

### NOTABLES IN THE LIMELIGHT



Baron Fisher, Who is Britain's First Sea Lord.

For the second time in his career John Arbutnot Fisher, Baron Fisher of Kilverstone, has been called upon to fill the position of first sea lord of the admiralty in Great Britain's navy. Born in 1841 and entering the navy at the age of thirteen, he rose to be first sea lord. This was in 1904. He retired from active service in 1910. He is not popular in the service, because he is a strict disciplinarian, but his work has won admiration.

It has been said of Lord Fisher that he stands in the same relation to the British navy that Lord Kitchener does to the army. More than to say other one man, the present efficiency of the British navy is due to him. When Fisher was appointed first sea lord in 1904 he proceeded to shake things up in a way that by many was regarded as revolutionary. He divided the effective war fleet into two—one in commission at sea, the other in commission in reserve. Then he massed most of the battleship strength in the North sea, believing that the next great naval battle would be fought in those waters rather than in the Mediterranean. His next step was to scrap every naval vessel that was not up to date. In the first three months of 1905 no fewer than 120 of such vessels were classed as obsolete.

As a fighter he has had wide experience. He fought in the Crimean war, the China war of 1850-60 and at the bombardment of Alexandria. The son of an obscure man, he attained the highest rank in the service, where aristocratic influence counts for much, on merit alone. His father was a captain in the Seventy-eighth Highlanders, who settled in Ceylon. Lord Fisher visited the United States four years ago to attend the wedding of his son to Miss Jane Morgan of Philadelphia.

Commander of the Emden. The destruction of the German cruiser Emden by the Australian war vessel Sydney at Cocos Island, Indian ocean, brought to a close the career of a ship that had wrought great damage to English commerce. During her career of activity she destroyed English ships valued at \$5,000,000 without their cargoes and sank a Russian cruiser and a French destroyer in the harbor of Penang, a British possession in the Straits Settlements.

Captain Karl von Muller, the distinguished officer who commanded the

German cruiser Emden, is about forty-one years old and was graduated from the naval school at Kiel in 1891. For some time Von Muller was admiralty staff officer of the German high seas fleet. Later he was stationed at Berlin and served on the immediate staff of Admiral von Tirpitz, secretary of the navy. The Emden was the first ship over which he had full command. Following the Emden's exploit in the harbor of Penang, the city of Blankenburg, Germany, where Captain von Muller was born, bestowed upon him the title of "honorable citizen."

On account of the brilliant work done by the Emden in destroying ships of the enemy the kaiser bestowed the iron cross upon the captain and the other officers and crew of the Emden.

### YOUNG FOLKS' CORNER

#### Christmas a Time For Peace.

In almost every large family one member—almost always a girl and ever the best beloved—from nursery days pours oil on troubled waters and smooths the rough edges of divers temperaments, so that they weld together in unity in a way that but for the peacemaker's gentle influence they never could do. With such a nature to see the good that lies hidden in all men is an instinct, and because perfect understanding gives perfect sympathy the born peacemaker owns a power that none can withstand.

It is not given to all to be able to even follow in her footsteps, but the Christmas bells will ring a more joyous peal in many, many ears if every girl reader will only resolve to be an angel of peace this Yuletide.

"Forget" and "forgive" are such easy words to say at Christmas time. The little tiffs and misunderstandings of the past year seem so trivial when looked at through the rose colored glasses of the festive season. It only needs a little angel of peace to make opportunity for reconciliation, a tactful, loving word at the right moment. It's so easy.

The Christmas Tree. Teutzel of Saxony, an antiquarian authority, says: "The ancient heathen sat before their houses between two crossed pine trees and ate and drank at the turn of the year for nineteen days." May this not have been the origin of the Christmas tree and—who knows—of the Gothic window likewise? Thackeray and Dickens and a variety of other authors have taken Christmas gatherings and the Christmas tree, poetized them and perhaps exaggerated the custom in a kindly way and led us astray about the origin of the practices of Christmas.

But Christmas was not celebrated in the first centuries of the Christian era, and there are indications in the records of early Roman history of the setting up of a decorated tree at Christmas time and the presentation of gifts of fruit and toys. The Romans themselves are supposed to have taken the idea from the early Egyptians.

Parlor Stunts. Prepare a large circular cardboard target, and to this affix as many dark red or blue bullseyes as there are guests, having back of each bullseye a tiny slip of paper on which is written directions for some stunt, such as whistling a tune, singing a song, standing with the face in the corner or any trick which suggests itself to the hostess as likely to amuse the company. Provide a bow and arrow and ask each guest in turn to shoot at the target until an arrow pierces some one of the bullseyes. The player then takes the slip of paper which his arrow has pierced and stands in readiness to perform the stunt written upon it, although he must not tell what it is until his turn comes for amusing the company.

Tongue Twisters. Ask your friends to say these sentences quickly: The rain raineth and censeth, and the sea ceaseth not, and that sufficeth us. A box of mixed biscuits in a mixed biscuit box. Shoes and socks aback Susan. She sells seashells by the seashore. The shells she sells are seashells, I'm sure. If she sells seashells by the seashore, are the shells she sells seashore shells? How much wood would a woodchuck huck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?

Cave of the Nativity. In Bethlehem of Judea is a cave or grotto said to have been the birthplace of Christ. Over it is the beautiful Church of the Nativity. The cave is about twenty feet below the level of the church and is reached by means of two spiral staircases. It is lined with Italian marble and lighted by many lamps. A silver star marks the precise spot at which Christ is said to have been born. Sixteen lamps of precious metal shed their soft glow upon the shrine, while golden censers send up incense continually.

A Boy Honored. Just after war was declared there was a review of British troops near the home of a small boy. A neighbor remarked to the boy that she had seen the review and also seen Lord Kitchener in the distance.

"Oh, that's nothing," replied the boy. "I was there and Lord Kitchener spoke to me."

"He spoke to you? What nonsense!" "Oh, but he did, though," was the reply. "I walked right in front of his horse, and he said, 'Now, then, young fellow, get out of the way.'"

Signaling Torch For Scouts. Secure an old can about three inches long and an inch and a half in diameter. To this solder a tube that will just fit over the scout staff. Fill it about one-fourth full of coal oil and then fill with waste saturated with the same stuff and light.

How a Bee Works. A bee will visit from 80 to 100 heads of clover before getting a single load of honey. On a test a bee has been found able to carry weight 300 times as great as its own.

The Reindeer. The reindeer's good and kind because He's such a help to Santa Claus. On Christmas eve, when you're in bed, He carries Santa and his sled Down from the north pole in a trio, Over the fields of snow and ice. To every home where girls and boys Deserve to share the load of toys.

### IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

#### Hank Gowdy, Star of the World's Series.



Photo by American Press Association.

Next to Johnny Evers, second baseman of the Boston Braves, Henry ("Hank") Gowdy received the most money for his season's work. Besides his salary he got his slice from the world's series and also received a gift from James Gaffney, owner of the club. It is figured that \$14,000 was about Hank's emoluments for the year. Pretty good pay for a young man playing his first season in the big leagues. Hank had figured before in the big show, but only for a short time. For a brief period he was a member of the New York Giants, but he was relegated to the minors by McGraw. Gowdy was the outstanding figure of the world's series. That much is conceded by all baseball experts, for it was Catcher Hank more than any other one man who blasted the hopes of the Athletics.

So shrewd a baseball critic as Clark Griffith said of Gowdy in September before Boston had won the pennant: "There is one player who is generally overlooked by the fans when they are looking for reasons for the great spurt of the Boston Braves. That is Hank Gowdy. There are other stars in the club, as there must be in every winning club, but to my way of thinking the man who has done the most to make the club a consistent winner is Gowdy. With steady work he has improved wonderfully, and I now consider him to be the best catcher in the National league."

Old Time Drop Kickers. A few men this season have won fame for themselves by scoring for their teams with drop kicks of fifty yards and under. Any warrior who is fairly certain to put the ball between the posts from thirty yards away is considered a great asset to his team. Yet Pat O'Dea of Wisconsin once scored by a drop kick of sixty-three yards against Northwestern, and anywhere within the fifty yard line his accuracy was deadly. Haxall of Princeton in 1882, while standing sixty-five yards away from the Yale goal posts and fifteen yards to the side of center, counted against the Blue with a place kick. Eckersall of Chicago and Brooke of Pennsylvania were others of a long list of drop kickers who proved their prowess in days gone by.

Fifty Mile Record Broken. It is thirty-one years since the United States has seen a fifty mile run for amateurs. Milwaukee held a grid of that distance recently, and it was won by a Greek named Kallas from Chicago. His time was 6 hours 18 minutes 3 seconds, and is a new American record. The former mark was 7 hours 29 minutes 47 seconds, by Peter Golden, the old six day "ped." When Peter made this record he was a rosy cheeked amateur, and that was on Feb. 22, 1883, on the grounds of the old Williamsburg A. C.

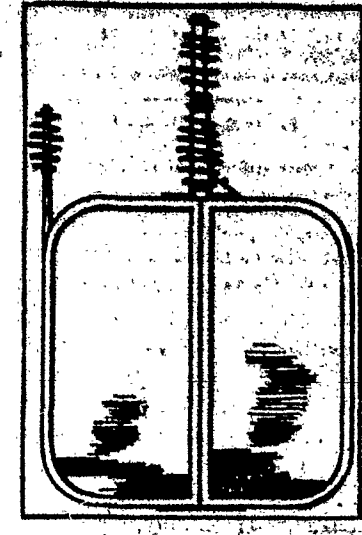
Earlier Racing in New York. In Jockey club circles the advisability of opening the New York racing season next year on or about May 1 is said to be a live topic. The New York tracks last season did not lose money. At least two of them cleared \$30,000. It is argued that a campaign from May 1 to Oct. 1 would attract many of the good horses that usually race in Canada. The matter will be decided by the Jockey club after the holidays.

Dwyer Quits Pennsylvania. Pat Dwyer, trainer of the University of Pennsylvania football team, who has been suffering from malaria since the return of the team from Michigan, has tendered his resignation to T. Truxton Hare, chairman of the university football committee.

Warner to Leave Carlisle. Glenn S. Warner, famous gridiron tutor of the Carlisle Indians, will in all likelihood shortly sign a three year contract to coach the University of Pittsburgh football team for the next three years.

### HELPFUL HINTS FOR HOUSEWIVES

#### Griddle in Two Parts Makes Cake Baking Easy.



The griddle in the accompanying cut which has been recently patented, requires no great dexterity, for when the cake has been properly cooked on one side its existence is not to be endangered by a bungling turning operation, which happens when the unskilled undertakes to perform it. Instead of turning the cake, with this improved idea the griddle is turned. It will be readily seen how this may be done with the two part iron. The unoccupied portion of the iron is turned over that which contains the cooking cake, and then the whole is turned so that the heat will get to the side to be cooked.

Household Helps. Bolt biscuits thin and use two cuts for each biscuit, laying one on top of the other. They are dainty and break evenly.

When frying cornmeal mush dip each slice in cracker dust. This makes a brown, crisp crust and also prevents the lard from splashing over the range.

Before using tea spread it on a sheet of paper and place it in a warm—not hot—oven for a quarter of an hour. This improves the flavor and strengthens it, making the tea last longer.

Pumpkin Pie. To one quart of pumpkin which has been stewed and passed through a fine colander add one quart sweet milk, one tablespoonful cornstarch dissolved in a little of the milk, four tablespoonfuls melted butter, beaten yolks of three eggs, one cupful sugar, one-half teaspoonful salt and cinnamon, nutmeg and ginger to taste. Mix well, and just before adding to the crust fold in the beaten whites of the eggs. This will make four ordinary pies or three if baked in deep tins.

Lavender Basket. Fold a piece of sheer Swiss muslin 18 by 7 inches to make an oblong 9 by 7 inches. Bind with three-quarter inch lavender satin ribbon, leaving unbound a small opening at the end of one side until about one and a half ounces of lavender buds have been put into the pad. Finish binding, turn down the left hand corner and catch with a bow of the lavender ribbon. Buy one and a half yards of ribbon. This sachet makes a dainty gift and is inexpensive. Keep it in a bureau drawer.

Apple Brown Pudding. Sprinkle brown sugar in the bottom of a buttered pudding dish, line the bottom of the dish with slices of sliced bread, put in layers of sliced, cooking apples and between each layer of apples put some small bits of chopped orange peel and a little brown sugar. When the dish is full cover with slices of bread which have been moistened with hot milk. Bake in a moderate oven for thirty minutes and serve hot.

Beef Tea Custard. This is often appreciated by an invalid who has tired of the tea itself. To make it pour a cupful of beef tea over a well beaten egg, see that it is seasoned properly, and either cook in a little dish in a slow oven or in a mold with buttered paper over and steam until set. Mutton, chicken or veal broth, if made strong enough, may be turned into savory custards in the same way.

For Cleaning Brass. An ounce of alum, put in a pint of boiling water and allowed to cool and bottled for use at any time, will remove all stains and tarnish from brass and will not injure the skin on the hands or the metal itself. It only requires to be rubbed on the surface and wiped off.

Fried Rabbit. Let rabbits soak in salted water overnight; then parboil in water to which a slice or two of onion have been added; salt, and when tender remove from water and fry in butter until brown. The onion removes the wild taste of game.

Kipped Herrings. When kipped herrings are very salt put them on a large dish dash down and pour hot water over them; drain and leave for a few minutes; drain off the water and dry them. Then rub them with fresh butter and grill them.

### POPULAR MECHANICS

#### Origin of Onyx.

When waters charged with carbonate of calcium derived from limestone are allowed to evaporate they deposit their load in the form of grains or tubs. This process can be observed at many thermal and "petrifying" springs and also in the formation of stalactites and stalagmites in limestone caverns. In this way large masses of compact carbonate are formed, some of them of great beauty. The so-called "onyx marbles" of which the Mexican "onyx" is a familiar example, are formed in this way. Some rock of this class is stalagmitic in character, some of it is formed by springs. Its variations in color and texture, to which its ornamental character is largely due, are commonly produced by impurities or inclusions, such as oxide of iron or iron mud and clay. United States Geological Survey.

A Waterproof Telephone. A useful apparatus of London makes a waterproof cast iron telephone set, which consists of a substantial iron box to be mounted on the wall, and hanging from it is a hearing tube made up of flexible steel spiral tubing with an ear piece at the end, says the Scientific American. On the front of the iron box is the transmitter mouthpiece, but the arrangement of transmitter can be reached through the perforation at the back of the mouthpiece, and is thus subject to accidental or willful damage. Here it is impossible to reach it, for the transmitter lies within the box and higher up than the mouthpiece, being connected to the latter by an acoustic tube. An enclosed telephone receiver is connected with the outside hearing tube above mentioned.

Handy Self-Cleaning Gate. The gate here pictured is suspended from a horizontal bar by chains and swings freely about a see-saw pivot. Pipe placed vertically in the center of the gate, says Popular Mechanics. The ally in the defendant's favor is fastened equidistant from the pipe, the



GATE SWINGS IN EITHER DIRECTION.

upper end farther out than the lower. The distance depends on the weight of the gate and the desired force with which it should close. Any of the numerous styles of latches can be used, if desired.

Superheated Steam. When the use of automobiles first became popular steam driven motors were used, but a change gradually intervened and gasoline engines monopolized the field. Now another change seems to be in progress, the use of superheated steam bringing the steam that they had been introduced, and engine back into use. A leading authority on automobile and commercial motor vehicles recently read a paper on motor vehicles, in which he asserted that the repair to gasoline motors of this kind for five years amounted, on an average, to 85 per cent of the original cost against 25 per cent in the case of the steam type—Blacksmith and Wheelwright.

Glass Sand in Pennsylvania. The production of sand and gravel in Pennsylvania in 1913 was 5,702,449 tons, valued at \$5,381,092, against 6,500,233 tons, valued at \$5,371,518 in 1912, according to the United States geological survey. Building sand is the most important product of this character in the state, but of greater relative importance is glass sand, in the production of which Pennsylvania ranks first among the states. In the value of the sand produced, although not in the quantity, Pennsylvania ranks first, the precedence in value being due to the high value of the glass sand compared to other kinds.

Fuller's Earth in Florida. The discovery of fuller's earth in Florida about twenty years ago was entirely accidental, resulting from an unsuccessful attempt to make brick from clay found near Quincy. The resemblance of the material to German fuller's earth was recognized by a workman, and tests developed the fact that in many respects the material was equal to the imported earth. Mining of the deposit began in 1895 and is now an industry of some importance.

Care of Paint Brushes. To soften brushes get from your druggist one pint of benzol, not benzene; stand brushes in it a few minutes, then press up and down until soft; wash them first in turpentine, followed by warm water and soap. Or get at some paint shop one pint of paint remover; it is the same thing, but has a trademarked name, which puts \$2 a gallon to the price; use same as above.

### WON HIS CASE BY A CLEVER TRICK

#### Battle of Wits Between Two Men in Love

Florence Towle, who was married to a man named Meritt, and who was a very beautiful girl, was the subject of a lawsuit. Her husband, Meritt, was a very wealthy man, and she was a very beautiful girl. The judge in the case was a very learned man, and he was very much interested in the case. The judge asked the defendant, Meritt, if he had any evidence to prove that his wife was not his wife. Meritt said that he had no evidence to prove that his wife was not his wife.

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