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SHORT AND SHARP.

A wise man says little and saws wood.

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Among the unpopular pastimes in Canada just now is being an alien.

These may be trying days for kings, but it is not half so hard for them as for their subjects.

In an air battle the main desire is to fall back on the base of supplies as gently as possible

Edison says he'd rather work than attend a banquet having in mind, no doubt, some of the speeches

Satisfactory flood prevention methods await the arrival of the genius who can train water to run uphill.

Eggs are fairly, says the market price But somehow the housewife makes no effort to get out from under.

More land is said to be neglected for canal defenses Why not take some of that sidling land and keep it out of the ditch?

College women marry as often as other women, says a Baltimore lecturer We'd about how often does the average woman marry

Congress won't be advised," says some critic And still another thinks that what's the matter with it is that it takes all the advice that's coming to it.

Flippant Flings.

Professor Garner is going back to the Kongo to study monkey talk Human chatter is too confusing.—New York Sun.

Ireland is excluded from the conscription bill You don't have to force an Irishman to fight.—Boston Transcript

The Swiss are said to be the best soldiers on earth Maybe they learned how to charge at the hotels over there —Florida Times-Union.

According to French medical men, the trenches are a veritable health resort Well everybody knew that was going to prolong life.—Kansas City Journal

Professor Edward Sonnenberg of Berlin is said to have removed nearly 2,000 appendixes We like to see a man carving out a career—but not that way.—London Standard.

The Writers.

H. G Wells the English author is the son of a professional cricketer

Edwin Lefevre, the writer, is an American citizen, but he was born on the isthmus and served at one time as the Panaman minister to Spain.

Sir Gilbert Parker was lately forced by ill health to take a rest and recuperate at Brighton His health has now improved and he has returned to his duties in parliament.

Besides being a successful author Miss Lydia Le Baron Mrs. Emma Perrine Erskine is the proprietor of several hundred acres of land in the most desirable part of the Blue Ridge mountains of North Carolina When not writing Mrs. Erskine is busy designing and building cottages for occupancy by northerners.

Fashion Frills.

Lower necks and shorter skirts are predicted by fashion. And will ends ever meet?—Baltimore American.

Chicago fashion experts announce milady's waist line is to be located "in its original place." We await further details St. Paul Pioneer Press

It is rumored that bustles and hoop skirts are coming back into style. Even the fashion makers are thinking up atrocities nowadays.—Detroit Free Press

New York clubwomen suggest a censorship over women's dress. The majority of policemen we've met on the beat don't need such advice.—New York Sun.

The Royal Box.

At the [illegible] of Princess Mary to Viscount Lascelles [illegible] to study [illegible] Here tests to prove their sets of wives. If [illegible] is to be used as the test [illegible] bunch of European royalty

The Grand Duchess Olga is probably the most popular of the members of the imperial Russian family, although she is by no means pretty. She attributes her lack of beauty, however, to her artistic manners and her brains for she is extremely clever

Where Are They?

What has become of the old fashioned countries that indulged in "pour fathers" Washington Post.

What has become of the mud scraper that used to adorn the front doorsteps of every well regulated home? Kansas City Journal.

What has become of the old fashioned man who used to worry for fear the bicycle craze would make us a round shouldered race? Exchange.

What has become of the old fashioned girl who thought she was being extremely wicked if she ate a cream puff and a dill pickle before going to bed?—Chicago News.

A ROMANCE OF ROYAL LOVERS

Joachim, Kaiser's Youngest Son, Settles Down.

With the marriage of Prince Joachim Albrecht, youngest son of the kaiser, all the children of the German emperor are settled down in domestic felicity The Prince's Marie Auguste of Anhalt, Joachim's bride, is eight years his junior, as she is only seventeen years of age She is the eldest of the four children of Prince Edward of Anhalt and the niece of Duke Frederick II. The engagement of the young couple was announced on Oct. 14, 1915, and the wedding was set for March 11, 1916.

When the princess was a child of about ten years Prince Joachim was

PRINCE JOACHIM.

getting his first notoriety by cutting capers that required his banishment to Africa. That was his first romance, when he was intent on marrying a pretty girl named Marie Sulzer Marie happened not to belong to royalty. And such a thing as marrying her could not be thought of.

And so the kaiser found an army post across the Mediterranean that needed the presence of the seventeen year old princeling, where he might cool his heels in the burning desert and get over his foolishness. The banishment, which has been forgotten in the general rush into which Europe has fallen, was the talk of the day back in 1907, when there was no war to occupy the public mind

But all this is forgotten now. Prince Joachim is a captain of hussars, has received his baptism of fire and has earned his iron cross

The young prince has settled down, and life has been a serious matter to him of late from the point of view of a German trench

To the little princess, wedding in wartime, there come mingled emotions of love and fear. Hardly more than a child, simple and innocent in her charm, she already knows the anxiety of having dear ones in the conflict. Her father is fighting with the crown prince, her lover was reported wounded in Flanders, and her husband, after a honeymoon in uniform and under arms, will be obliged to tear himself from his bride and go back to the front, leaving the young bride-to-wall-of and think and fear

THE AZTEC CALENDAR STONE.

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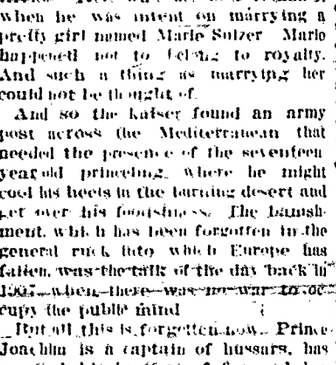

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THE AZTEC CALENDAR STONE.

[illegible] calendar of the more advanced Mexican tribes was quite up to that of the Spanish conquerors

The year consisted of 365 days, in two parts—360 days, divided into eighteen months of twenty days each, and five intercalary days. Each day of the month had a proper name and a graphic symbol. The interpretation of these symbols has taxed the ingenuity of Mexicologists from the beginning.

Lowell's Dread of Old Age.

I have said that Lowell was the youngest man I ever knew. It is also true that I never knew any other man who had a greater dread of growing old than he. He would sometimes say to me (I was twenty-five years the younger), 'Oh, you'll begin to feel it pretty soon"

The last time I saw him he gave me a curious and somewhat pathetic indication of his interest in this subject. I happened to be in Boston for a day and went out to see him in the teeth of a terrific March blizzard. I thought he seemed rather tired. He told me that Harry had called upon him at dinner before. He said that he looked well and seemed to be in good health, but he noticed that when he went out he was a little awkward in getting down the front steps. When I left I walked to the door with me and stood there, evidently waiting to see how I negotiated the front steps At the age at which I then was there was no reason why there should be anything the matter with my action. But the incident was characteristic of Lowell and of his intense interest in the subject of youth and age.—E. S. Nadal in Harper's Magazine.

Clever Amateurs.

Dozens of old graduates were back, and they talked a lot about themselves and a lot more about others not so fortunate as to attend.

"Most of our old crowd are married and happy," said one.

"Married, anyhow," said another, with the grin that always accompanies this silly joke.

"I accept the amendment," returned the first speaker, "but chiefly on account of poor Billy Tompkins. He had an unfortunate marital experience"

We hadn't heard of it and begged for particulars.

"Why, the girl he married turned out to be a professional pickpocket."

The men who had first spoken sighed, but his eye twinkled.

"Well," he observed, "I guess the rest of us drew some pretty clever amateurs what?"—St Louis Post-Dispatch

The Kilted Evzone.

The Greek soldier may present to some a highly humorous picture in his [illegible] skirts and [illegible] Despite his [illegible] peculiarities of dress which by the [illegible] more peculiar than those of some other nations he is an excellent fighting man.

The evzone, as he is called, would no more abandon the skirt than would a Scot his kilt It is a part of his national honor, a part of his personal being It is a right handed down to him from ancient times. A bas relief of the soldier who fought at Marathon shows him in similar costume. His costume is no ephemeral piece of clothing, for it is worn with the dignity of ages behind it The evzones are ignorant of fear and if they have anything but soldierly their appearance is belied by their ability to fight under extraordinary conditions.—Syracuse Post-Standard

Puzzle of the Eagle and the Whale.

There are two animals that puzzle naturalists more than any others [illegible] nature's submarine and aeroplane the whale and the eagle. It is known that whales ordinarily descend as much as 3,000 feet below the surface of the sea Why they are not injured scientists have yet to discover. It is this pressure which prevents a modern submarine descending even 300 feet, let alone 3,000

Eagles have been seen through telescopes to fly with apparent ease from 30,000 to 40,000 feet above sea level At that height no human being can live owing to the rarefaction of the air How the birds live and fly at far greater heights than man can endure for long is a question still to be answered.—Pearson's Weekly.

Percentage.

"That's some hat you've got there, Bill It must have set you back all of $10."

"It did, but I figure I'm saving money on it at that"

"How do you make that out?"

"Why, you'd wear a two dollar hat [illegible] up 5 per cent of its [illegible] I don't [illegible] it in a [illegible] per cent."—St. Louis [illegible]

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