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What is the most beautiful word in the English language? A college professor, who has been teaching for several years, has collected some interesting facts concerning the preferences that school girls and school boys entertain for certain words. He has made the experiment with some twenty classes, all the way from an ungraded class in a country school to a senior class in college.

At the conclusion of a recitation the teacher has had little slips of blank paper distributed. He has then requested each pupil to write down without consulting his neighbors what he thought the most beautiful word in the English language, giving consideration both to sound and to sense.

Of the 600 pupils that he has had 406 wrote the name "mother"; 82 wrote "home"; 22 "father"; 18 "daddy"; 16 "love"; 11 "baseball"; 9 "football"; 7 "love"; 5 "sister"; 3 "aunties"; and 3 "grandmothers." The following words received one vote each: "Grandpa," "yes," "moonlight," "hope," "rose," "typewriter," "angel," "music," and "swimming" hole.

Of the remaining 14 one, a response

from a very bright boy puzzled the professor. That boy wrote "cellar door." When asked about it he pronounced it "cellish doah" and explained: "O, it just sounds pretty."

The other 13 ballots all for the same word, amused and perplexed the professor. They were all handed in at the same time from a class of 29 healthy, growing, hard-working country boys. There was the teacher inside, no opportunity for collusion. The ballot was taken silently. Each ballot was then folded and dropped into a hat that the teacher asked one of the boys to pass around.

Those 13 citizens-to-be deliberately wrote down the ugly-sounding, greasy-looking, thoroughly unattractive word, "cellar door." What could have been more suggestive of that teacher's opportunity than the fact that nearly half of a class of 29 immortal souls thought "cellar door" the most beautiful word in the English language?

And what higher compliment could be paid to motherhood and the American home than the fact that 87 of these 600 boys and girls, young men and young women independently and at various times and places selected words which suggested family relationship as the sweetest words in their language?

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A BATTLE OF AVIATORS

German Who Was in Manitoba When War Broke Out Taken Prisoner by Canadians — Capt. Morgan in Same Battalion

Lieut. A. C. Kelly, of Stanley, formerly of the 12th Battalion and for some years an officer of the 71st Regiment is at the front with the 6th Battalion.

In a letter received in Fredericton by Dennis Crotty, Lieut. Kelly states that he went over to France on June 18th and has been with C Company of the 6th Battalion, which is made up mostly of western men. He gives an interesting description of the capture of two Germans who were engaged in reconnoitering 25 yards in front of the trenches of the 3rd Battalion.

A remarkable thing in connection with the capture was the fact that one of the Germans had resided in Manitoba for some years and was well known to members of Lieut. Kelly's battalion. He disappeared just after the war broke out and in some manner got back to Germany and joined one of the regiments going to the front. The letter also tells of a fight between British and German airmen over the trenches, as well as many other interesting incidents in connection with life in the trenches.

The letter follows:

"The first place I was in the trenches was near Givenchy. A number of officers were showing the way through so, we would know the way. While going through a communication trench in a hurry, I struck something and looked to see what it was. I found it to be the leg of a dead man. I didn't go far until there was an awful smell, the stench coming from the large number of bodies buried nearby. It is strange how one gets callous to anything like that. I have been under some heavy artillery fire at times, but as yet I have not been in any real big scrap, and from the description some of the boys who have been in them give, I am in no hurry to get in one."

St. John Officer With 6th

"I am here alone, a stranger in a strange land. There is no one here I knew before except two officers of the old 12th Battalion. One is Morgan, the other is Crawford of Quebec. He is with the bomb throwers. I am with a very good crowd, however. I was in front of our trench one night on a reconnoitering patrol. We went up towards a German line and I had a sergeant, who used to be an ex-convict who used to be on the trail of the notorious train robber, Bill Miner. We haven't lost very many lately, but one man was killed and one wounded yesterday by a shell, up to that time we hadn't lost many."

Stanley Boys All Right

"I saw Ernie Penney with the 10th Battalion and Allan Kelly is with the

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14th Battalion. I only saw him once since I came over to France on June 12th. The two Sanson boys, Ray and Herb, are over here having come over early in May. Ernest Sanson is an instructor at Shoreham. All of the Stanley boys are all right."

"A man in the 5th was shot today by a German sniper. We used to hear that the Germans were poor shots, but that sniper was pretty good. If anybody doubts this let him come over here and stick his head above the parapet for a short time. Some of our fellows can shoot pretty well too. I got one a short time ago who stuck his head up above the trench and stayed there a little too long. The man who was killed in our company yesterday was hit with a piece of a shell which made a big hole in the top of his head. There was a lot of excitement over our success today. A German aeroplane flew over our trench yesterday and tried the same game today. A British airman got after him with a machine gun and they circled each other above the clouds until finally the Britisher brought him down. They damaged the machine considerably and he came to the ground close to our lines."

"Two days ago the 3rd Battalion, who are on our right, caught two Germans. Three of them had got in a wheat field in front of our lines about 35 yards and dug themselves in. About nine o'clock the next morning one of the sentries saw them moving while looking through a periscope, and reported it to the captain. Two of our men crawled out to where the Germans were and surprised them and ordered them to hold up their hands. Two of them complied with the order, but the third grabbed his rifle and got three bullets put through him. The other two came in very quietly. One of the men they brought in used to live in Manitoba and some of the men of the 14th Battalion who came from Manitoba knew him. About the time the war broke out he disappeared rather mysteriously and got back to Germany."

Necessarily Slow.

A youngster had been permitted to visit a boy friend on the strict condition that he was to leave there at five o'clock. He did not arrive home till seven and his mother was very angry. "Do you expect me to believe," said his mother, "that it took you two hours to walk a quarter of a mile?" She reached for the whip. "Mother, will you kill me the truth?"

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Mabel Potter Daggett, the well-known magazine writer and investigator, says in Pictorial Review for 1915:

In Scandinavia, divorce by mutual consent is the recognized way. And husband and wife may reach this agreement when neither has violated any marital obligation. The law, you see, does not require them to wait one month, as in England, but when they have reached the point where they two know that their real union is ended, they may secure a divorce for the asking. It doesn't cost anything. There is not even a lawyer needed. The process is simple. You notify a magistrate that you are separating. You are not required to go into details. You don't have to spread your marital troubles on court records and newspaper pages. One reason is as sufficient here as when you entered into matrimony. You simply state that you no longer wish to continue the marriage. Then you go to the court and sign away for a year — in Finland it is for only three months. At the end of the period, the magistrate hands you the papers that dissolve the marriage as quietly as it was made.

If, as rarely happens, mutual consent through the refusal of one of the contracting parties cannot be secured, the process is a little longer, the probationary period of one year being extended to two. But there is always a way out. Sweden has no less than twelve grounds for divorce. It is accomplished in as dignified a way as any other partnership might be dissolved. And when it is all over, there is no disgrace necessarily connected with it. There may be, of course, the question of children — what disposition shall be made of them is decided by the court. But there is a consultation with the parents, whose reasonable wishes are respected. What they may have decided between themselves as to which is to have the children, the magistrate is quite likely to agree to, though, to be sure, if there is guilt on either side the custody of the children is awarded to the parent capable of bringing them up to the truest manhood or womanhood.

There are no difficulties placed in the way of ending an unhappy marriage up there in the north, but, with it all, there are comparatively few homes disrupted. Our rapid American divorce-rate is the astounding phenomenon of sociology today. One marriage in twelve in the United States, the statisticians pointed out a while ago, ended in divorce. More recently they are announcing that the rate has increased, until one marriage in eight ends in this dissolution. But over there in Scandinavia, since the door has been thrown open wide, Nora isn't nearly so anxious to escape. I suspect that Helmar may make it more worth while for her to tarry than formerly he found it necessary. Anyhow, these are the statistics for the Northland: In 1910, the number of divorces per 100,000 inhabitants was, for Denmark, 27.2; Norway, 14.7; Sweden, 8.7; Finland, 6.8.

**Hints for the Cook**

**Cream Toast**

Toast 6 slices of bread until crisp and brown, dip in hot salted water, place in dish and pour over the following gravy: One pint of milk, let come to scolding point; then stir in 1 large tablespoon of flour mixed with a little cold water. Stir till thick; add butter size of an egg.

**Peach Tapioca**

Peel and slice 1 quart of ripe peaches. Sprinkle with sugar and let stand three hours. Make a tapioca cream, using 1 pint of milk, 2 tablespoons of prepared tapioca, ½ cup of sugar and 2 eggs; pinch of salt. When milk comes to the boiling point stir in tapioca and sugar and cook in double boiler half an hour. Beat yolks of 2 eggs with a little cold water, add to hot tapioca, stir well and add after removing from stove. Let get thoroughly cold before stirring in peaches.

**Coffee Fudge**

Two cups light brown sugar, 1 cup granulated sugar, ¼ cup strong boiled coffee, and a pinch of butter size of a small egg, and a pinch of salt, if the butter isn't very salt. Boil until it forms a soft ball when dropped in cold water. Take off the stove and stir in nut meats if liked. Now let it stand a few minutes, then stir until it begins to grain. Pour into a buttered pan, let cool then mark in squares.

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There is a central warehouse in the Melbourne, with branch depots at Sydney, Adelaide and Perth. \$500,000 was sent as a gift to the British Red Cross.

An Australian Red Cross Hospital was established at Netley, in addition to several hospital units on the Continent.

Gifts of motor ambulances have been favorite methods of Red Cross benevolence as in Canada. An average of 84,000 garments a week have been distributed throughout the English hospitals, and since the Dardanelles operations an immense quantity of field comforts and hospital supplies have been sent to the Australian troops in the Mediterranean. All in all the Australian Red Cross has done admirably during its one year of existence and has received official thanks from Queen Alexandra and the British Red Cross.

Ernest Inghram, of Southampton, is dead aged 22 years. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Inghram, five brothers, Elijah, Amos, Joseph and G. W., at home, and Le Baron, of Woodstock and five sisters, Miss Maud, of Providence, R. I., Miss Eva, of Worcester, Mass., Mrs. K. Grant, Miss Eliza and Miss Grace at home.

Wealthy Benefactress (stopping in at the hospital) — "Well, we'll bring the car tomorrow, and take some of your patients for a drive. And, by the way, nurse, you might pick out some with bandages that show — the last party might not have been wounded at all as far as anybody in the streets could see."

Last week was the first time in more than 60 years that a newspaper was published even for a single day in Gardiner, Me., without the assistance of some one of the Morrell family. H. K. Morrell, his son, E. W. Morrell and his grandson, H. A. Morrell, have done some work for each and every issue in those years.

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