

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, scented from the other side of No Man's Land before more men 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 a 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.

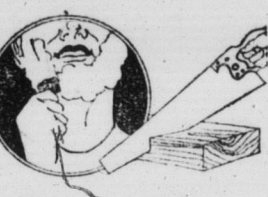
"Seeing that all the officers and most of the non-commissioned officers of an infantry company had become casualties, and that the men were hesitating before a nest of enemy machine guns, which were on commanding ground and causing them severe casualties, he handed over the command of his guns to an 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.I., 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 stopped 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-stopping 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—stopping, 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 Investi-
gation 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 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 of mirrors 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.

The automobile is only one item. The mind cannot grasp the changes that are coming to the world through Dr. Harvey's success. Unlimited heat without fuel! Heat that by boiling water will make steam to turn dynamos and store up energy! Heat so intense that it will break rocks and melt metals! Truly science has never presented humanity with a greater gift. It is a perpetual gift, for so long as the sun shines and the earth continues to revolve on its axis will this source of heat and power be available to the generations.

Wonderful are the provisions made by nature for man's comfort! These wonders lie dormant until the brain of man searches them out and sets them to his use. The primitive man who invented the bow with which to drive an arrow at his enemy was drawing on the stores of Nature for his well-being. It is a long cry from that weapon to modern gunnery, but at the time the bow was invented Nature held in her secret places the material needed for the manufacture of the modern gun and the high explosive; and so, when man was producing fire and heat by rubbing sticks together, the sun was pouring unlimited heat on all about him. Truly there is nothing new, but all honor to the man who, by untiring effort and years of study, has succeeded in harnessing the source of all heat and energy and making of it the untiring and perpetual servant of man.

Sir Evelyn Wood.

That grand old warrior, Sir Evelyn Wood—the last of the later Victorian soldiers of eminence—who recently celebrated his 81st birthday, is justly proud of the war record of his family. Three of his sons, three of his grandsons, and three sons-in-law and three nephews and a great-nephew, have all seen continuous service during the past four years. Sir Evelyn is by no means retired. As Constable of the Tower of London he faithfully goes to London twice a week from his country house in Essex to attend to the business of his office.

Salt is good for gargling your throat and cleaning your teeth. It preserves and hardens your gums and teeth.

Stomachs tire of the same diet.

When the appetite becomes jaded, it's surprising how quickly the digestion responds to a saucer of

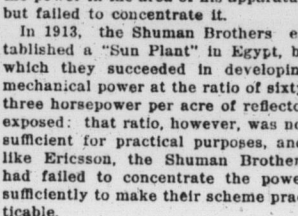
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A frock of simple lines for the miss. The side-gores are in two sections and the tunic is banded with soutache braid in an attractive design. McCall Pattern No. 8842. Misses' Dress. In 3 sizes, 16 to 20 years. Price, 25 cents. Transfer Design No. 819. Price, 10 cents.



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