

CHILDREN IN THE WAR ZONE

KIDDIES WHO LAUGH AND PLAY UNDER SHELL-FIRE.

Indomitable Character of the French People Who Hide Misery With a Smile.

Picture to yourself an open space between two working mines, six rows of cottages in the rear, a village at your front, and you have the battle-line of one of the most famous batteries of artillerymen fighting in France. The rumble of shell-fire can be heard distinctly in the distance—that low, mysterious rattling sound of shells, passing overhead and the dull thud as they burst in the lines far behind.

Aircraft guns are busily engaged, for there is a hostile machine high up in the air.

Yet one can hear the merry chatter and childish laughter of the miners' little ones. They seem oblivious of the fact that there is any danger. Three years they have been here. There is one little child just three years old. She was born amidst the shriek of the shell and the boom of the bombardment. Small wonder, then, that this little one does not realize the danger.

Raining Death.

It is late in the afternoon. The men have not yet "turned in" to stables, but several are working in the forage shed. All of a sudden there is a crash. Earth-flies in every direction, the shrieks of the children, as they scatter and rush into the cottages, ring out as the commanding voice of the sergeant-major reverberates through the air.

"Stand to your horses!" Another order is given, and with remarkable celerity—one man leading in some cases as many as four or five animals—the horses are galloped away from the danger zone.

Then again comes that ominous whistle, but the shell has already burst. It falls among men working in the forage shed. There will be two more aching hearts in Blighty tomorrow.

Seven men have been wounded, and thirty horses are placed off the strength of the battery in less than as many seconds. It was amazing how quickly the horses were removed to a safer place, but there are still those ugly shell holes to mark the scene of tragedy.

The following morning I had occasion to return to the shelled area, and I could hardly believe my eyes as I looked across to the shattered sheds where our brave lads had fallen the previous afternoon. Attached to a beam which was still left standing in the forage shed was a rope. Seated upon it, swinging to and fro, was a child of six, laughing merrily, an expression of perfect happiness in her bright eyes. Several other children were around waiting their turn to have a swing.

What Matters It?

There was no doubt they were enjoying themselves thoroughly. And still that hateful boom sounded in the distance, and still the shells whistled overhead.

All parents love their children, and one would imagine these little mites would be warned not to approach a spot apparently so dangerous. And yet a group of women stood at the corner watching their little children at play.

It is a doubtful point, but do these people know, or is it "just a way they have"?

Here is the village blacksmith, tall and handsome and grey-bearded.

For three years he has worked laboriously at his forge day after day under shell fire.

I was interested, and questioned him.

"You still remain here," I said. "You must realize your danger! Surely you could be further back?"

"Maise non, monsieur. All that remains of my home is here," he explained. "I had a good position in a big house in —. This is all I have left! No, I won't leave it all behind. No one would buy it or come to live here. Besides," he added, "I want to be as near 'her' as possible." He lowered his voice. "You see, monsieur, she is out there—my girl—my poor little Gabrielle!" He passed his hand across his forehead. "She was in — when the war broke out," he continued. "I had saved and paid for her education at the school. She was seventeen then, but now she is twenty, if she is alive."

"But have you not heard from her?" I asked.

Business as Usual.

"Not a word," he answered in a low whisper—"not a single letter. She may be alive, she may be dead. If I could only know!" You see, she is so young, so pretty, so innocent! I hate to think of it, monsieur. We all know the Hun, and when I think of it—Mon Dieu!"

The little clock on the mantelshelf chimed the second hour after midday.

The Frenchman straightened his back.

He forced a smile and shook me by the hand.

"To work, monsieur—back to my work! It is the only thing which helps me to forget!"

It is "just a way they have," these wonderful, wonderful French!

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GERMAN PUBLIC OPINION.

One Thing Entirely Lacking in the Empire of the Kaiser.

Every appeal to the German people over the heads of its leaders, every attempt to impress it with the good faith and disinterestedness of its opponents in this war, every assurance that we are fighting, not for the extermination of the German people, but for their right to develop their great virtues and manifest genius in the humane forms insured alone under the influence of free institutions, pre-suppose in Germany the existence of at least a kernel of the sort of thought which we describe by the phrase "public opinion." But no one who has been long and intimately familiar with the inside of German institutions, with the ways of thinking in typical German circles, whether liberal or conservative so-called, with the whole political atmosphere breathed by radical or reactionary within the borders of the German empire, can hesitate to say that there never has been in Germany any such thing as public opinion.

LEMONS MAKE SKIN WHITE, SOFT, CLEAR.

Make this beauty lotion for a few cents and see for yourself.

What girl or woman hasn't heard of lemon juice to remove complexion blemishes, to whiten the skin and to bring out the roses, the freshness and the hidden beauty? But lemon juice alone is acid, therefore irritating, and should be mixed with orchard white, this way. Strain through a fine cloth the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle containing about three ounces of orchard white, then shake well and you have a whole quarter pint of skin and complexion lotion at about the cost one usually pays for a small jar of ordinary cold cream. Be sure to strain the lemon juice so no pulp gets into the bottle, then this lotion will remain pure and fresh for months. When applied daily to the face, neck, arms and hands it should help to bleach, clear, smoothen and beautify the skin.

Any druggist will supply three ounces of orchard white at very little cost and the grocer has the lemons.

HARROW CORN TO KILL WEEDS.

External Vigilance is the Price of Good Corn.

The spike-tooth or smoothing harrow is an excellent weed killer if used at the right time. Weeds are most easily killed when they are very small or just coming through the ground. Harrowing at this time is much more efficient in destroying them than deeper cultivation later in the season.

In a normal season, the cultivation of corn should begin by harrowing lightly before the corn comes up, and this should be followed by another harrowing just after the corn is nicely through the ground. If the planting has been followed by rain, the first harrowing will break the crust and help the corn to come up. These early harrowings will also help to conserve moisture by stirring the top layer of soil and forming a mulch, which is exceedingly important in a dry season.

The ordinary spike-tooth harrow is well adapted for this purpose, but, if the tilting harrow can be used with the teeth tilted back, it will give much better results.

Weeds are enemies. They steal plant food and moisture, and often choke the very life out of the young cultivated plants. In their own way, they are as bad as the Huns and should be fought as determinedly. As the machine gun is trained against the enemy by the soldier, so should the farmer train his machinery against weed enemies and maintain eternal vigilance in his fight against them.

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It is claimed that the stolid and tolerant character of the British is due to much eating of beef.

An excellent soup is made with milk, sliced potatoes and onions, and seasoning of parsley and celery leaves.

To open or close a window without leaving one's bed, or when the window is out of reach, attach a strong cord to a screw-eye in the top of the lower sash, extend the cord upward through a small pulley or screw-eye in the window frame at the top, also through one below in the sill. Continue to a place convenient for manipulation.

YES! MAGICALLY! CORNS LIFT OUT WITH FINGERS

You say to the drug store man, "Give me a small bottle of freezone." This will cost very little but will positively remove every hard or soft corn or callus from one's feet.

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Don't let a fast die of infection or lockjaw from whitening at his corns, but clip this out and make him try it.

If your druggist hasn't any freezone tell him to order a small bottle from his wholesale drug house for you.

A Good Reason.

Teacher: "Why are you so late?" Boy: "Please, miss, I started late."

Teacher: "Why didn't you start early?"

Boy: "Please, miss, it was too late to start early."

Minard's Liniment Lumberman's Friend.

This architectural oddity was built about fifty years ago by an old lady named Jupp, who lived at No. 9, for occupation by one of her servants.

She had a number placed on the street door, and so endowed it with a separate existence as a house.

Minard's Liniment used by Physicians.

Do not move little chickens from house to house except when it is absolutely necessary, as moving retards their growth.

Make vegetable gardens in the warmest, sunniest spot possible. Plants need warmth and sunshine to grow well. Large trees rob the garden of sun and the roots draw away the moisture that the vegetable plants require. A clump of trees or a hedge to the north or west of a garden will act as a wind break, protecting the plants from cold winds.

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