Woman's World

Our Lighthouse Lady Teaches Europe's War Blinded Men.

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MISS WINIFRED HOLT.

Miss Winifred Holt, secretary of the New York Association For the Blind, writes from Paris, where she has gone to establish with the help of French military authorities, permanent surroundings and occupations for soldiers, blinded by war.

"The purposes of the committee are to find the blind sufferers, some of whom are marooned in improvised hospitals, farmhouses or chateaux, and many of whom are segregated in the large hospitals or Red Cross stations.

"The committee will send visitors and teachers to these blind soldiers, furnish them with entertainment through reading, games, etc., and for those physically able it will start the task of putting eyes on their finger tips and giving them light through work.

"We have found all the blind men in the hospitals of Paris and some in their homes. I estimate that there must be from 3,000 to 4,000 blind soldiers in this immediate neighborhood.

"We have begun teaching in the hospitals here and have among our pupils two very interesting and grateful blind officers who will make good teachers and attractive agents for the Paris Lighthouse when it is opened.

"The committee will seek to consider the men's individual interests and abilities and as far as possible to train them in trades and occupations for which their blindness has temporarily unfitted them or to find new openings in which they may be some way earning.

"When they have become proficient it is hoped wherever possible to return them to their home surroundings with the knowledge and tools to make them self helpful. When this is not practical it is hoped to establish them in congenial surroundings where they may again have a feeling of independence and well being. Without prompt expert assistance soon after loss of sight the blind man is apt to become despondent, to lose his intelligence or to drift into an apathy from which it is difficult, if not impossible to arouse him later.

"The work is very heartrending, but unspeakably essential. We found a blind soldier the other day, who had not left his room in the hospital since the accident and was afraid to walk. Over we told him of Fanny's wonderful life the man jumped up, looked a new human being, and to the amazement of his nurse and everybody else strode forth, with his head lifted high, the corridor and walked up and down with his hands behind his back like any other proud man. That is what hope does for these people who were desperate until we brought them it.

"I wrote you last week of the [illegible] officer who was blind, had lost his arm and had only two fingers remaining on his right hand. He is doing wonderfully and is full of hope and light. His fiancee comes from Lyons every week end at the end of the week I am to see her before she has a shock of seeing what remains of her soldier so as to prepare her to appreciate what life may still hold for them both.

Miss Holt wrote that there should be a corps of at least fifty teachers to cope with the work and that funds were badly needed for materials for work and clothes. She hopes her American friends will send her a million dollars. "I can use all of it and to good purpose," she writes.

A Wedding Breakfast.

Serve a fruit cocktail for the first course. This must be ice cold and the fruit prepared long enough in advance for the several flavors to be well blended. Follow this with creamed chicken and mushrooms and potato and nut croquettes else chicken croquettes and peas with finger rolls, then, tomato salad with dressing and last the ice cream, cake and coffee. Any light wine will be suitable, if there is no objection to its use. Serve with chicken course.

Shredded pineapple, grapefruit and orange pulp make a delicious cocktail. Prepare each separately and sweeten to taste. Let stand on ice several hours; then mix and let stand over night on ice. Serve in sherbet glasses with maraschino cherry on top of each.

For the Children

Baby Zebra and Mother in Central Park (New York) Zoo

Photo by American Press Association.

New York city is the proud possessor of two zoological gardens, one in Central park and the other in Bronx park. The latter is the larger and is said to be one of the finest institutions of its kind in the world. Central park zoo is much smaller, but still it contains a number of specimens of rare animals. In one respect Central park zoo leads. It now has a baby zebra said to be the first of its species born in captivity in this country. The picture shows the little fellow being fondled by his mother. The youngster is a [illegible] marked specimen of his race and is as frisky as a young colt. Arthur Snyder, head keeper of the zoo, is said to have the little fellow christened with appropriate ceremonies.

The Queer Penguins.

Sir Ernest Shackleton, who led the British antarctic expedition which nearly reached the south pole, tells amusing anecdotes of the penguins that, when standing upright, [illegible] a distance like a lot of pompous gentlemen in black coats and white waistcoats, and many a time shipwrecked castaways in the southern hemisphere approaching some desolate coast have imagined the distant penguins sitting upright upon a rocky shore to be human beings. Sir Ernest tells that one day a big penguin strutted into camp and saw one of the sledge dogs. Mr. Penguin stared and stared and came [illegible] this might be until the dog snapped playfully at the bird's fatty shanks. Next day the penguin came again to camp with a personally conducted party of penguins apparently to show them the dog. They came often after this and the explorers amused themselves by occasionally giving them a concert with the phonograph to whose music the birds bobbed around in a circle with much apparent pleasure. Four different species are known. The king penguins are the largest. They exist in colonies of many thousands.—Farm Journal.

A Paste Pot Party.

Just try a paste pot party. You'll enjoy one old magazine and a pair of scissors as well as [illegible] with which to [illegible] Have them make the block look [illegible] pieces of pure smooth paper [illegible] fact [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]