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SIGNIFICANCE OF ARMY RANK

Explanation Concerning the Insignia of Various Officers That Is More or Less Romantic.

Because gold is a more precious metal than silver, not a few civilians confess ignorance of the reason for gold bars on a second lieutenant's shoulder straps and silver bars on those of a first lieutenant. Throughout the rank of army insignias gold appears to be subordinated. Moss' Officers' Manual explains the significance:

"The second lieutenant stands on the level ground, looking up to his superiors at varying altitudes above him. He begins to climb toward the top, his first step being the lower bar of the fence, which position is typified by the one bar of the first lieutenant. Upon reaching the top of the fence the officer wears two bars, which represent the bottom and top bars of the fence, from which point he can now as captain survey the field. From the fence, the officer must climb to the branches of the oak, the tree of might and strength. It is a long climb and symbolizes the marked difference that exists between the company and the field officer. The gold leaf on the major's shoulder strap symbolizes this position. The next step is to the tallest tree of the forest, the straight, towering, silver poplar, with no branches for many feet from the ground. Although this point of vantage is somewhat higher than that of the oak, it is not materially so, and the duties and responsibilities of the position are about the same. The officer is now among the silver leaves of the poplar, which fact is typified by the silver leaf of the lieutenant colonel. The silver eagle of the colonel symbolizes the bird that soars over the top of the towering poplar. The next step is the greatest of all: To the stars up in the firmament, far, far above the eagle's flight, which position is typified by the star on the general officer's shoulder strap."

This description of the significance of our insignia of rank, is, of course, merely a romantic explanation.

Four Women and a Bear.

Discovering a big black bear at the mouth of a cave while on a fishing trip with their husbands, Mrs. O. Hartman, Mrs. Guy Henderson, Mrs. A. Bassett and Mrs. George Chadwick threw rocks at the animal until it retired into the cave, and the remaining three then kept guard while the fourth summoned the men.

The party was without a gun, but after several hours an ancient musket was borrowed at a ranch several miles away. Meanwhile the women continued on guard, and whenever the bear attempted to emerge from the cave they drove him back with showers of stones.

Armed with the musket, Bassett crawled to the mouth of the cave and, aiming at the bear's right eye, fired. The musket burst without damage to Bassett and the bullet struck the bear in the left flank, inflicting a wound which caused death.

The bear is one of the largest of the black variety ever killed in this region.—Jackson (Wyo.) Dispatch in Cheyenne Leader.

Where Turgenev Did Early Work.

The estate of the Russian novelist, Ivan Turgenev, which is reported to have been sacked by peasants, lies in the low, marshy country of the government state of Toula. Some of the writer's early work was produced there though toward the end of his life Turgenev spent the greater part of his time in Baden-Baden or Paris and scarcely visited Russia. The influence of his home, with its beautiful, prosperous estates and hard-driven peasantry, was never quite forgotten by him, and toward the muzhiks especially—the parents, probably, of those who have just wrecked his property—he had always an active sympathy. The neighboring capital town of Toula, set in the midst of agricultural lands, was constituted a gun factory by the Czar Boris Godunov, and still devotes itself to the making of army rifles.

Resurrection of Old Roman Port.

Ostia, the harbor of ancient Rome, is once more, by decision of the Italian government, to become a port, and Rome therefore once more a maritime city. To the harbor at Ostia, when Rome was mistress of the world, came the corn from Sicily and Sardinia, which, after Tibet silt and national indolence had let Ostia perish, was stored at Portus, the rival harbor, which also afterward fell into desuetude. It was the seizure of Rome's granary which enabled Alaric to impose his will on the Eternal city. Ostia began its existence in 640 B. C., and she seems about to add another chapter to her history.

Going Up.

"Service flags are being raised everywhere," exclaimed the patriotic fellow.

"Oh, well, so is everything else, for that matter," muttered the cynical fuss.

HIS FAME MERITED

Appreciation of "Bob" Burdette Grows With the Years.

His Brand of Delicious Humor, Never Malicious, Had a Spontaneity That Fixed It in Memory of Hearers.

The late Robert J. Burdette, better known the length and breadth of the land as "Bob" Burdette, and chiefly famous because of his humorous lecture "The Rise and Fall of the Mustache," which he used on the lyceum platform for nearly 30 years, had a spontaneity which was truly remarkable.

Sudden flashes of wit and humor cropped out constantly in his conversation. Like other great American humorists, some of the best things that he said fell upon the ears of a handful of friends and never found their way into print.

In the afternoon of life he sunned himself on the porch at "Eventide," his restful home at Clifton-by-the-Sea. It was from there that he penned these lines to an intimate friend:

"Here I am in dry dock, waiting for the Great Builder to give me a general overhauling. My boilers appear to be burned out, and I need new grates in my firebox. Guess the old engine is about played out, but maybe we can tinker it up so that it will make a few more trips. Seems as though my switchboard had been struck by lightning. I have my good days and my bad days, but I lost count of them some time ago, and now I can't tell them apart."

His compliments were as graceful as they were pretty. One day he overheard a party of young matrons discussing dress goods.

"I don't like the new figured patterns, Doctor Burdette," exclaimed one of the young women. "Do you?"

"It might have been the part of wisdom for the humorist to have agreed with her, but by so doing he might have disagreed with her companions, so he sidestepped the issue, and paid the lady a deliciously subtle compliment by replying:

"Oh, I don't know. I should consider them very good if they all contained as pretty a figure as the one in the gown that you are wearing."

TIME TO PUT ON BRAKES

With the Passing of His Fiftieth Birthday Man Should Take a Few Moments and Think Hard.

When you have passed, say, your fiftieth birthday anniversary, that foxy old gent, Mr. Time, puts the skids under you and greases them good and plenty.

It is appalling, then, how quickly the days and the weeks and the months pass. You start in on Monday morning, and before you know it, it is Saturday night again. Even the years slip by as though you were riding through life on a roller coaster.

The thing to do then, brother, is to put on the brakes. Slow up and get a little more enjoyment out of the scenery.

Some men think that just the other way is the best method to adopt, but we are convinced that they are making a mistake. Their idea is that the thing to do when one grows gray and bald is to keep up with the procession, wear pinch-back clothes, silk socks and a sailor hat with a polka dot band.

But, if you do that, all you achieve is an acceleration of the pace. It is a pathetic form of camouflage that deceives no one, and yourself least of all. When you are fifty and over, you know it, and everyone else knows it.

When a man is fifty he should have a home in the country, or at least out of the town. He should awake before dawn and say good morning to the sun, sip his glass of water deliberately instead of gulping it down, move serenely, take his time.

When night comes he should be able to say, "Well, this has been a fine, long day," instead of saying, "For the love of Mike, where has this day gone to?"

Then, when old age comes, you will be able to say with the sage: "Old age is the night of life, but is the night not beautiful with stars?"—Los Angeles Times.

Not for Publication.

Here is one story that H. E. Barnard, the state food administrator, should not overlook. Ed Lane, one of the prominent citizens of Colfax, Clinton county, became worried several nights ago because he couldn't sleep, and thinking that perhaps a salt water bath might restore his restful slumbers, he got up and proceeded to experiment with his theory. The next day his clothing stuck so tight to his body that he had to have assistance from his wife to get it off, and when she inquired as to the reason, he informed her that he had taken a salt-water bath the night before. But Mrs. Lane then realized where her sugar had gone, and she proved to her husband that he had got the granulated sugar instead of the salt. The result was painless, but Lane doesn't think that it will do to have Mr. Hoover or Mr. Barnard find out he took his bath in sugar water.—Indianapolis News.

Safety Belts.

On the question of safety belts Dr. Graeme Anderson gives it as his opinion that before leaving the ground all aviators should see that their safety belts are fastened and should be familiar with the method of their quick release; the belt should never be undone in the air.

In 17 crashes on tractor machines with 17 injured the belt held on seven occasions and gave way on ten, of the 42 crashes in which the pilot escaped the belt held in 28 instances and gave way in 14.

Dr. Graeme Anderson advocates the wearing of safety helmets by all pupils, but emphasizes that they should be well fitting and not be easily dislodged from the head while flying.

"LATIN QUARTER" OF TOKYO

All Kinds of Schools and Colleges for the Seeker of Knowledge to Be Found There.

Tokyo, considered the educational center of the country, vibrates with student life. In addition to its Imperial university, there are two large private universities with over 12,000 students, various technical schools, commercial schools, normal colleges, high schools, middle schools, a foreign language school, Buddhist and missionary schools and 234 primary schools, Gertrude Emerson writes in Asia Magazine.

The presence of thousands of young students from distant parts of the country who have answered the lure of the capital has brought about a curious housing problem. Many schools provide their own dormitories; most of the provinces support one, and certain philanthropic persons make contributions. The greater number of these Tokyo dormitories and boarding houses are located in the quarter of Kanda, or the "Latin Quarter," as the students themselves euphemistically call it. Jimbo Cho, the principal thoroughfare, with its rows and rows of little open-faced second-hand book shops catering to the promiscuous student taste, almost rivals the Quais of Paris. A tour of inspection will throw an interesting side light on young Japan's mental furniture. There is invariably a section devoted to foreign books, most English translations of such writers as Maupassant, Zola, Baudelaire, Maeterlinck, and the Russians; Ibsen, Oscar Wilde, Shaw and, by the way of showing the open mindedness of the age, Schopenhauer and Conan Doyle very frequently side by side on the same shelf. Then there are volumes of theology and innumerable "Self Helps to Practical English." It is a curious, indigestible, ill assorted mass of literary material—this that the Japanese student avidly swallows, like a prescribed dose, convinced that with one gulp he will become master of all Western wisdom.

DEMAND FOR HOLY PLACES

So Long as Religion Exists There Must Be Spots Devoted by Men to Veneration.

As long as religion exists men will look for its holy places. If they do not find its sanctuaries ready at hand in the natural features of the country in which they live, or if they are not provided with places consecrated by the history of the past, they will make them for themselves in their churches and their shrines.

Men need some special place where they can know that they are in the Divine presence and can offer their homage before his throne. The places of men's veneration are frequently impressive and beautiful, but, on the other hand, they may be the barest buildings, having nothing of grace or beauty to please the eye. Yet the meanest building becomes ablaze with Divine glory to those who have met God within its walls. And where generation after generation of men, each in its turn, has bent in reverence to worship, or to listen in faith to the word of the most high in warning, encouragement or comfort as they most need, they have dedicated holy places with a reverence due to the honor of God and the memory of his people.—London Times.

Real "Lucky Bone."

One of the most precious possessions of an officer in England, and one which excited much curiosity during a recent short leave, is an ordinary wishbone which he has had mounted in gold and carries about with him as a mascot, it having already, he avers, once saved his life.

It appears that while near the front line in France he was enjoying a rare meal of doubtful chicken with a couple of brother officers, and was just about to try conclusions with the wishbone with his opposite comrade when it slipped from his plate and dropped under the heavy oak table the three had managed to secure from a ruined farmhouse for their barn billet. No sooner had the Birmingham man got under the table to grope for the bone than the barn was reduced to debris by a couple of direct hits from enemy airplanes.

The other two officers were killed outright, but the stout table saved the third from any material injury. The wishbone was firmly clasped in his right hand when he was dug out of the ruins.

Hit Profiteers in Meat.

Queensland, New South Wales, has found a way to get cheap meat. Its policy, inaugurated by the Queensland labor government in November, 1915, is now past the experimental stage and working well. Convinced that exploitation was going on "on a grand scale," and finding every attempt at price restriction met with bitter complaints from dealers, the government decided to test the situation itself, and set up state butcher shops. After two years and a half of operation, reports the staff correspondent of the Montreal Star at Queensland, the price of meat, which had increased 100 per cent in war time, under private control has been brought down "to a figure equal to what it was before the war, plus a difference due to legitimate causes, such as droughts." Beef fell nine cents a pound when the first state shop was opened.

AMERICAN SPIRIT RELIED ON TO WIN.

In the light of succeeding events it is interesting to recall the confidence with which the United States Food Administrator viewed the gloomy outlook in July of 1917, when this country had been in the war for less than four months and the Germans were steadily sending the western front nearer and nearer to Paris.

"Even though the situation in Europe may be gloomy today," he declared in a public statement, "no American who has knowledge of the results already obtained in every direction need have one atom of fear that democracy will not defend itself in these United States,"

SUGAR SHOWED OUR BACKBONE

American Willingness to Give Up Luxury Demonstrated Nation's War Conscience.

STAND WITH THE ALLIES.

By Reducing Consumption People of the United States Averted a Famine at Home in Spite of Low Supplies.

The fact that the people of the United States were able to reduce by more than one-half million tons their July, August, September and October consumption of sugar proves conclusively that their war conscience was thoroughly awakened and that the country as a whole stood ready to follow the injunctions of the Government.

Our normal consumption of sugar in the four-month period beginning with July has been 400,000 tons per month, a total of 1,600,000 for the quarter year.

In July, when our sugar stringency began to reach its height, consumption was reduced to 260,000 tons. In August only 325,000 tons went into distribution and in September only 279,000 tons. In October the distribution fell to 230,000 tons.

If the general public had failed to observe the injunctions of the Food Administration this country would have been in the throes of a sugar famine before the end of August. Our visible supplies were so low as to bring great anxiety to those familiar with the sugar situation. They feared that it would be absolutely impossible to reduce consumption to a point where sugar would no longer be a mere luxury in the American diet.

Few accomplishments of the Food Administration will stand forth so predominantly as this reduced consumption of sugar. By it we have been able to bridge over the period of stringency until the new beet and Louisiana cane sugar crops were in sight.

Now the nation is in a position so that if we choose we may return to our normal home use of sugar, and Europe, with the release of ships to go far afield, can maintain its recent restricted rations. If, however, those nations are to increase their use of sugar very considerably it must be by our continued sharing with them through limiting our own consumption.

Art in the Home.

A good story is going the rounds concerning Walter Bayes, whose famous academy picture, "The Underworld," has been purchased by the committee of the Imperial war museum.

Mr. Bayes has always been a very severe critic of his own pictures, and one day, being dissatisfied with a large painting he had completed, he gave the canvas to the charwoman to take away with her, telling her she could do what she liked with it.

The woman examined it closely, bending it this way and that and thumping it all over with evidently increasing satisfaction.

"Thanks, Mr. Bayes," she said at last. "Thanks very much. This'll do fine for me front parlor. It's much better than them common oilcloths what let the water through; this is a good, strong one, with plenty of paint on it."—Pearson's Weekly.

Hay-Feverites Have Association.

Thousands of persons who suffer annually from that irritating and lachrymatory disease known as hay fever, know that it is no joke, but 45 years ago the United States Hay Fever association came into existence as a joke. But the joke soon became a practical one and has so remained to date. The object of the association is the seeking of information which will serve to relieve sufferers with hay fever, and for their mutual benefit and comfort. Not only hay-feverites, but townspeople and proprietors of hotels in places exempt from hay fever, manufacturers of remedies for hay fever, and especially physicians who have made a study of the disease, are members of the association, all working together for the best results.

A Delicate Matter.

"Why wasn't the German crown prince relieved permanently of his command?"

"The kaiser said there were 'dynastic reasons.'"

"What did he mean by that?"

"Well, I presume the situation is something like this: The crown prince made several foolish statements about what he was going to do and it would hurt the prestige of the royal house considerably to acknowledge that he hadn't done them."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Order Nisi.

Harvey L. Cooper, Assignee,
vs.
George W. Buckle.

In the Circuit Court for Caroline county.
In Equity. No. 1915.

Ordered, this 23rd day of November, 1918, that the Auditor's Report, made and filed in the above cause, be ratified and confirmed, unless good cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 25th day of November, 1918, provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Caroline county once in each of two successive weeks before the 16th day of December, 1918.

LAWRENCE B. TOWERS,
Clerk.

True copy—Test:
LAWRENCE B. TOWERS,
Clerk.

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POSTPONED
ASSIGNEE'S SALE
—OF VALUABLE—
REAL ESTATE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage from Jacob E. Ellwanger and Viola C. Ellwanger, his wife, to William F. Wolf, dated March 1st, 1916 and duly assigned to the undersigned assignee, which said mortgage and assignment are of record in Liber J. K. S. No. 16, folio 336, etc., one of the Mortgage Record Books for Caroline County; default having occurred in the conditions in said mortgage on the part of the mortgagors to be performed, the undersigned Assignee will offer and expose at public sale to the highest bidder in front of the Court House door in the town of Denton, Maryland, on

Tuesday, December 31st, 1918

between the hours of 1 and 3 o'clock p. m., the following described property:

ALL those two pieces, tracts or parcels of land situate lying and being in the Second Election District of Caroline County, State of Maryland, and more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL NO. 1.—Beginning for the outlines thereof at a cedar stake in the center of a thirty foot road laid down on a plat filed in the case of Harry A. Roe and others vs. Lillian Roberta Stevens and others, in the Circuit Court for Caroline County, in Equity, No. 1341, and runs from thence with the division line between this lot and No. 2 hereinafter described and as is shown by the aforesaid plat, north 28¼ degrees east, 118 perches to the center of a branch; thence with said branch to the Greenlee land and the end of 232 perches; thence with the same reversed south 23½ degrees west, 131 perches to the center of the aforesaid thirty foot road; thence with the same north 61¼ degrees west, 63 perches to the place of beginning, containing

42 Acres of Land, More or Less

PARCEL NO. 2.—Beginning for the outlines thereof at a cedar stake in the center of a thirty foot road laid down on said plat mentioned and described in Parcel No. 1, which said stake is 94 perches from the center of the county road leading from Denton to Greensboro; and from thence runs with said division line between Parcel No. 1 and Parcel No. 2 north 28¼ degrees east, 106 perches to the outlines of Parcels Nos. 1 and 2; thence with the same reversed north 89 degrees east, 28 8-10 perches to a stone; thence south 49¼ degrees west, 8 2-10 perches to a blazed tree in the branch; thence down the branch until a line drawn south 28¼ degrees west will strike the center of the aforesaid proposed road 56 perches from the place of beginning; thence with said division line south 28¼ degrees west, 118 perches to the center of said road; thence with the same north 61¼ degrees west, 56 perches to the place of beginning, containing

Forty Acres of Land, More or Less

It being the same property by the said mortgage conveyed.

Terms of Sale.

The terms of sale are one-third cash on day of sale; balance in six months, deferred payment to bear interest from day of sale, and to be secured to the satisfaction of the undersigned Assignee, or, all cash, at the option of the purchaser. Title papers at expense of purchaser.

ALBERT G. TOWERS,
Assignee of Mortgagee.
FRANK P. COVEY, Auct. [n-7,3t

PUBLIC SALE
OF VALUABLE
REAL ESTATE

Under and by virtue of a decree of the Orphans' Court for Caroline County, passed in a cause wherein Martha Thomas was Complainant and Israel Thomas et al. were defendants, the undersigned trustee will offer and expose at public sale to the highest bidder in front of the Court House door in the town of Denton, Md., the following described property, on

Tuesday, December 10, 1918

between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock p. m.

All that piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Third Election District of Caroline County (known as the Ann Thomas Lot and lying on the State Road from Williston to Denton), it being part of the Sipple land.

Beginning for the outbounds thereof at a corner of the Dr. John Hignutt land thence with the same North 42 degrees west 55½ perches to the James W. Saulsbury land, then north 35 degrees east 14 perches with said land, then south 42 degrees east 58½ perches to the State Road leading from Williston to Denton, then with the same to the place of beginning containing

Five Acres of Land More or Less

It being the same land and premises as described in a deed from James E. Hignutt, trustee et al. to the said Ann Thomas bearing date the 30th day of November, 1887, and duly recorded in Liber L. H. G. No. 52 folio 51 one of the land record books for Caroline County.

The above property is improved by a small dwelling and barn.

Terms of Sale.

Terms of sale are one-third cash on day of sale, balance in six months or all cash at the option of the purchaser, deferred payments to bear interest from day of sale and to be secured to satisfaction of the undersigned.

W. BREWSTER DEEN,
LEONARD F. COVEY, Trustee.
Auctioneer.

Notice to Creditors.

In the matter of the estate of Ann Thomas, late of Caroline County deceased, in the Orphans' Court for Caroline County,

MARTHA THOMAS
vs.
ISRAEL THOMAS

The undersigned, trustee in the above intitled case, pursuant to an order of the Orphans' Court for Caroline County, passed in said cause on the 12th day of November, 1918, hereby gives notice to all persons having claims against the estate of Ann Thomas, late of Caroline County, deceased, to file the same, properly authenticated, with the Register of Wills for Caroline County, on or before the expiration of six months from the 5th day of December, 1918.

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This is to give notice that the subscribers, of Caroline county, have obtained from the Orphans' Court for Caroline county, in Maryland, letters testamentary the personal estate of

ISAAC J. MOORE,

late of Caroline county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are warned to exhibit the same to the subscribers, with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated, on or before the 26th day of May, 1919, or they may otherwise, by law, be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under our hands this 29th day of October, 1918.

J. VIRGIL MOORE,
T. PLINY FISHER,
Executors of Isaac J. Moore, deceased.

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