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### Waning Germany.

Mr. Lloyd George brings cheering news to the free world. The submarine campaign which the German people have been taught to hope was "starve" England is failing, has led, as the most docile Germans sometime time be forced to see. They have been and are serious, and have fluctuated with an irregularity in flow, but when we find stroved was the British tonnage decreased to 320,000, while in the long days of June, 1917, the tonnage was 400,000, the advantage of time, weather, summer seas, the destruction was summer seas, the reduced to 320,000, the cut in two, hope looks tenuous, the German Premier says he hopes month the will come down to 175,000 net loss new ships built or bought. The will have a tonnage of 200,000. And the heyday of the year for submarines is fading. The increased stocks of cereals, wheat, barley, oats, and of sugar, stand how to obtain every particle of compared with last year's, may be largely due to decreased consumption. The economy in bread alone saves at the rate of 350,000 bushels of wheat a week, and 1,000,000 more acres have been cultivated in 1917 than in 1916. Whatever be the causes, it is a large fact that England has now a third more wheat than she had last year. 68,000,000 bushels as against 51,840,000. In 1918 millions more of acres will be cultivated. There is and will be food enough if the people continue to be economical in its use. There will be ships enough, with American co-operation, and the American mercantile marine will be strong in 1918—for the use of the Allies in that year, and, if necessary, in 1919.

This is the same Mr. Lloyd George who was appealing last year for "more ships, more ships, and then more ships"; who has never been reluctant to tell bitter truth to his countrymen about the war and British prospects in it. Indeed, in measuring the import of the Premier's confident tone, we have to go beyond his personal habit and consider the British characteristic of grumbling, of putting the worst face on things, of almost welcoming disaster, blundering, incompetency as inevitably natural and "British," and of working and fighting with a more dogged courage thereafter. As a rule, the British are not happy unless they are dissatisfied. They cheer themselves with gloom. They are the exact opposite of the

Germans. These must be fed on illusions. The Briton will seldom admit the bright side, and he is inclined to question the truth unless it is disagreeable. When Great Britain is treated to optimism, we may believe that the optimism is justified.

Sufficient shipping and food assured, the enormous military, financial, and economic strength of America steadily gathering for victory, Russia recovering Germany's strength waning, "next year we shall begin, and the world will begin," says Mr. Lloyd George, "to reap the fruits of our labor."—N. Y. Times.

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Sept. 14

**Defied Death.**  
**Visit Husband.**

Paris, Sept. 6.—Not long ago the great war began General Joffre issued an order that no women were to be permitted within the French lines without special permission and that under no circumstances were wives to be allowed to visit their husbands at the front. The penalty was to be death of the man whose wife broke the rule.

Several women dared to defy that order. One officer's wife, so the story goes, managed to reach her husband's regiment. His brother officers discovered her presence and warned him she must leave. She begged to stay yet another day, despite the warning, and fearing the consequences of her folly her husband shot and killed her.

Mme. Andre Puget, wife of a poet and traveller, was another who dared to make her way to her husband's side. And she is still alive and in America to-day. Had she not made

the trip to the front she never would have seen her husband alive again, for he was killed fifteen days after she left.

She told a New York reporter about her trip the other day and said she would undertake it again if only the opportunity offered.

"A woman who loves does not reckon, should not reckon, the cost," she said.

They had been married five years and had travelled in many of the world's out of the way places. Together they had crossed the borders of Tibet, had fared over deserts and had treaded mountain ranges. She was experienced, hardy, resourceful. Her husband knew that if any woman in France could reach the front she could. And he felt that he would be killed in battle very soon and he wanted to see her once more. So he smuggled word to her through a wounded comrade. This told her the location.

She first essayed the role of a peasant girl of Flanders—her husband was stationed along the Belgian front. She carried with her a basket of fruits and candies, and with a truly French touch, some dainty things for her to wear that she might appear charming in the eyes of her husband.

**Irish Captain Aided Her.**

She was twice turned back by the French troops, but managed to reach a sector held by the British. An Irish captain to whom she confided her story, gave her a suit of khaki and she clipped her long dark hair and donned a cap. As a private soldier she started for the front and got a chance to conceal herself in a wagon load of straw that was being hauled to an artillery post. For five hours she rode in the jolting, bumping wagon. Then as the convoy reached the front she slipped away in the darkness and resumed her feminine attire.

After a long walk she reached a railroad station and rode on a Belgian troop train. A point still nearer the French lines. The Belgians, rough fellows, brutalized by the horrors of war, insulted her, she kept them away with her revolver. The train stopped ten miles away from the front and she undertook to walk the distance over incredibly muddy, rut filled roads. Half starved, half frozen and almost exhausted, with a gas mask she got to a little Belgian farmstead and the occupants of it agreed to carry word to her husband.

It was during his respite from the

front trench; luckily he was enjoying a stay in the rear of the fighting forces. He secretly visited her every day for ten days. Then came his order to return to the front. She went with him as far as she could, bade him a last farewell and started on the long journey home. She was twice arrested and once faced a spy's death but managed to prove her identity.

Hardly had she reached Paris when the casualty lists contained the name of her husband.

**OLD AND NEW.**

In olden times the hardy knight went forth with lance and mace to fight. He rode upon his foaming steed, and hoped to do some goodly deed. And in the fray it often chanced that he was shot or slugged or injured, and he would lie upon the field, encumbered by his arms and shield, and die for weary days on end, without a surgeon or a friend. Oh, dying was a painful stunt for old time soldiers at the front. But when the modern soldier falls, struck down by shrapnel, shells or balls, he wakes up—if he hasn't died—with Red Cross nurses at his side. They tend his hurts and soothe his pain, and make him think of home again; sweet sympathy is in their eyes; they are so gentle, patient, wise, the stricken soldier pities those who are not shot up by the foe. War is the most atrocious thing ever sprung by an ambitious king, and it would be so much worse, but for the gentle Red Cross nurse, who strokes the sick boy's tangled hair, and brings him hope who knew despair.

**Household Notes.**

If the kitchen floor is without a finish, a solution of washing soda, not too strong, will keep it white. To remove grease stains from leather beat the white of an egg slightly and apply. Dry in sun. Olive oil, cream and butter are the most digestible forms of fat. Cooked fat is not easily digested. Boil skins and discarded pieces of shate in the aluminum pan and the fat will be beautifully cleaned.

### Nursery Notes.

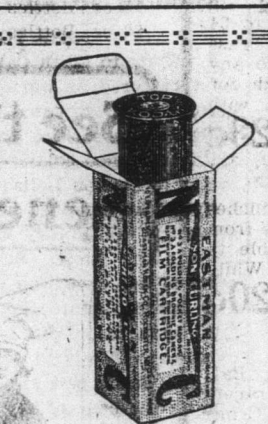
Small Points About Proper Care of the Baby.

Try laying the baby on a bed or table while you wash him. It is easier for you and better for the baby, too, as he feels the unsteadiness of your lap and wriggles accordingly.

Did you know that all white walls and wood work are bad for the nursery? It is declared by scientists that white reflects too much light for the baby's eyes. Try gray or light tan.

A baby basket can be made from a medium sized laundry basket. Give it two coats of enamel on the outside and wad it inside with cotton batting. Cover with a blue or white satin and dotted swiss or point d'esprit.

A pretty way to quilt the baby's wee comforter is to tie it with baby ribbons through the points to be tacked, using the bow of the ribbon for the



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### Three Years of Air Warfare.

**FALSE GERMAN FIGURES.**

With the warning that exact details up to the end of February, 1915 and for July, 1917, are not yet forthcoming, so that the figures for these periods are not "absolutely trustworthy," the Berliner Tageblatt gives the following statement of enemy and German aeroplanes shot down during the three years of the war—

	German	Enemy
1914	91	9
1915	221	181
1916	221	784
1917 (to end of July)	370	1,374

From August 1, 1914, to July 31, 1915, 73 enemy aeroplanes were shot down, of which 39 fell into German hands; from August 1, 1915, to July 31, 1916, 445 enemy aeroplanes were shot down, of which 267 fell into German hands; from August 1, 1916, to July 31, 1917, "about" 1,771 enemy aeroplanes were shot down, of which 776 fell into German hands.

In 1915 two enemy captive balloons, so far as is known, were shot down; in 1916, 42; in 1917, to August 1, 142. Three enemy airships were also shot down.

Total aircraft shot down from August 1, 1914 to August 1, 1917, about 2,298 enemy and 682 German aeroplanes, 186 enemy captive balloons, and three airships.

Official figures are not accessible for the purpose of checking the claims made by the Berlin Journal in respect of Allied aeroplanes, but it is possible to test, both from official and unofficial sources, the accuracy of the figures given of German losses for at least some portion of the three years. For instance, the Matin, whose au-

thority is at least as high as that of the Berliner Journal, is on the other, stated on January 1917, that the French brought 450 German machines in 1916, British 250. This figure of 700 pares with the German admission of 221. There is confirmation of this from the statements in the communications of British and Headquarters which appeared in Times of December 5, 1916, and showed that, for the six months to November in that year 660 machines were brought, shot down by the Allies. If we year 1917 as it is calculated in the Berliner Tageblatt—August 1, 1916, to 1917—the official British and figures show that 2,076 German machines were sent down—1,322 British, 754 by the French. It pretended that all these were destroyed, but if we take, May, June, and July, those were officially stated to have to have been destroyed, brought in flames, shot down by gun captured, we get, instead of the Matin's figure of 370 for the year, 523 for three months.

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