

COMMON HOUSE CAT USEFUL IN WAR

DETECTED FIRST TRACE OF GAS BY ACUTE SENSE OF SMELL.

In Last Two Years of Warfare About 500,000 Cats Were Supplied to British Army.

There is one thing a cat hates more than she hates dogs, and that is gas. One whiff of poison gas, acented from the other side of No Man's Land before mere man has got an inkling that it is coming, and up goes her back, her fur stands on end and she begins to whine her displeasure.

Who it was who first discovered this aversion remains a mystery, but rumor has it that it was some one in the War Office. The Kaiser probably knew it all along, and that may have been the reason for his announced decision to mobilize every cat and dog in the German empire. But, however that may be, our war lords discovered it, too, and determined to put the discovery to the best use. So they extended the military service acts to the cats.

The stray cats of England—and there are many of them, as is shown by the fact that the R. S. P. C. A. painlessly destroys more than 30,000 every year—received their first calling-up notice a couple of years ago. It appeared in the form of an advertisement, "Common cats wanted: any number," which was published in the newspapers. Thereafter there was a search for cats of all descriptions.

The Contractor's Story.
The contract for the supply of pussy to the army was secured by Charles Harris, a bird dealer of Bethnal-green-road, and cats of all sorts soon began to pour into his establishment. Mr. Harris told a Daily Chronicle representative that he had no idea what the cats were wanted for. He was only ordered to supply them. Every now and then a big "W.D." lorry would draw up outside his establishment and drive away with a cargo of cats for the front. In the last two years, he said, he had supplied about 500,000 cats to the army.

From other sources the Daily Chronicle learned of the cats' value as a gas detector; but that was not pussy's only sphere of usefulness in the trenches. Equally important was her work as a destroyer of rats and vermin—a work in which she excelled and took a lively interest.

She has also done her bit in the navy. She proved very useful in connection with submarine experiments, and frequently went under water in various contrivances in order to test the life-sustaining qualities of the air chambers.

"So pussy, at least, has done her bit in the great war."

WON THE VICTORIA CROSS.

Machine Gun Officer Lost His Life in Great Exploit at Passchendaele.

Lieut. Hugh Mackenzie, V.C., D.C.M., who was awarded the Victoria Cross for a brilliant feat of arms at Passchendaele, was a member of the 7th Machine Gun Company which became part of the 3rd Machine Gun Battalion when the reorganization took place. The daring exploit in which the gallant soldier earned the coveted decoration and lost his life is told in the official records as follows: "For most conspicuous bravery and leading when in charge of a section of four machine guns accompanying the infantry in an attack.

"Seeing that all the officers and most of the non-commissioned officers of an infantry company had become casualties, and that the men were hesitating before a nest of enemy machine guns, which were on commanding ground and causing them severe casualties, he handed over the command of his guns to an N.C.O., rallied the infantry, organized the attack, and captured the strong point.

"Finding that the position was swept by machine gun fire from a pill-box which dominated all the ground over which the troops were advancing, Lieut. Mackenzie made a reconnaissance and detailed flanking and frontal attacking parties which captured the pill-box, he himself being killed while leading the frontal attack.

"By his valor and leadership this gallant officer ensured the capture of these strong points and so saved the lives of many men and enabled the objectives to be attained."

Lieut. Mackenzie originally enlisted with the Princess Pats in August, 1914, as a private. He was awarded the D.C.M. and received his commission in 1917. His mother lives in Quebec, and he was born in Inverness, Scotland. Through all the early fighting with the famous P.P.C.L.L. he later entered the machine gun service with a commission. He was in the 7th Company attached to the 3rd Division and at Passchendaele his heroic conduct saved a situation which was menacing until he turned the tide. Officers and men of the 3rd Machine Gun Battalion speak with pride and love for the brave officer.

Not Good on Canadian Pacific.
It is told that a Salina couple, just married, boarded a train and were so absorbed in each other that the groom handed the conductor the marriage certificate when he called for the tickets. "This is good for a long, weary journey," said the conductor, "but not on the Canadian Pacific."



Do you shave with a saw?

FOOLISH question No. 11991 Maybe. But compare for a moment the illustrations above. They show pretty well what we're driving at; that is, unless a blade is stropped regularly it develops an edge very like a saw, and causes that "pulling" and "after-smarting" of which you complain.

Not so with the AutoStrop Razor. For the self-stropping feature, you see, reforms the saw-like edge that results from shaving, and provides you with a sharp blade for every shave. The beauty of it is you don't have to remove the blade from the razor to sharpen it, nor do you have to take the AutoStrop Razor apart to clean it. From first to last—stropping, shaving, and cleaning—the blade remains in the razor.

Razor—Strop—12 blades—\$5

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PUTTING THE SUN-BEAMS TO WORK

SOLAR MOTOR IS NEW INVENTION OF VAST IMPORTANCE.

After Many Years of Scientific Investigation Device is Discovered For Utilizing Sun's Rays.

When Jules Verne wrote his great book "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" it was deemed to be the greatest piece of imaginary fiction ever produced, but now all that was contained in that book, and more, has come to pass and is being taken as a matter of course. So much is it a matter of course that the next generation will not remember the time when men knew not the floor of the sea.

When Hans Anderson wrote his tale of a fairy riding a sunbeam he little thought that the time would come when the power of sunbeams would heat our homes, do our cooking, run our factories and drive horseless carriages to and fro over the face of the earth; and yet the time is coming, and that soon, when all these wonders and many more shall be accomplished, and the next generation will be as familiar with the power of concentrated sunbeams as we are of the present generation are with the power of steam, gasoline and water.

However, there is nothing new under the sun. Coal from which we produce heat and steam is just the stored-up, concentrated energy of sunbeams. It is the power of the sun that evaporates the water of low level and carries it back to the highlands so that it may furnish us with power as it again seeks the low levels. It has long been recognized that the sun is the source of all energy, and it is by the proper harnessing of this known power that the problem of the world's supply of fuel and mechanical energy is to be solved.

The supply is as free as air and as plentiful. It is estimated that on every four square feet of surface between the equator and the 45th parallel there is a wastage of the equivalent of one horsepower of energy. It is stated that the power of the sunbeams falling on the deck of a steamship is greater than the steam power required to drive her.

Long a Puzzle to Scientists. Many scientific minds have dreamed

and studied and striven to construct a harness that would fit the elusive sunbeam and compel it to serve man directly instead of indirectly.

In 1893, John Ericsson, a Swedish scientist, constructed an apparatus which demonstrated the possibilities of the use of the power of sunbeams for mechanical purposes. He secured the power in the area of his apparatus, but failed to concentrate it.

In 1913, the Shuman Brothers established a "Sun Plant" in Egypt, by which they succeeded in developing mechanical power at the ratio of sixty-three horsepower per acre of reflector exposed; that ratio, however, was not sufficient for practical purposes, and, like Ericsson, the Shuman Brothers had failed to concentrate the power sufficiently to make their scheme practicable.

For many, many years scientists have failed in their efforts to make the sunbeams do practical work, although they fully succeeded in demonstrating that the power is there in abundance. They have all said that some day one would accomplish definite results, and now Dr. W. J. Harvey, eye specialist and member of the Royal College of Science, Toronto, has succeeded in doing that which will carry his name down through the ages as one of the great benefactors of the race. Dr. Harvey has succeeded where others had failed. By a combination of small mirrors, he has succeeded in gathering the sunbeams and concentrating their heat at one point. So thoroughly has he done his work that apparently there is no limit to the intensity of the heat that may be obtained at the point of concentration.

Great Benefit to Mankind.
In practice, this new servant will do wonders for its masters. We have only to think of the uses that unlimited heat at a nominal cost can be put to. It enters into every phase of human effort, comfort and convenience.

Let us consider one, the automobile. Think of every garage in the country with a battery mirror on its roof as part of its regular equipment instead of a gasoline outfit. During every hour of sunshine they would store up free power in storage batteries. Standard batteries for standard cars. Think of the cleanliness, the absence of "smell" and the low cost of transportation.

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Most women think that a long and expensive training is required to qualify as a nurse. In reality, sound practical knowledge of nursing methods can be acquired in a short time by home study. Nurses are in great demand. They earn from \$15 to \$30 a week. The Royal College system enables you to qualify as a nurse without leaving your own home. Write us for particulars. Dept. 46, Toronto, Canada.

COLONIALS IN BRITISH WARS.

First Occasion When Britain's Daughters Sent Aid Was in 1653.

In a lecture by the Hon. J. W. Fortescue at the Royal Institution, London, the speaker began by referring to the pride with which the news that the dominions, each of them of their own free will, had offered a contingent of troops for the assistance of the Mother Country, had been received. Many people thought that this was a unique event in the history of the Empire, but this was not so.

The first occasion on which the colonies contributed military aid for an Imperial enterprise was in Cromwell's Expedition to Jamaica in 1653-4. On that occasion the Barbados furnished 4,000 men. The lecturer explained how it was that, through the system of white apprentices, tropical islands were in those days able to furnish a white militia. The next instance came in the Cartagena Expedition of 1740, when the American colonies supplied a force of 4,000 men. After that the American colonies helped consistently in the conquest of Canada, until the final victory of Amherst in 1760. During that period the first two American regiments were placed in the British Establishment, and in 1758 were created the "Royal Americans," which were still with us as the King's Royal Rifle Corps.

Then the American colonies were lost, and everyone thought that the British Empire had come to an end. Immediately afterwards followed the war in which our losses in the West Indies compelled us to raise a regiment of African negroes, still with us as the West Indian Regiment.

During the 19th century the Empire was consolidated. Canadians helped gallantly to defend their country from American invasion from 1812 to 1814. The Cape Colonists joined in the fight against the Kafirs, and the New Zealand Colonists in the wars against the Maoris.

Then came the war in Egypt, and for the first time Australia offered a battalion for that service. Then came the South African war, when practically all the colonies sent contingents. And finally, in the present war, not only every part of the Empire has given us freely of its men, but the descendants of Peninsula veterans in South America sent us their sons, whose native tongue was Spanish, and who knew not a word of English, to fight for the Old Country.

I was cured of Acute Bronchitis by MINARD'S LINIMENT. Bay of Islands, J. M. CAMPBELL. I was cured of Facial Neuralgia by MINARD'S LINIMENT. Springfield, N.S. W. M. DANIELS. I was cured of Chronic Rheumatism by MINARD'S LINIMENT. Albert Co., N.B. GEO. TINGLEY.

FRENCH ORIENT TRAIN.

New Service to be Inaugurated Middle of April.

The operation of through trains between Paris and the Orient will begin over part of the line on April 15, and the whole system will be inaugurated by May 1, according to an official statement issued by the commission on the International regime of ports, waterways and railways.

A train de luxe, to be called the "Simplon-Orient Express," will be run between Paris and the Orient via Lausanne, Simplon, Milan, Venice, Trieste, Ljubljana, Agram and Vinkovce. At Vinkovce the road will divide, one branch connecting with Bucharest, Constanta and Odessa and the other with Belgrade, Constantinople and Athens. The train will connect at Paris with the London-Calais-Paris train, and at Milan with a fast train for Rome.

Minard's Liniment Relieves Neuralgia. The Man He Was Looking For. The Sydney Bulletin tells a new story of the drinker caught at his own game. It was a soldier, who said: "Please, sergeant-major, may I be excused from church parade? I am an agnostic."

"Don't you believe in the Ten Commandments, then?" "No, I don't."

"Not even the one about keeping the Sabbath?" "No."

"Well, you're the very man I've been looking for to scrub out the cantens."

The Commonwealth Government is giving half a million sterling to local governing bodies throughout Australia to be expended on work which will provide immediate employment for returned soldiers.

Minard's Liniment Cures Dandruff. Hair stops falling out and gets thick, wavy, strong and beautiful. Your hair becomes light, wavy, fluffy, abundant and appears as soft, lustrous and beautiful as a young girl's after a "Dandierine hair cleanse."

Just try this—moisten a cloth with a little Dandierine and carefully draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. This will cleanse the hair of dust, dirt and excessive oil and in just a few moments you have doubled the beauty of your hair.

Besides beautifying the hair at once, Dandierine dissolves every particle of dandruff; cleanses, purifies and invigorates the scalp, forever stopping itching and falling hair.

But what will please you most will be after a few weeks' use when you will actually see new hair—fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair growing all over the scalp. If you care for pretty, soft hair and lots of it, surely get a small bottle of Knowlton's Dandierine from any drugist or toilet counter for a few cents.

Minard's Liniment Cures Burns, Etc. Royal Love Letters. Blue ribbon will no longer be fashionable for encircling batches of old live letters. A personal friend of Commander Ramsay, who is a clever amateur bookbinder, has put together all the letters the gallant sailor received from his Princess. As they wrote to each other every day over a long period of courtship the volume will be no small one. Of course, the friend who bound the letters gave his word of honor not to read the sacred missives.

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BITS OF HUMOR FROM HERE & THERE

Little Girl's Logic.
"My mamma is a twin."
"Ooo! You got two mammas then!"

Would Take Two.
Mother had her little daughter at a bootshop to be fitted. The assistant put one shoe on and asked her to walk around and see how it felt. She did so, then said:
"It feels all right. I'll take two of 'em."

A Bit Creased.
Billie had been studying his grandfather's face, which was very wrinkled.
"Well, Billikin," said the old gentleman jocularly pinching the little boy's rosy cheek, "do you like my face?"
"Yes, grandpa," said Billie. "It's an awfully nice face; but why don't you have it ironed?"

A Suggestive Simile.
The opinion of generations that have hated written sermons is reflected in a story told of a Scotchman who sat under a minister who always read his Sunday morning discourse.
"How's the new minister getting on?" a neighbor asked the woman.
"How's he getting on?" said she.
"Like a crow in a tater field—two dabs and a look-up."

Cause for Thankfulness.
Among the many good Irish stories one of the best concerns a certain old Connemara farmer, who, upon waking up in the night, saw an apparition at the foot of the bed.
Reaching for his gun, he promptly perforated the ghost with a bullet. To his surprise the following morning he discovered that it was his own shirt of which he had made a target.

He was relating the experience to a friend, who asked him: "What did you do when you discovered what it was?"
"Oh," replied the farmer, "I just knelt down and thanked God that I hadn't been inside it."

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His Nearest Relative.
A recruit in one of the camps when called up for examination was asked: "Who is your nearest living relative?"
"What do you mean, 'relative,' mister?" returned the recruit.
"Oh, I mean your nearest living kinsfolk."
"Wal, that's my aunt you're talking 'bout."

Several other questions were answered satisfactorily, when there came:
"In case of death or accident, who shall be notified?"
"My mother," immediately from the selective.
"But you told me just a few minutes ago that your aunt was the nearest living relative that you have," objected the officer.
"You asked me who my nearest livin' kin was, didn't you? Wal, Aunt Liz—she lives just two miles from where I been livin'; mother lives five."

Minard's Liniment Cures Burns, Etc. Royal Love Letters. Blue ribbon will no longer be fashionable for encircling batches of old live letters. A personal friend of Commander Ramsay, who is a clever amateur bookbinder, has put together all the letters the gallant sailor received from his Princess. As they wrote to each other every day over a long period of courtship the volume will be no small one. Of course, the friend who bound the letters gave his word of honor not to read the sacred missives.

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