz took the portfolio for War and Admiral Thaon di Revel that of Marine. The Fascist were at once demobilized, and messages were sent out to France and Great Britain giving assurance that Italy regards Allied solidarity as indispensable. This remarkable revolution, crowned by a great constitutional coup, has for its chief significance proof of the power latent in the middle classes if leadership is forthcoming.—United Empire.

Brazil Neglected by British Manufacturers

LONDON.—Brazil has been overlooked by the British manufacturers, according to Sir John E. Thornycroft, and the American tariff is aiding American exporters in that South American republic. Sir John has just returned from a trip to Brazil, and speaks glowingly of the latent possibilities of the country. "Brazil is virtually as large as Europe and yet there are only about 15 or 16 millions of inhabitants. There is an enormous wealth in natural resources, and there are vast areas in Southern Brazil suitable for stock-raising, where the climatic conditions are good for Europeans, and which Germans were exploiting before the war. Then again, the extent of Brazil's mineral wealth is often entirely overlooked at home. It has probably the richest iron deposits in the world, besides diamonds and other precious stones, which are by no means worked out." Sir John expressed the opinion that "the manufacturing and engineering industries of Great Britain are doomed unless we can get some sort of protection for our home markets, and especially get the exchange put right, besides removing some of the disabilities we are under as regards preferential tariffs. Owing to the American tariff policy, the United States succeeded in getting no fewer than 39 different classes of manufactured goods put on a preferential tariff basis for importation into Brazil, and this hits the British manufacturer." Great Britain lost ground, Sir John thought, by not sending a naval commission to Brazil at the end of the war. Americans, on the other hand, took the opportunity to push forward and are now firmly established as Brazil's naval advisers, with a large staff of American officers.

Whale Tows Steamer Forty Miles.

Capt. H. Daly of the United States Whaling Company's steamship Star II, returned to the West Coast recently from the whaling grounds off Baranof Island, Southeast Alaska, with an interesting account of having had the Star II towed by a monster whale for forty miles.

"It was an interesting experience," said Capt. Daly. "We harpooned the fellow early in August, forty miles off the westward of Cape Edgecombe, and he gave us a bottle. With our harpoon embedded in his huge body, the whale towed our steamer a distance of forty miles at a lively clip. It took five harpoons to finish him. He was a blue whale, a valuable species."—N. Y. Fishing Gazette.

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EMPLOYEES HAVE CHRISTMAS JOLLIFICATION.

The employees of the Steiner and Sons Piano Co. were given a royal celebration last night at the factory on Adams Street, where 75 participated in the occasion which was well arranged by Superintendent F. V. Johansson. The reception hall was decorated with all the regalia for a Xmas tree celebration.

The men and office help assembled at 7 o'clock at Factory No. 1 and at a given signal the doors to the room were open and as each one entered, he or she was given paper caps, as the beginning of the entertainment. Supt. Johansson on behalf of the firm, extended a royal welcome to all and regretted that two employees were unable to be present, due to sickness, and hoped that those present would enjoy every minute of the evening.

Mr. Baker, acting as master-of-ceremonies, announced the programme. The first feature was a radio concert which brought music from Newark, N.J. Charles Beeler then told a few stories that brought rounds of applause from the gathering. The next number brought Gil De Roche with a song, accompanied by Frank Bennett, at the piano.

Next was a grab-bag which was fully enjoyed, some of the men getting tag dolls, while others chose the largest bundles, only to find a tiny bottle of perfume carefully wrapped in a larger bundle of paper. As each man returned to his seat a glass was given.

Thomas McCool then set the radio going and music from New York was picked up by the operator.

The master-of-ceremonies announced Howard Walker as the next entertainer and he responded with three good stories, and kept those present smiling throughout that number. A song by James O'Connell was encored and responded to with a second choice. Howard Walker was called again for a story and responded very well.

A buffet luncheon was fully appreciated by all. A Nicola player piano furnished music throughout the luncheon. The employees thinking that the programme was over started to leave, satisfied with a well spent evening, only to be called back by Supt. Johansson who announced that the feature part of the programme was still to come. This brought all present to their seats again.

The far-famed song of "Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Shean" was contributed by James J. Kelly of St. John's, Newfoundland, and M. Healey. They were compelled through encores to respond three times.

Then came a distribution of presents to the help, each gift being numbered and as they were called off, the lucky holder of the ticket was presented a choice gift through Supt. Johansson.

The Christmas tree was beautifully decorated and illuminated in such a tasteful way that such an event would be hard to surpass. The room was decorated so appropriately that it gave good cheer and the occasion will be long remembered by all those who partook.

Among the presents given were boxes of cigars, pipes, tobacco, chocolates and jackknives. As each member was called forward, the gift was accepted with one of those smiles that spells gratitude. Ice cream and cake were then served and fully enjoyed. Singing by all concluded the evening's programme.

There were no idle moments, the player piano, phonograph, radio and popular selections by Frank Bennett, pianist, keeping the party in a happy mood and all departed satisfied with a well spent evening.

Three rousing cheers were given to Supt. Johansson for the entertainment. In closing the programme he thanked all and wished everybody a merry Christmas.—Leonister (Mass.) Daily Enterprise, Dec. 31.

Look Forward.

It is not a pleasant subject to consider but if it should so happen that temptation came to you, and you felt, do you know, what would be the hardest part of your prison life? No, the food, not the discipline, but the inability, at account of the length of your sentence, to visualize mentally the day when you would be

free. It would be so far ahead for you to grasp. There would be nothing to which you could look forward. You would sink into a slough of mental apathy until, as the years passed and the day of your freedom came as a pin-prick of light at the end of a dark tunnel.

Then you would revive. Hope would supplant hopelessness. Freedom is in sight! The distance has been shortened, and your mind can leap it. You've something to which you can look forward.

And that, exactly, is what thousands—you may be one—need in their ordinary lives. They look forward! What you see, and press toward, may be something small or something big. It may be at the end of next week, next month, next year, or further on still. But you must, if life is to be worth living have something to which you can look forward.

If you fought in the Great War, don't you remember how eagerly you looked forward to your next bit of leave? In all the mud and misery, that it was which kept you going, wasn't it?

"What's your 'look forward' to-day? If you're nothing, Heaven help you! Why are children so happy? Simply because they are always looking forward to something—Christmas, their birthday, the holidays, and so on. A hundred happy visionings.

That to which you look forward, and fight to reach and grasp, you must settle for yourselves. Be ambitious, but don't stretch beyond your strength. Remember, when work seems hard, and the days are long and dreary, that everything becomes easier, and can be borne if you have something to which you can look forward. Why, even now, it helps you through the day and its worries to look forward to knocking-off time—and home.

Extend the principle and Life is transfigured. Look forward!—Ex

Penguin Swims With Wings.

The penguin is one of those birds which through evolution, has gradually lost the power of flight. Its wings which are no longer useful for flying, have become short, paddle-like flappers. Since the bird inhabits only remote lands in or near the Antarctic Regions, where it has few human or animal enemies, it came to spend all its time on land or in the water. Generation after generation it failed to use its wings for flying, and so in the course of long evolution those wings became very small and stiff, and lost their long feathers, until now they cannot be moved at the middle joint like the wings of flying birds. But the penguins became wonderful divers and swimmers, using their wings one after the other as a man paddles a canoe with a double paddle, and steering with their feet.

Making Flowers Everlasting.

It is possible to have beautiful blooms, as fresh as on the day they were picked, standing in vases all through the winter in the rooms of your house.

Make a thin solution of gum arabic and pour it into a 2 1/2 in. jar. Pick the flowers you wish to preserve whilst they are at their best. Plunge each separately into the solution and hang upside down on a line to dry. When the gum has set quite hard, give the flower a second immersion.

Three or four dipplings are necessary, after which the flowers will be provided with a thin transparent coat, which preserves air from reaching their tissues and so preserves them from decay.

A second method is to immerse the blooms in molten paraffin wax. The wax must not be hot—merely warm enough to keep it in a liquid state. As it leaves a whitish coating on the blossoms, this process is not so suitable as the first for dealing with coloured petals.

Flowers for Color Schemes.

There is an inspiring storehouse of "color balance" in flowers and their foliage that may be carried into the decoration of a room, or the proportioning of colors in a gown. Take as an example a poppy plant

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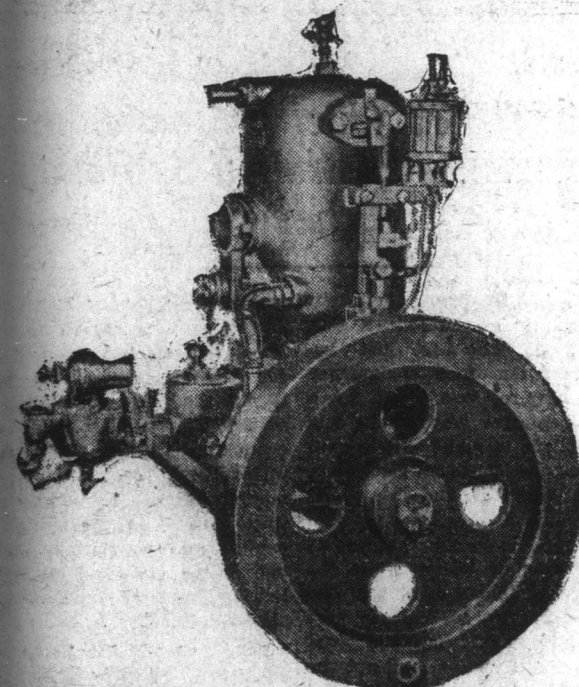
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When flowers are arranged, or color schemes prepared, proportions between the colors and the green of their foliage should be kept as close as possible to the areas set by Nature herself.

MINARD'S LIMENT FOR THE GRIP AND FLU.

How Can He Explain It.

Lloyd George's business relations with the New York Times exposes him as a very small man. He sold the copyright of his memoirs to the American newspaper for \$200,000. Prime Minister of Great Britain conduct in capitalizing his inside knowledge of foreign affairs, gained the chief representative of Britain, used such a stir in England that he used to give the proceeds of his book to charity. Then he lost his place as Premier. In adversity he begged on his contract with the Times by writing a series of articles for the United States, or appeared before his memoirs. He did not ask the letter of his contract, but rendered it pretty nearly worth to the publisher. He had pledged the payment from his book to charity. There has been no promise the proceeds from his articles for charitable purposes. That will go in

to his own pocket.

No reputable British business man would be guilty of a trick like that. In ordinary commercial dealings, a firm that escaped its obligations in a similar manner would be blacklisted in the four corners of the world. What the business world of England will think of the ex-Prime Minister will probably not be stated publicly. That is the way with the English. But the incident will put an end to his career as a possible minister of any government in the future. Perhaps he doesn't care. But it is a very sad thing for a man who gave the country such splendid services during the war.

It is a charitable view that the strain of the war period was too much for him, and left him more or less irresponsible for his actions. That would account for his underhand dealings towards the New York Times publishers. It is enough to make British people, everywhere,

hang their heads in shame.—The Sentinel.

Indian Stone Collars.

Among the ancient Indian relics discovered in Porto Rico are numerous stone collars, in shape resembling horse collars elaborately carved. It is supposed that they were for use after death. Each Indian, with no other tools than stone knives and chisels, spent the greater part of his life in carving out this peculiar collar. When he died it was placed upon his breast in the grave, to keep him in place forever, so that the devil could not take him away.

TEMPERATURE.—The thermometer at the Valley Nurseries registered 2 degrees of frost last night, and was just at freezing point this morning.

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