

STILL STICK TO DUELLING CUSTOM

Students Look On Scars As
Diplomas of Sword Prowess
— Man With Fewest
Stitches Wins.

Heidelberg, Germany, March 1.—(Associated Press by mail)—Sword duelling in the University of Heidelberg is as popular and as common today as it was more than 500 years ago, when this oldest of German schools was founded. Virtually every student who has passed the first year wears a sword scar on the left side of his chin or the left cheek, or a bandaged head which advertises that the scar is in the making.

Duels do not always arise from anger or quarrels, but out of the necessity of providing the student with the diploma of sword prowess, or to give him sword practice which affords the students great delight. They are sometimes arranged, like a boxing bout, by fraternities which have developed certain differences of opinion. Five round duels are popular.

"Surgical stand by to sew up the wounds after each round, which usually last a minute," said a Heidelberg man, who wore a deep scar on his chin. "If neither student is badly damaged, the fight will go the full number of rounds decided upon, after which the stitches the surgeons have taken will be counted and the man with the fewest stitches will be declared the winner."

"Should, at any time during the encounter, a combatant dodge a sword stroke his opponent is immediately declared winner. That is the unforgivable thing in the students duelling code—to dodge a stroke."

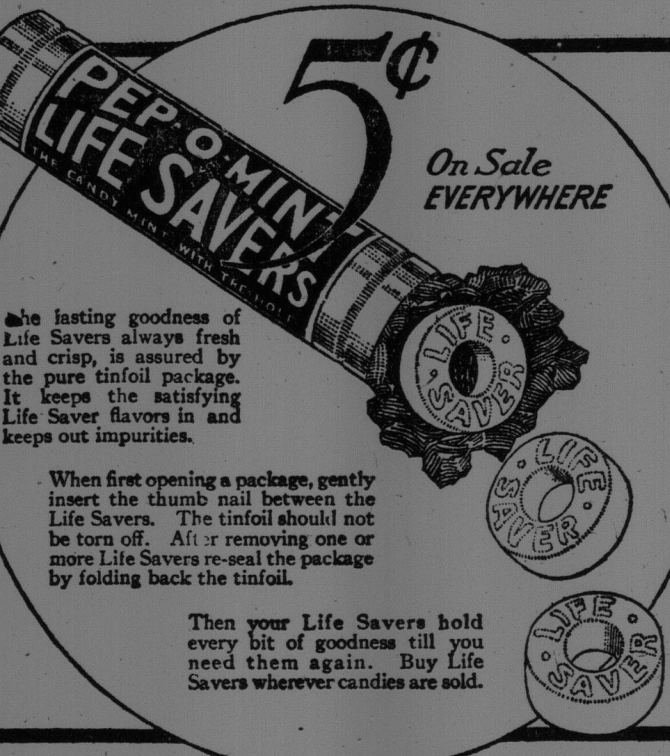
Except in frequent combats between older students, when heavy swords are used, duelling in Heidelberg is not dangerous. The heads and necks of the fighters, and the abdomens, are protected by leather guards.

Some of the favorite duelling places are ancient cafes and beer rooms, the floors of which are always covered with sand, and the walls lined with huge mugs and hung with engravings, old pictures, and trophies of the fight. These places are sacred to students and it would be a serious offense against custom of half a thousand years for a stranger to wander in and sit down in some storied chair.

The university is still a law unto itself, and the civil authorities of the town of Heidelberg never, under any pretext, interfere with the students' duelling. It is administered by refractory students by university authorities. The univers-

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ROTARY ECHOES

Dr. Fred H. Sexton, retiring district governor of the Rotarians, must have rejoiced at the evidence of regard expressed over and over again at this week's conference. He had been a faithful governor, was an ideal presiding officer, with a ready fund of good stories and an apt remark on every occasion. Not less warm was the reception given yesterday to R. D. Paterson of St. John, the unanimous choice of all the clubs as the next district governor.

Rotarian poets had an innings yesterday afternoon. Dr. Spangler was called on to recite one with which he made a hit in Halifax. Dr. Burden concluded an address on Rotary with an original poem, and then Richard Ingleton was summoned to read some original verses on Rotary.

Dr. Spangler was a particular favorite with the visitors and his services in connection with the musical portion of the programme. Each of the clubs sang a song at yesterday's luncheon. The "honors" went to the Chinese sextette from Charlottetown, although Moncton's Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday song made a tremendous hit.

H. S. Culver's paper yesterday on International Amity was a very broad-minded and scholarly production that gave the Rotarians much food for serious thought.

Rotarian Kelly of Halifax and Rotarian J. King Kelley of St. John do not belong to the same lodge, but they were much together yesterday and both seemed to like it. The Halifax Kelly was presented by his fellow-delegates with a bright green tie in honor of St. Patrick and wore it with pride last evening.

"We don't want to adjourn," protested one delegate yesterday afternoon, when the business had been concluded and the chairman said such a motion would be in order. And that was the spirit of the conference.

A stenographic report of the whole conference was taken and the valuable addresses and papers read will no doubt be made available in printed form.

W. H. Gilling took a moving picture of the conference in front of Pythian Hall. At the end of the moving procession certain Rotarians pranced along with a group of the girls who had served the luncheon, and the picture should create a sensation in Halifax. Rotarian John Bond catered for the conference and the arrangements were excellent.

While not yet formally announced, next year's conference will undoubtedly be held in Moncton. The Rotarians from New England assured the conference they would be glad to send a delegation to the province on any special occasion, as they desired the feeling to be truly international, and would welcome provincial Rotarians at any and all times.

FRANCE'S YOUTH UNIT FOR MILITARY SERVICE
Paris, March 18.—Half of France's youths are physically unfit for military service, owing to lack of opportunity to take physical exercise, according to reports by medical boards which have been examining the class of 1921, which will join the colors next month. Out of more than 800,000 eligibles, only 165,000 measured up to the ordinary physical standards. Doctors recommended the passage immediately of a law making physical education compulsory in all French schools. Also they insist that the hygiene advantage must be increased.

Only two cases were brought up in the police court yesterday afternoon. The case of Hyman Taxar, charged with a violation of the Liquor Act, was postponed without hearing any more witnesses until next Monday. The case of Mrs. M. Brennan, charged with using abusive language to William Petrie, was also postponed until this morning at 10:30 o'clock.

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DIVORCE BILL IS NOW UNLIKELY

Much Opposition to Legisla-
tion to Give Ontario a
Court.

(Special to The Times.)
Ottawa, Ont., March 19.—So much opposition has developed to the passing of legislation to give a divorce court to Ontario that it is probable the bill will not be introduced this session. Ontario and Quebec are the only provinces where divorce courts are not established in the dominion, and it is not probable that Quebec will ever have one. The predominant sentiment of that province is Catholic. From Catholic bodies and post after an absence of more than two weeks due to illness.

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