

NOTABLES IN THE LIMELIGHT

Krupp von Bohlen, Head of German Gun Works.



When the German army started beating its way through Belgium and France it was the "Busy Berthas" that enabled it to smash the forts at Liege, Namur, Antwerp, etc., and make headway toward Paris.

Friedrich Albert Krupp died in 1902, and Bertha, then sixteen years of age, became his heir. Four years later she married Dr. von Bohlen. He is sixteen years older than she. His father was resident minister of the grand duchy of Baden.

It has often been stated that Dr. Gustav Krupp von Bohlen is running the vast steel works of his wife. That is a mistake.

Queen Mary's German Cousin. Notable among the German soldiers fighting against England is Adolph Frederick, duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, and heir to the throne of the grand duchy.



Photo by American Press Association. DUKE OF MECKLENBURG-STRELITZ.

England. At present he is serving with a regiment of Mecklenburg cavalry, in which he holds high rank.

The duke, like his father, is much interested in medical science, and it is said that he has not been near the crown bed would have entered this profession.

YOUNG FOLKS' CORNER

Boy Scout Remained on Guard.

Last year a tenderfoot in a Massachusetts city, who had joined the boy scout movement only a few weeks before, showed what stuff he was made of at a daytime Christmas tree celebration in the open air.

About Girl Scouts. Girl scouts are organized in "patrols" of eight girls each, the lower age limit being ten years and the upper limit a seventeen.

The single patrol, or a troop, must be in charge of a captain, who must be over twenty-one years old, and who is given the commission as captain by the national headquarters.

In the newly organized patrol each girl is a "tenderfoot" for at least a month, when she may become a second class scout by meeting certain required tests of behavior and of ability to do well certain specified tasks.

The requirements for advance to "first class scout" are considerably greater and stand for a considerable degree of competence in a variety of matters.

Besides these three ranks, or grades, there are other distinctions to be won in the shape of proficiency badges. There are twenty-one proficiency subjects, and the scout who qualifies in any one of these receives a badge bearing the emblem of that subject.

The badges are embroidered in blue on white felt and are worn on the left sleeve. They include such as child nurse, needlewoman, swimmer, dairy maid, cook, health, pathfinder, interpreter, rifle shot, farmer, horseman, ship, music, and so on.

Stool Ball—A Good Outdoor Game. A certain number of "stools" (flat stones in the open air and cushions indoors) are set in circular form, at a considerable distance from each other, and every one of them is occupied by a single player, when the ball is thrown with the hand up in the air by "it," who stands in the center of the circle.

Lighting Calculation Trick. By means of a simple arrangement of numbers a calculation can be made which will easily puzzle any unsuspecting person. If the two numbers 41,006 and 83 be written out in multiplication form very few will endeavor to write down the answer directly without first going through the regular work.

Boy Scouts Save a Life. Members of the Pleasantville (N. J.) patrol of the boy scouts recently saved the life of twelve-year-old Clarence Doughty, who was caught in the quicksands of a swamp some miles back on the mainland from Atlantic City.

The Two Kings. Yesterday, while the Frost King crept into his enemy's kingdom chill and kissed all the Frost folk against their will, and when they scolded he scroched their ears and left the Frost fairies all in tears.

The Frost King searched all through the night. The coward Sun kept out of sight till the third Frost King fell asleep. Then the laughing Sun began to peep over the edge of old Frost's domain and began his frolicking over again.

INSPIRED BY A GREAT STORM

Reporter Makes a Hit With Story of a Hurricane.

"Where's Dorsey?" asked the city editor sharply. "Don't know, sir. He hasn't been seen about here since the hurricane began."

Dorsey was a reporter. He had been in the Argosy several months, but had not given satisfaction. There was little local news except in the line of crime, and Dorsey's reports of criminal cases were confined to a mere outline of each case.

There came a telegraphic dispatch from the West Indies that a hurricane was raging there and was making straight for the region where the Argosy was published. Dorsey had never seen a hurricane and longed to view it at its most interesting point of observation—the shore.

Fortunately he was a stenographer and could write very rapidly. As the storm grew in intensity it brought with it an intensity of feeling in Dorsey. As one page after another was crammed into his pocket he grew inspired to depict what he saw, making a series of pictures of the sea, the sky, the storm birds on the wing, objects flying through the air, people feeling for safety, men rushing about on the decks of the ships, the roar of the tempest, the curling of roofs, the fall of houses, the uprooting of trees and, lastly, one ship after another breaking its cable.

Dorsey stayed in his hole till most of the scattered houses on shore and all the ships in the harbor were destroyed. Indeed, till night had closed over the breaks. Then, crawling out, he was blown down the hill, picked himself up at its base and made his way to a railway station. It was several hours before he got transportation, and then on an engine sent out with a man to make a preliminary inspection of the damage done to the road.

Whole Wheat Bread. One tablespoonful of lard, one table-spoonful of sugar, one tablespoonful of salt, one cupful each of boiling water and hot (not boiling) milk, a yeast cake dissolved in one-half cupful of warm water, one cupful of white flour, three cupfuls of whole wheat flour or enough to make a soft dough.

Tomato Magma. Fry a sliced onion brown in the bottom of the soup kettle and pour in the contents of a can of tomatoes and two cupfuls of boiling water, simmer until the tomatoes can be pressed through a colander, press them through and return to the fire; add a cupful of well boiled rice, a tablespoonful of fine rubbed smooth with a tablespoonful of butter; boil up and serve.

Eggs in Bread Cases. Cut two inch slices of bread and scoop out a hollow in each slice. Put the bread cases in the oven until they are brown and crisp. Moisten each with a little melted butter and cream and break an egg in each. Sprinkle with pepper and salt and put in the oven until the eggs are set.

Polishing the Stove. Stove blacking when mixed with turpentine and applied in the usual manner is blacker and more glossy, and more durable than when mixed with any other liquid. Turpentine prevents rust and when put on an old, rusty stove will make it look as well as new.

Sardines and Bacon. Drain sardines and rub off the skins. Wrap each in a thin slice of bacon and fasten with a tiny wooden skewer or a toothpick. Drop into hot, deep fat and fry until bacon is crisp. Drain and remove skewers and serve very hot.

To Clean Pewter. Remove the spots on the pewter with a swab of whiting lightly dipped in oil. Wash in a weak soda, rinse well with boiling water, dry and polish with hot sand and a stiff brush. Use a clean flannel cloth for the furniture.

HINTS FOR THE BUSY HOUSEWIFE

Unobtrusive Retainer That Keeps Rubbers on the Feet.

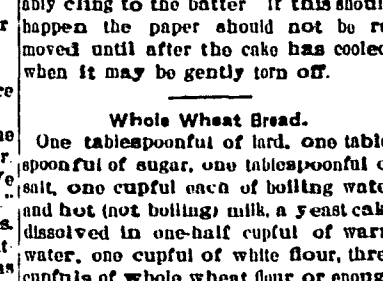


The humiliating experience of losing an overshoe in the middle of the street will never happen to the person who equips himself with the overshoe retainer that has just appeared. Unless some such precaution is taken the incident is likely to happen to any one for the reason that a pair of rubbers bought for one pair of shoes will not adjust themselves to another pair which happens to be a shade larger or smaller or of a little different shape.

Household Help. When washing real lace let the final rinsing be in skim milk if you would give it a soft, creamy tone. When preserved citron gets dry and hard it can be softened by pouring hot water over it and letting it stand.

Cooling the Oven. If the oven is too hot when baking cakes it may be cooled by leaving the door slightly ajar or by placing a dish of cold water on the grate in the oven.

Small Crane For a Wagon. Occasionally heavy objects must be lifted into a wagon bed, which calls for two or more men to do the work, says Popular Mechanics. Not always having sufficient help at hand, one farmer made a light crane that can be readily attached to a wagon, which aids him in hoisting all loads too heavy for one man to lift.



Courts and the Otacousticon. As far back as 1688 experiments were being made with what savants called an "otacousticon," which brought distant sounds to the ear and was a faroff promise of the "long distance" and "wireless" messages of today.

Production of Copper. The copper production of the United States in 1914 will show a marked decrease from that of 1913, according to figures and estimates collected by B. S. Butler of the United States geological survey. Reports have been received from all plants known to produce blister copper from domestic ores and refined copper.

Traveler's Smoothing Iron. A somewhat unusual but what appears to be a really practical device is recent Paris invention, this being a traveler's smoothing iron, self-contained with its alcohol heater, says Scientific American. Ladies will appreciate the convenience which is afforded by having an iron ready at hand, for on arriving at the hotel clothes in trunks or valises are often sadly rumpled. It is then an advantage to have at hand the means of repairing the damage in a very short time, and in the next leather case only 5 by 3 inches are lodged the iron and its alcohol lamp, the latter having a good sheet asbestos burster.

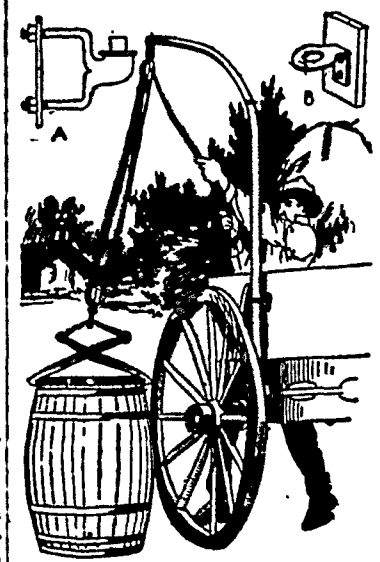
POPULAR MECHANICS

The Menace From Rust.

Among the many questions which the architect and builder are called upon to consider none perhaps is more important than that relating to the corrosion of iron and steel. This tendency to decay is peculiar to these materials, since none of the ordinary metals exhibits it to any comparable degree, and it is so strong that an unprotected piece is soon reduced to a shapeless mass of rust. It is one thing to design and erect a mighty skyscraper, but an entirely different matter to protect it from those influences which, if allowed to do their work, would ruin the greatest structure in a short time.

Rutile and Titanium. Rutile, from which is derived the metal titanium, is a reddish, brownish, or nearly black mineral composed of titanium dioxide, and though it is widely spread through the rocks it is rarely found in large quantities. Titanium exists in larger quantity in the earth's crust than copper, lead, zinc, or any of the common metals except iron, but it is called one of the rare metals because of the lack of concentrated deposits and because the metal is so difficult to separate that it has been seen by few people. The value of rutile arises from the use of titanium as a scavenger in molten steel and cast iron, and from the use of titanium salts in dyeing textiles and in tanning leather.

How Napoleon Dressed. Napoleon was always simple in his dress and generally wore the uniform of his own guard. He was clean and neat, and bathed often—sometimes in the middle of the night—because he thought the practice good for his health. But, apart from this, the precipitation with which he did everything did not admit of his clothes being put on carefully, and on gala days and full dress occasions his servants were obliged to consult together as to when they might snatch a moment to dress him.



Two young attorneys were wrangling for a long time before Judge Knox of Virginia over a point of law. His honor rendered his decision, and the sprig who had lost impudently remarked, "Your honor, there is a growing opinion that all the fools are not dead yet." "Certainly," answered the court, "with unalloyed good humor; quite agree with you, Mr. B., and congratulate you upon your healthy appearance."

Very Trying. "Dear sir," wrote the anxious mother, "I am afraid Johnny is not trying enough." "Dear madam," replied the harassed teacher, "I assure you that Johnny is quite trying enough. He is the most trying boy in the class."

Power of Beauty. Beauty gets the best of it. Post-humane organizations, sentimentalists, make a great to-do about the bird that dies to adorn a woman's hat. But who has any sympathy for the hen whose neck is wrung to make a poppet?—Don Marquis.

A Philippine Custom. When a young woman of the Philippines marries her husband's name is added to her maiden name. If she becomes a widow the husband's name is discarded.

The man who was born with a tale which he is meant to use finds his greatest happiness in using it.—Goethe