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GERMANY'S IRON TREASURES.

Vast Stores of Army Rations and Money in Readiness for War.

In the fortress of Spandau there is stored the celebrated emergency fund of the German Empire—the so-called iron treasure, millions of silver pieces, most of them minted with the head of Napoleon III. Derived from that colossal indemnity which victorious Germany imposed upon humbled France in the hope of permanently crippling the hereditary foe, the payment of which and recuperation of its loss is the financial wonder of the world, this hoard of coined money is kept for the contingency of war. This treasure is sacred. According to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch there is no crisis through which the German Empire may pass, save that of foreign war, which makes this vast sum available. The Germans are very fond of the word "iron" in its sense of rude firmness, of harsh endurance, of severe tenacity. They have applied it to their greatest historical character—the iron chancellor—to his policy of absolute inflexibility and to their most-prized reward—the iron cross—of which there is but one degree, and which can be earned only by actual bravery on the field. They have used the word to designate the treasure at Spandau and they have also adopted it to characterize an institution in their minute and comprehensive scheme of military organization to which they attach great importance. When the German army is transformed from a huge reserve of precautionary power into a massive instrument of aggressive force, its units, the individual soldiers, are put into absolutely new uniforms. The purposes of this step are numerous. It makes the operation of mobilization more simple and systematic, and with the contingency of prolonged warfare it makes the continuance of military operations more economical. There is a sentimental issue involved—the personal pride of the soldier is stimulated and his zeal in service increased.

In equipment and accouterment a similar system is followed. The result is that the soldier starts out in the condition practically that he should be theoretically. His equipment is a heavy one, but the knowledge that every pound of weight he carries represents something useful to his occupation and his comfort and convenience while engaged in it lightens his load. He realizes that he is provided for every emergency. In his knapsack are his clothes and his store of cartridges. Each one of his pockets has a particular purpose. The lining of the one on the left of his tunic is medically prepared, to be used when necessity arises as an antiseptic bandage. In his haversack is his loaf of bread—the staff of life—and the so-called "iron ration." This is the institution to which reference has been made. It is the reserve fund of the soldier's food, his sustenance when deprived of all other resources of mess, commissariat and forage. There is a huge factory in Mayence devoted to the packing of these "iron rations." In small bags, in a preserved and compressed shape, these rations consist of coffee, rice, hard tack and tobacco, in a quantity sufficient to provide for three days' use. The cavalry receives in addition similarly prepared rations for its horses, consisting of hay and oats sufficient for five days. These rations are to serve only in cases of extreme necessity. They are sacred whenever the trooper is provided by the commissary department with the necessary food, or when he can procure it by requisition or forage. The "iron ration" cannot be touched except by command of a superior officer. In the preparation of these rations chemical science has been at work, and it is believed in the articles provided the greatest amount of nutrition has been secured in the most compressed and endurable shape. In the grand maneuvres which annually take place in Germany, and in which the soldiers are exposed to every contingency save that of an enemy's death-dealing powers, the "iron rations" are carried, and their purpose made clear to the men.

Dollars.

The word dollar is of German origin. In the Middle Ages there were a great variety of coins struck in Germany, the workmanship of some being good and of others bad, while the quantity of silver in coins nominally of the same denomination varied widely. One mint, that in Joachimsthal, turned out peculiarly good coins and attained much fame. It became the habit to make contracts payable in coins struck at this place, and these coins became known as Joachimsthalers. This subsequently was contracted to thalers, and from this to dollars the transition was easy. The origin of the United States mark for dollars is generally supposed to be as follows: The initials U. S. were written one over the other. For convenience in writing the bottom of the U was left off, and the result was the present symbol. — St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

A Woman's Queer Occupation.

"Wearing shoes is my business," said a woman the other day. "It began in this way: A schoolmate of mine had the good luck to marry a wealthy man. She had always suffered from tender feet, and at school I used to break in her new shoes for her by wearing them a few days. Stretching them on a last won't serve the same end, because a last cracks without softening the leather; there's nothing like the tread of the foot to do that.

"Well, when my friend married she insisted on my accepting from her a trifle for breaking in her shoes. I named fifty cents a pair. There were other woman to whom she mentioned her idea, and about half a dozen, who wore the same number as I do, gave me their custom. Gradually my queer little business increased, so by the time my daughters grew up I never had to buy shoes for them or myself, and I often employ girls outside when my customers' sizes do not fit any of us.

"I keep the buttons on the shoes in addition to stretching them when new. I charge ten cents for putting the buttons on, no matter how many or how few there may be to replace. I also brush and put shoe polish on them. The charge for this is twenty-five cents, and the shoes are sent to me and called for. For years, I think, I stood alone in the business, but now the visiting maid includes the care of shoes in her duties, so that, but for having my own patronesses, she would cut the ground from under my always new-shod feet."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

The true luxury of an alarm clock lies in its reminder that with a little extra haste you can spare fifteen minutes for another nap. — Washington Star.

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific RAILWAY.

THE popularity of the "GREAT ROCK ISLAND ROUTE" as a Colorado line has compelled the management to increase its present splendid service by the addition of a train that is

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Chicago to Denver, Colorado Springs or Pueblo. It is known as the "Rocky Mountain Limited," and leaves Chicago daily at 10.45 a. m., arriving at Denver in the afternoon of the next day, earlier than any of its competitors. It is

A LIMITED TRAIN,

and, best of all, no extra charge is made over the usual ticket rate; its running time speedy, and equipment will consist of but one baggage car, one chair car, two sleeping cars and a dining car.

Tourists *en route* for Pueblo and Colorado Springs can by this train go direct in sleeper from Chicago without change. Travelers will note the fact that this train leaves Chicago after the arrival of all fast trains over trunk lines from the east. The train is vestibuled. Its equipment has been built especially for it. The cars are lighted by gas and heated by steam from the locomotive.

The popularity of the "*Rock Island*"

DINING CAR SERVICE

is another guarantee that this train will secure patronage, and all passengers *en route* have this luxury through to destination over the "*Great Rock Island*." No money is spared to make its service what our patrons always say—"the best."

The traveling public are advised that our "Big 5" will continue to run as usual, leaving Chicago at 10 p. m. daily, and arrive at Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo the second morning, being but one day out; and our No. 11 will leave at 6 p. m. daily, and *via* Kansas City will reach Denver at same hour as the "Big 5."

Tourists should remember that this is the direct line to Manitou and other important summer resorts, and by taking the

"GREAT ROCK ISLAND"

time is saved and through sleeping cars secured.

The Colorado service of the "*Rock Island*" is now made perfect by this new Limited Train and the "Big 5," and gives to travelers two flyers daily each way.

JOHN SEBASTIAN,
General Ticket and Passenger Agent,
E. ST. JOHN, Chicago, Ill.
General Manager,
Chicago, Ill. [April 8—10t

TRESPASS NOTICE.

ALL persons are hereby warned not to trespass on the property of the Union Mining Company, known as the "Hansel Farm," by taking therefrom stone, wood, sand, etc., or depositing thereon garbage of any kind.

All trespassers of any kind or degree will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

HARMON BROWN,
May 13 Superintendent.

John G. Dennison,
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

ALL business entrusted to his care will be promptly attended to.

Pension Claims a Specialty.

Office on South Water street, opposite the English Lutheran Church. [March 25

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

"Dead Shot" Poison

FOR the total destruction of all manner and species of insect life.

Directions.—Use with a feather; keep well corked and safely out of the reach of children.

Apply to PETER LANGLEY,
Manufacturer,
Oct 21 Frostburg, Md.

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TO sell our choice and hardy **Nursery Stock.** Many special varieties to offer both in fruits and ornamentals, and controlled only by us. We pay commission or salary, give exclusive territory and pay weekly. Write us at once and secure choice of territory. MAY BROTHERS,
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WANTING
Memorial Work
BEFORE
DECORATION DAY,

SHOULD place their orders AT ONCE with

J. B. WILLIAMS.
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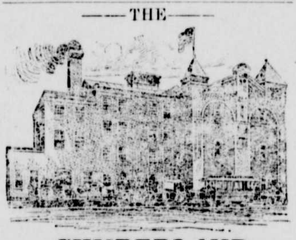

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Brewing Company,
BREWERS and BOTTLERS
—OF THE FAMOUS—
Reingold, Eringer.
—AND—
Export Bottle
BEER
CUMBERLAND, MD.
March 4

OUR STORE

Is not the child of chance, but the ripened fruit of

TRUTH, INDUSTRY AND ACCOMMODATION!

Truth—in the fulfilment of our obligations!

Industry—in our tireless effort to please!

Accommodation—in our endeavor to do all for our customers they cannot do for themselves!

We announce a continuance of our great sales in

Dry Goods,
Dress Goods
—AND—
Milinery,

and that we are better than ever prepared to promise delightful surprises in each department.

We will enter into no detail, preferring that each reader of this announcement shall come and see for him and herself that we are now as heretofore,

First in Style!
Best in Quality!
Lowest in Price!

Under these circumstances the seed of dull trade cannot germinate in our garden, for popularity is the flower that blooms there in profusion, as rich as those which adorn our

LADIES' DOMESTIC AND IMPORTED HATS!

With the axe at the root of high prices, with the dross refined and none but the pure gold of uttermost perfection in all our lines, is it any wonder that our store is the Mecca of fashion-hunting pilgrims? Is it any surprise that all who properly appreciate solid goods and minimum prices should flock to our establishment as did the people of old to the glittering market-places of the Orient?

One suggestion, however, to those who are delaying—remember, it is just as sensible and important to be on time as to be in style. Come at once and see our new goods.

B. STERN & CO.,
FROSTBURG, MD.
April 23

FLORIDA'S PITCHER PLANT.

It Lures Insects to a Diet that Proves Fatal.

One of the most interesting plants in Florida is the pitcher plant, Saracenia variolaris, which is very abundant in some of the Southern States. Its most remarkable qualities are its power to secrete a fluid which attracts insects, yet invariably proves fatal to them; the poison-like character of its leaf, when once the insects enter the fluid tube; the smoothness of the sides; and the ease with which it digests its insect diet. Its most striking part is the pitcher-like leaf, and next the style, which spreads out into the form of an umbrella and envelopes the whole flower. As the plant increases in size the sides open to form a tube, and a round hood, in which one part of the lip of the stipule projects over the other, which is below it. The tube, through which the insects enter the plant, is much larger at the apex than the base; is round and smooth, except a narrow pit near the opening; and secretes a fluid at the upper and open part which insects eagerly sip. Having tasted it, they seem to become lost to all feeling but to obtain more, and eagerly hasten into the tube, where sure death awaits them, it being impossible for them to climb up the smooth sides of the leaf, even if they escaped. The fluid stands in the bottom of the tube, for, apparently, the special purpose of drowning and partially digesting them. Insects usually begin tasting the nectar near the door, or opening, then enter and feast on that in the interior until they seem to become paralyzed, for they loosen their hold, tremble, and finally drop into the mass of fluid at the bottom of the tube. A few very cautious insects may try to escape after having entered the open portal, but that is rendered impossible by the hood, which conceals the outward passage, and prevents egress. The tube is too smooth to render walking along its sides possible. When the insects fall helplessly back into the fluid at the bottom of the tube they undergo maceration there, until they finally become mere pulp at the lowest part of the plant. Every part of them is dissolved, and apparently utilized, as nothing is ejected. That the fluid found in the pitcher plant is not rain water, but is secreted by the plant itself, becomes evident by the fact that the opening being covered by a hood, no rain can enter the tube, but, aside from that, it is well known that the plant can secrete the fluid as readily in dry as in wet weather, and has been seen full, even when rain has not fallen for weeks.

Indian Sand Painting.

Who ever heard of painting in sand? The Moki Indians understand that species of art. Two paintings of the kind, copied accurately from the originals, have been newly placed on exhibition at the National Museum. Perhaps they might better be called mosaics, beind done in sand of six different colors on a flat, horizontal surface. The colors are yellow, green, white, black and a mixture.

Such pictures are made by Moki priests and priestesses on the floors of their subterranean chambers. The six colors stand for the cardinal points. Yellow is the north, green is the west, red is the south, white is the east, black is the region above, and all colors signify the region below.

One of the two sand paintings is a copy of the kind of picture made for the annual ceremonial of the Moki women's festival to the Germ God, which takes place in September. The work of art is executed during the progress of the secret rites. It represents two figures in an elaborate frame of different colors. On the left is a likeness of La-kone-ma-na, the patroness of the affair. She is clad in a white blanket. On the right is a portrait of one of the twin gods of war, who carries a zigzag of lightning in his hands.

The other picture is a fac-simile of the one made by the chief of the Fraternity of Antelopes at the festival of the snake dances. It is highly conventional in its character. Rain clouds are represented by semi-circles. Parallel lines show the rain falling. Four odd-looking zigzag figures stand for the lightning snakes, which are respectively red, green, white and yellow. The green and white snakes are female and the red and yellow snakes are male. Around this sand mosaic are performed the weird rites of the antelope priests, who sing songs embodying the mythological drama of the snake hero. —Washington Star.

The First Real Beau.

The first beau appears along about when we are touching fourteen or sixteen. There have been, of course, many little boy admirers, but according to a writer the genuine gallant does not materialize until we put on long dresses and commence making ourselves up for young ladies, a comprehensive phrase that all girls will understand.

He is usually the brother of some special chum of ours, and in this way we are enabled to see him more often than if we had had no reason for going to his house.

He is exceedingly bashful before people, but can talk a blue streak when we are alone. He squanders his allowances on ice-cream, soda and caramels, and on rare occasions invites us to a church sociable or concert.

He is always one of the group of youths who wait outside the church or Sunday-school door, and he is the one always to escort us to our homes on such occasions.

We are teased unmercifully about him and really enjoy it, though pretending to be fearfully indignant and provoked about it.

This sort of thing goes on until something happens, as some things have a way of doing, and either he goes away to college or we leave for boarding-school, or perhaps a quarrel or change of residence occurs.

At any rate, years perhaps will roll away before we see a bearded man who can bear the slightest resemblance to the young, rosy-cheeked boy.—Elmira Telegram.

Where He Worked.

The prisoner was before the police judge for the greatmanyth time.

"Well," said his Honor, "you here again?"

"Yes, your Honor," responded the prisoner.

"What's the charge?"

"Vagrancy; same as before, your Honor."

"It seems to me you are here about half your time."

"A little uppards, your Honor."

"Well, what do you do it for? Why don't you work?"

"I do, your Honor, more than half my time."

"Aw, now," said his Honor, good-naturedly, "if you can tell me truthfully where you have ever worked I'll let you off."

"At the House of Correction, your Honor," smiled the prisoner, and the Court kept its word.

A Long Wait.

Cobble—Bilter has invented a balloon that he says is a great success.

Stone—Has he made an ascension yet?

Cobble—No. He is waiting to get some one to go up in it.

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

DEXTER SHOE CO., Inc'p. Capital, $1,000,000. BEST $1.50 SHOE IN THE WORLD. "*A dollar saved is a dollar earned.*" This Ladies' Solid French Dongola Kid Button Boot delivered free anywhere in the U.S., on receipt of Cash, Money Order, or Postal Note for $1.50. Equals every way the boots sold in all retail stores for $2.50. We make this boot ourselves, therefore we *guarantee the fit, style and wear*, and if any one is not satisfied we will refund the money or send another pair. Opera Toe or Common Sense, widths C, D, E, & EE, sizes 1 to 8 and half sizes. *Send your size; we will fit you.* Illustrated Catalogue FREE

DEXTER SHOE CO., 143 FEDERAL ST., BOSTON, MASS.
Special terms to Dealers.
Sept 2

FLINTSTONE
CANNED GOODS
Pack of 1891.

I INVITE the attention of the public to the superior quality of my "FLINTSTONE" brand of Canned Fruits and Vegetables to be found on the shelves of all firstclass grocery stores in the county. My pack is as follows:

Cooking Tomatoes—Choice, fully ripe and superior flavor.

Extra Tomatoes—Finest whole Tomatoes, ready for slicing.

Dessert Apples—Selected varieties, packed in full syrup and ready to serve as dessert fruit.

Pie Peaches—Extra mountain Peaches, fine flavor, all full cans; nearly one-third more Peaches in can than Baltimore packed pie peaches.

Corn—Selected variety of Sugar Corn, packed when young and tender with utmost neatness and care.

My goods are sold to all merchants at moderate prices and will give full satisfaction in every particular.

Notice—All the corn packed at my Flintstone Canning House this season has on the label a *facsimile* of my signature, thus:

B. L. Turner

Any can which does not bear my signature was not packed this season. [Jan 16]

JOHN CHAMBERS,
—DEALER IN—
STAPLE AND FANCY
GROCERIES,
Flour, Feed and Provisions.
Queensware, Woodware, Tinware.
Canned and Fresh
Oysters
A SPECIALTY.
Main Street, - - FROSTBURG, MD.
March 29

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Everything Seasonable and Fresh
Cuisine Unexcelled.

ELEGANT DINING ROOM for LADIES and GENTLEMEN on street floor. A pleasant home and place of refreshment for visitors stopping between trains.

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Nov 21 Frostburg, Md.

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HOUSE AND LOT on Orman street and Houses and Lots in other parts of the town. [Feb 4] JAMES KANE.

Do You Eat Bread?

IF YOU DO YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

Gold Medal Flour,

Made by Washburn, Crosby & Co., Minneapolis, Minn., the pioneers in the manufacture of Fancy Flour from hard Spring Wheat.

Made in the largest flouring mills in the world. Daily capacity, ten (10,000) thousand barrels.

Made of Hard Northern Spring Wheat, which makes the Strongest and Best Flour in the world.

☞ *Sold by all grocers.*

Oct 31

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

A Rare Chance!
FURNITURE
At Cost!

OWING to the calamity which recently befel my store building, destroying the roof and third story, and not being able to get a place to remove my stock to keep it out of the weather, I am compelled to dispose of same at almost any price in order to save it from ruin by rain or snow, either of which is likely to occur at any time at this season of the year.

The stock comprises Walnut, Oak and Poplar Bed Room Suits; at least 25 Parlor Suits of the latest styles and upholstered in all kinds of Plushes, Brocatels, Tapestries, etc., ranging in price from $25 to $125; also a very fine lot of Upholstered and Rattan Easy Chairs, especially selected for the holiday trade, and a fine lot of Lounges, Bed Lounges, Side Boards, all Sacks, Wardrobes, Extension Tables, all kinds of Mattresses, Springs, and, in fact, everything pertaining to a first class Furniture store. Some of this furniture has been slightly damaged, but the bulk is yet uninjured, and that which has been damaged in any way will be sold exceedingly low. This is an opportunity to get

GOOD FURNITURE CHEAP

which no one in need of same can afford to miss.

Trusting that my friends and the public in general will avail themselves of this chance to get cheap Furniture, and at the same time assist me in a time of need, I am,

Respectfully

C. F. NICKEL.
Nov 28

Have You a Home
THAT IS NOT INSURED?

IF so, you want to place a policy on it today or tomorrow before you die.

You want the risk taken, too, by a standard company, such as D. P. MILLER of Cumberland represents. Any policy is good until a fire occurs, but then it is you want a pledge of indemnity worth its face in gold.

Rates not quite as low as wildcat figures, but the lowest consistent with certain and perfect iddemnity in event of loss. Apply to

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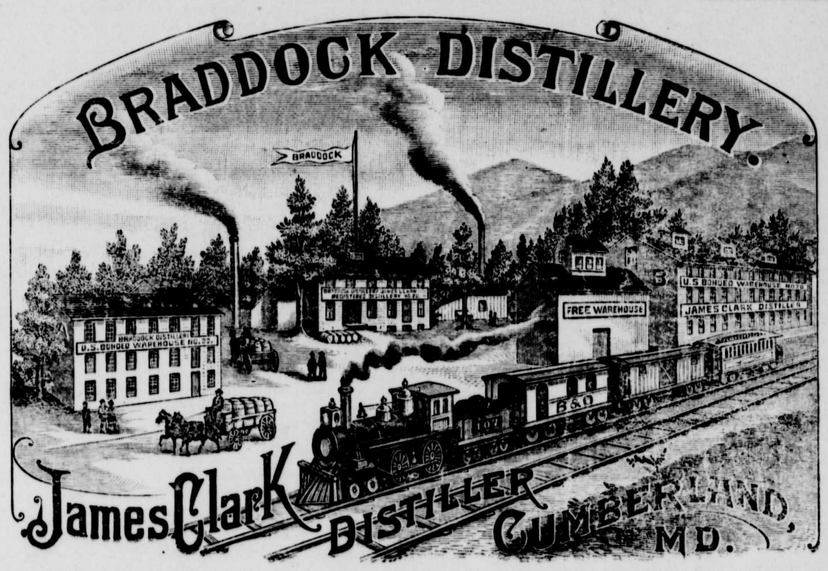
Prices Reasonable.

☞ OPEN DAY AND NIGHT. Telegraphic orders promptly attended to.

Ravenscraft's Opera House Building,
MAIN STREET. . . . FROSTBURG, MD.
Feb 20



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"BRADDOCK" PURE RYE WHISKEY,
DISTILLED FROM THE VERY CHOICEST
MOUNTAIN RYE AND SPRING WATER.

These goods are distilled under our own personal supervision, and we have, therefore, no hesitation in guaranteeing all our "Braddock."

We are the Largest Distillers and Dealers in all grades of fine

Whiskeys, Brandies, Gins, Wines, Alcohol, &c.,

in Western Maryland, and are fully equipped to supply the wants of our customers.

GIVE * THE * "BRADDOCK" * A * TRIAL.

THE BEST ALL-RYE WHISKEY MADE.

☞ Special and prompt attention given to all orders. Correspondence solicited. Read what Revenue Agents who have charge of our Distillery have to say regarding the purity of our goods:

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I hereby certify that during the time I was deputy collector internal revenue for District of Maryland James Clark, in the manufacture of his Braddock Pure Rye Whiskey, according to the record from government books, used only rye and barley malt.

WEBSTER BRUCE.

OFFICE BRADDOCK DISTILLERY, CUMBERLAND, MD.

Having been under assignment as United States storekeeper and guager at the Braddock distillery of James Clark, I hereby certify that in the manufacture of his Braddock Pure Barley Malt Whisky only barley malt is used.

JOHN H. YOUNG.

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J. P. WILLARD.

JAMES CLARK AND CO.,
Distillers Braddock Pure Rye,
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Price List of Braddock is as follows:

We sell our Braddock Pure Rye at $2, $2.50, $3 and $4 per gallon, according to age. In ordering, always send money by Postal Note or Money Order. At offices where Postal Notes cannot be obtained and money is enclosed, 2-cent stamps can be sent for Jugs as follows: 1-gallon Jugs, 15 cents; 2-gallon Jugs, 30 cents; 3-gallon Jugs, 45 cents; 5-gallon Kegs, $1. When you desire goods packed in boxes, add 10 cents for box and packing; otherwise, goods will be shipped without boxing. ☞ *It is unlawful to ship Whiskey C. O. D.; consequently the money must always accompany your orders.*

Oct 29 JAMES CLARK & CO.