Women's Page

BY A WOMAN



EDITH CAVELL AND CLARA BARTON

Armistice day is always full of memories of heroes who have made the Supreme Sacrifice, and also those who have come home wrecked in body and spirit, whose lives are very desolate and sad.

But as memory goes back over the past the soldie rthinks of the noble women who stood toil and privation voluntarily in order to nurse the sick and wounded and also to listen as the dying soldier sent his last message home. Prominent among these is Edith Cavel, an English war, head of a nursing training school in Brussels. Theer she attended German soldiers as well as those of the Allied soldiers in the great World War. In August 1915, she was accused by the German Military authorities in Belgium of assisting prisoners to escape and in October was condemned to be shot by a firing squad of German soliders. This execution aroused England and France and in fact, most of the countries of Europe. No act of the Germans created more an agonism than this crime.

In England Edith Cavell was henceforth regarded as a martyr, a notable memorial service was held in St. Pauls Cathedral, London, and later a statue of her was erected in Trofalgar square. In May, 1919, her body was brought to England in a warship and buried with military honors.

Clara Borton, as we all know, was the nurse who established the Red Cross society. Her life work was always for relieving distress and helping the ignorant. Wherever war was waging there she was.

In the Civil war in our country she was very actve in relief measures, and she with many others succeeded and located many soldiers who were so eagerly sought by their families and marked the graves of many others.

When war was declared between France and Germany in 1870, she went over and assisted in every way and on her return she at once began measures to establish the Red Cross here. It was formed in 1881, just fifty years ago and she was its president until 1904. It was at her suggestion, that the Red Cross should relieve in other calamities as well as war. She was at the front in the yellow fever plague in 1887, the Johnstown flood, the Russian famine and the Spanish American war.

The last work in which she took an active part was the relief of the sufferers from the flood in Galveston. Clara Barton united rare judgement and executive ability with a love of her fellow men and the work that she accomplished was more than is given most women to achieve. She died in 1912, before the great world war, but the Society which she has formed is growing by leaps and bounds, and there is no distress that the Red Cross does not relieve if it is possible for it to get there.

HEALTH

So many are afflicted these days with as thriles. Perhaps it was as bad in former years when people called in rheumatism. It is a stubborn disease and causes much pain. I think most Doctors agree that it is caused by acid. I wonder if one cause is not the luscious candy that is so tempting and so easy to get these days. Some one has said that one cause is the eating of fruit before breakfast, that we should not put acid on an empty stomach, but eat the fruit along with the other breakfast.

LA MODE

Fashion has enjoyed breaking her own rules this year. There is, for instance, the long-accepted notion that "everybody" rushes into blue clothes in the Spring and that brown is leading contender in the Fall. But the brown family winked at tradition away back last Spring and perversely walked away with the honors; now the blue battelion is evening matters up by enjoying unprecedented Winter popularity.

This did not happen overnight. There was ample warning in the Paris Fall collections, many of which featured blues—all the way from Chanel's velvety dark blue, several degrees lighter than navy, to Vionnet's sudden, bright soldier blue. The enthusiasm with which they have been taken up in New York confirms a notion we have long held —that there are any number of women who would like to wear blue the year round and the only reason they haven't is because they have not been able to find it.

Ostrich Farming Revived By Victorian Bowler Hat

Revival of the funny little bowler hats of mid-Victorian days has given new life to one of the world's waning industries, ostrich farming.

Feather merchants of London and the continent, faced with the booming demand for ostrich plumes for use on the new hats, have issued urgent calls to the world's sources of supply for more fathers.

Already three ships have been chartered to bring thousands of feathers from Port Elizabeth, South Africa, to London.

A large number of incubators for ostrich eggs have been rushed over to Afrca from manufacturers in this country, who see a prospect of the ostrich feather regaining some of the popularity it had in prewer days.

Hundreds of girls have been enlisted to undergo intensive training for work on the ostrich farms of South Africa, and special staffs have been put together by London merchants to cope with the rush of orders from retailers from all over the empire.

There is a arge risk, however, involved in putting too much faith in the evival of trade in the feathers. The hats are an extreme style, and the craze for them may vanish as quickly as it appeared.

RECIPES

Chilled Fruit Juices

2 cups sugar.
4 cups water.
1 cup lemon juice.
1 cup orange juice.
2 cups grape juice.
8 cups iced water.

Boil sugar and water 2 minutes Cool. Add rest of ingredients. Chill Serve in glasses half filled with chopped ice.

Asparagus Salad (Serving 8).

8 cups lettuce.
2 cups diced asparagus.
1-2 cup diced celery.
3 tablespoons chopped sweet pickles.
2 tablespoons chopped green peppers.
2 tabelspoons chopped onions.
1 tablespoon salt.
1-4 teaspoon paprika.
1-2 cup thick French dressing.

Arrange the lettuce on plates and arrange portions of the rest of ingredients. Have all ingredients chilled before they are combined.

Sunshine Cake

6 egg yolks.
1 cup sugar (sifted 4 times).
1-8 teaspoon salt.
1 teaspoon lemon extract.
6 egg whites, beaten.
1 cup pastry flour (sifted 4 times).
1-2 teaspoon cream of tartar.

Beat egg whites and add sugar. Beat steadily. Add yolks which have been beaten and fold in rest of ingredients. Pour into ungreased pan and bake 40 minutes in slow oven.

Fruit Salad

(Prepared from fresh fruit.)

1 cup diced grapefruit.
1-2 cup diced oranges.
1-2 cup diced pineapple.
1 cup seeded white cherries.

Mix and chill ingredients. Drain off juices and arrange fruits on lettuce. Add dressing.

The Mountain's Appeal

In summer thousands of tourists find their way to the famous monastery of St. Bruno at Chartreuse, which, until a quarter of a century ago, made the just as famous cordial. In winter, close to the monastery the tourists flock to St.-de-Chartreuse and its wild and beautiful skilands. The village is in a hollow bounded by the Pic-du-Grand-Som, the slopes of the Cucheron pass and the peaks of Channechaude, nearly 7,000 feet high. This makes it a sheltered winter resort, while the hills provide most unusual ski fields. The landscape, at all times of the year, is one of the most beautiful in France, but in winter the sleigh parties and skiers find a country of indescribable beauty.

Parthian Shots

The Parthians were a very warlike people of ancient times, who flourished about 250 B. C. in the area covered by the Persian empire. They were especially celebrated as horse archers. Their tactics became so famous that they passed into a proverb. Their mail-clad horsemen spread into a cloud around the hostile army, poured in a shower of darts and then evaded any closer conflict by a rapid flight, during which they still shot their arrows backwards upon the enemy. A "Parthian shot" is a sharp remark to which no opportunity is given to reply.

In Favor of Greek and Latin

Nothing can take the place of the examples and the lessons which ancient history and the ancient writers give of patriotism, courage and all the manly virtues. One of the leading men in the economic life of Germany, Albert Ballin, once said to me: "If I had two candidates for a post in the Hamburg-Amerika company and one could read Homer and Vergil in the original and the other knew all the intricacies of double bookkeeping and was experienced in stock business as in exchange discounting, I would prefer the former."—From the Memoirs of Prince Von Bulow.

Need Created by Printing

Our medieval ancestors did not need eye-glasses. There was so little chance of acquiring and using knowledge in the olden days that only a few persons ever learned to read or write. Occupations were of a general nature and did not require the close application of the eyes that modern vocations demand.

A real need for visual attention in the world came after the introduction of the printing press. People then began to read and learn to do things for themselves.

True to Form

"He looked so stupid when he proposed to me."

"Well, darling, look what a stupid thing he was doing."

Used Private Funds to Refurbish White House

When lace curtains in the White House became torn or unpresentable during the occupancy of President James Monroe, he, despite his rather impecunious state at the time, dug down in his pocket and purchased new ones.

This piece of news as well as the fact that President Monroe was forced to use his own private funds to replace furniture, carpets and other household articles, necessary to the comfort and dignity of the Presidential home, were revealed in a recently discovered manuscript penned by Mr. Monroe when he was President.

This manuscript, of 48 closely written pages, rolled and neatly tied with a faded blue silk ribbon, deals with an assortment of White House matters. At the top of the first page, President Monroe wrote the title "Observations on Matters of Public Interest."

Among the interesting subjects and incidents related were the complaints about having to spend his own money for properly furnishing the White House. Mr. Monroe's complaining tone was made all the more woeful by his mentioning the fact that at the time he was very short of funds himself and that he needed the money for other necessary purposes.

Life of Swedish Queen Full of Contradictions

The life of Queen Christina of Sweden (1629-89) is full of pictorial splendor. Queen from the age of six, taking eagerly to her boyish upbringing, a lover of learning, and fearless, as became the daughter of Gustavus Adolphus, she had many of the qualities of the ideal ruler. Yet, once she had been magnificently crowned, she chose to reign only for a few years, during which she provided her country with a succession, not of heirs, but of galvanic shocks.

From the first, we see her staid ministers bewildered by the contradictions in her nature—her brilliant statecraft, alternating with violent enthusiasms for philosophers, for a French quack doctor or a handsome Spanish envoy. She loved display, fine horsemanship and physical beauty; yet herself she dressed carelessly, often in male attire, with not too nice a regard for personal cleanliness, and with a disconcerting indifference to food and sleep. She could be truly royal, yet she could make a gouty and important savant dance in public for her amusement. What wonder that most of her councilors breathed a sigh of relief at her abdication. — London New Statesman and Nation.

Danish Flag Oldest

The Stars and Stripes is the second oldest established flag, the Danish flag being the only one which dates farther back in an unchanged form. The cross of the Danish flag was adopted as the national emblem in the year 1219. The changes in our flag are not figured, as the law establishing the flag provided for them. At the time the United States flag was officially adopted, on June 14, 1777, there were a good many national flags which had been in use for a considerable period of time, but through changes in government these flags have all since been changed in one way or another. The present British national flag, or "Union Jack," was not adopted until 1801, the date of the union of Great Britain with Ireland.

Popular Inauguration

President Van Buren's was the first inauguration without a party for the populace. And the populace was pretty peeved about it. But a few terms later, the Buchanan inauguration party, held in tents in Judiciary square, made up for everything. The cake was four feet high, with the arms of every state on it. The wine bill was $3,000. Here are a few of the items: 400 gallons of oysters, 500 quarts of chicken salad, 1,200 quarts of ice cream, 300 quarts of jellies, 60 saddles mutton, four saddles venison, eight rounds of beef, 75 hams, and 125 tongues.

Ivanhoe and Ignace

One day David, whose mind tends more to mechanics than it does to literature, said to his mother:

"Who is this Ivanhoe I hear them talking about?"

James, a few years old, overhearing him, began to laugh and said: "A great big boy like you and don't know who Ivanhoe is."

"Huh," said David, "you think you are so smart. I'll bet you don't know who Ignace Boniface is."

"Why, why," stammered James, "I think he is a writer."

"No," said his brother, "he isn't. He is a colored boy in my class at school."

Worried

L. Edmunds of Glendale writes: "I knew a little fellow whose mother made him go to church overmuch. He didn't know what it was all about but the solemnity of the service awed him.

"One day, after they had returned from church and the mother was giving the child a little additional Bible talk he interrupted her saying:

"'Close the door. Halleluiah might come in.'"—Los Angeles Times.

Hope

The poets are full of appreciation of hope that makes an otherwise drab life endurable. Tennyson speaks of "the mighty hopes that make us men." Milton says, "What re-enforcement we may gain from hope." "Hope will make thee young," says Shelley.

NEW OLD-TIMER

Proud Father: "Well, son, now that you're a grad what are gou going to do"

Offspring: "I'm going to talk to you about the good old days."

SHARPER TEETH REQUIRED

"I wish to iomplain," said the woman shouper, "about the flour you sent me, it was tough."

"Tough, ma'am?" replied the grocer.

"Yes, tough. I made pies with it and my husband could hardly eat them."

Splendid Records Made by Old Clipper Ships

The clipper ships which were constructed for the California trade were built with extreme care, although, as far as possible, everything was sacrificed to speed, for freights were high and prices depended upon the quickness with which goods could be delivered to the Pacific coast.

Clippers costing as high as $80,000 sometimes paid for themselves on their first voyage. There is the story of one old sea captain who was anxious to carry sail as long as possible and padlocked his gear so that sailors could not take in sail without orders.

The Flying Cloud, which was built in East Boston by Donald McKay, was one of the fastest clippers ever launched. She had a figurehead of an angel on the wing carrying a speaking trumpet. Her mainmast, including the topmast and skysail pole, was 200 feet high; her main yard measured 82 feet and her bowsprit and jib-boom projected 58 feet.

She sailed from New York to San Francisco in 89 days and 21 hours, covering in one day 423 statute miles, 42 miles faster than any steamship had then done in the same time. On this trip some of the crew had to be put in irons, although subsequently released to work the ship, and the first officer was suspended from duty because he disobeyed the captain's orders and cut the rigging. For a number of days the Flying Cloud averaged 13½ knots, and sailed for 5,912 miles at an average of 227 miles a day.

Kaiser Wilhelm's Joke That Embarrassed Czar

It was on the occasion of this meeting at Reval (1902) that William II uttered the jesting words as he approached me arm in arm with the czar: "Do you know how we have decided to style ourselves in the future? Czar Nicholas is from now onward admiral of the Pacific and I am admiral of the Atlantic!" Czar Nicholas looked very embarrassed at this, Prince von Bulow writes, in his Memoirs. To help him I remarked that I was not surprised that a monarch, who in spite of his great power appreciates the welfare wrought by peace as well as the czar does, had decided upon this title of "pacific." The ruler of all the Russias agreed very emphatically. But when we were alone I urged the kaiser to refer no more to his horrible joke. His majesty with the obstinacy of an enfant terrible brought up the matter again at table to the obvious discomfort of the czar. At last the hour of parting arrived. The two emperors embraced and kissed; the Russian yacht steamed for Kronstadt, when Kaiser William signaled the Russian emperor by way of farewell: "The admiral of the Atlantic bids farewell to the admiral of the Pacific." After a few minutes came the cool reply: "Good-by!"

Mankind Seems to Have Reversed Nature's Rule

It has been revealed that the men of one great American city spend almost as much for clothes as the women. There is a difference in cost, of course. Women can purchase three or four dresses and appear beautiful for the money a man pays for one suit. And there can be no dispute about the women looking far more comfortable, especially in hot weather.

One writer, commenting along this line, makes the observation: "The masculine taste is to dress well enough to be unnoticeable and the feminine ambition is to dress well enough to attract attention." Accepting this epigrammatic statement as true, it is a complete reversal of nature's rule as between male and female. In natural life the male is endowed with the fineries, presumably to attract the attention of modest potential mates.

It is a waste of vigor to protest against woman obtaining what she denominates her rights. She takes them where she sees them and there is nothing to be done about it.—Toledo Blade.

Removes "Frozen" Bolts

Nuts on bolts used on machinery often become "frozen" in place and are removed only with great difficulty. Often it becomes necessary to cut them away with a chisel or remove them by drilling, either of which is a long and tedious operation. Human strength cannot move these pieces, but a piece of pneumatic machinery has been recently devised which does the work. It is an air-driven wrench which has been largely adopted for use about locomotive shops and similar establishments. The tool is of such convenient form that it may readily be carried about and will quickly dislodge nuts on bolts up to an inch and a quarter.

United States Fur Center

The United States has displaced London as the fur center of the world, according to the latest government reports. There are no accurate figures for the domestic fur catch in the United States, but its annual value is estimated at from $45,000,000 to $70,000,000, and most of this comes from the Mississippi valley, which is the largest fur-producing area in the world, with double the catch of Russia and three times that of Canada. The four outstanding domestic commercial furs are muskrat, opossum, skunk and raccoon.

Remarkable Carving

With a pocket knife and a piece of glass, Mowritz Peterson, of Portland, Ore., carved a model of the frigate Constitution that is all of wood, even to its 37 sails. Each sail was carved and shaved down to a thickness of an eighth of an inch, from a block of wood three inches thick. It took an average of four days to make each sail, and a year to finish the boat. The hull was made of western red cedar and the sails of Idaho white pine. Two other woods, Port Orford cedar and California sugar pine, were used for the smaller parts.

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How Schliemann Found His Perfect Helpmeet

Schliemann (the excavator of Troy) went to Greece, a middle-aged man, believing in the simplicity of his heart that he would find the manners of Acadia. He was to begin married life over again after an unfortunate experience in Russia. What more fitting than a Greek wife? It is hardly credible, but he asked his old Greek tutor to find him one. It is not incredible that the tutor found one for the wealthy foreigner among his own relations!

Before they were betrothed he gave her a viva-voce examination, including the reciting of passages from Homer by heart. She passed! The marriage was nearly broken off when the millionaire asked her why she was ready to be his wife. She replied: "Because my relations have told me that you are a rich man." And he had come to Greece sure of finding simplicity of heart.

Yet the marriage took place. And it succeeded. Mme. Schliemann survived to see her husband's reputation established beyond the reach of ridicule. She made a perfect helpmeet to the grown-up boy. His instinct had been right in matrimony against all the probabilities, as it was in archeology against all the antiquarians.—London Saturday Review.

Few Corpulent Bad Men in Life or Literature

Doctors say that the man of middle age and beyond who is underweight has a better chance to live out the year than the man who has too much poundage. Doctors look askance at the individual of large girth and excess weight. His days are likely to be fewer in number than are those of the skinny man with a natural site for a belt.

A medical officer at a Japanese prison has been studying the physical aspects of his charges and he gives his approval to fat men. They are not lawbreakers or if they are they avoid the expected results of a lawless life. They do not go to prison.

Wilkie Collins apparently did not know that fat men are not criminals for he made the villain of his "Woman in White" a fat scoundrel. He is the only fat villain in literature so far as the records go. On the theory that there are exceptions to all rules this fat villain can be accepted in spite of the Japanese medico who asserts that the pinguidinous lawbreaker is rare.—Miami (Fla.) Herald.

Metallurgic Changes

Since the discovery of radium by Professor and Mme. Curie in 1898, the enormous importance of this and other metals which behave in a similar way has been more and more strongly realized. Radium, thorium, uranium, and one or two other metals, have extraordinary properties. They are never at rest, but are always flinging off parts of themselves and changing as they do so into something else. In the course of millions of years radium, by far the rarest and the most valuable of metals, turns into lead, one of the commonest and cheapest.

Osmium Heaviest Element

The element osmium is the heaviest substance known. Its specific gravity, compared with water, is 22.5. Irridium, with a specific gravity of 22.42, comes second; platinum, 21.37, third, and gold, 19.33, fourth. Specific gravity is relative density, that is, the ratio of the weight of any volume of a substance used as a unit or standard. Air is generally used as the standard for gases, and water for solids and liquids. When we say that the specific gravity of osmium is 22.5 we mean that osmium bulk for bulk is 22.5 times heavier than water.—Pathfinder Magazine.

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The Mayor and City Council have leased an office on Court Street in the Transcript Building where taxes will be received and such other business transacted as may be brought to the attention of the Mayor and City Council between the hours of 9 A. M. to 12 M., and from 1.30 to 3.30 P. M. each business day.

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ELWOOD WHALEY

late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 13th day of April, 1932, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's personal estate.

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