

FOR REAL HEROES

PRONOUNCING WORDS.

Uncle Sam's Great Military Prize, the Medal of Honor

NOT WON BY MERE BRAVERY.

It Takes a Deed of Almost Superhuman Fearlessness to Gain This Coveted Badge, the Hardest to Win of All National War Decorations.

"Hardest to gain, fewest in number, the least known of the military decorations of honor of the world," stands up the medal of honor of the United States, the bit of ribbon and the piece of metal that are so eagerly coveted and highly prized by the soldiers and sailors of Uncle Sam.

When you see a man with the inconspicuous bronze star pinned to his coat by a blue ribbon on which are thirteen white stars you may know that he has done a deed that has placed his life in such jeopardy that escape from it was nearly a miracle.

The medal of honor was first authorized by congress in 1862 and was for noncommissioned officers and privates only. But in the following year the law was changed to extend the award to commissioned officers also. In all about 3,500 of the medals were presented for services in the war between the states, and it is a remarkable fact that 99 per cent of them went to private soldiers.

In its present form the medal of honor is a five pointed star with a medallion in the center bearing the head of Minerva and around it "United States of America" in relief. On each ray of the star is an oak leaf, and the points themselves are trefoil shaped. A laurel wreath in green enamel encircles the whole, and this wreath is surmounted by "Valor," which in turn is surmounted by an eagle that catches the decoration to its ribbon.

Accompanying this medal there is a badge, or lapel button, hexagonal and made of blue silk with the thirteen original stars in white. The army medal is represented by a small blue button studded with stars, while the navy medal is represented by a small red, white and blue bowknot.

It was not until 1897 that regulations definitely enunciating the conditions under which the medal should be awarded were promulgated. They emphasized the difficulty of winning the decoration and the great honor attaching to its possession.

"Medals of honor authorized by the act of congress approved March 3, 1863," say the regulations, "are awarded to officers and enlisted men in the same of congress for particular deeds of most distinguished gallantry in action. In order that the congressional medal of honor may be deserved, service must have been performed in action of such conspicuous character as to distinguish clearly the man for gallantry and intrepidity above his comrades, service that involved extreme jeopardy of life or the performance of extraordinarily hazardous duty. Recommendations for the decoration will be judged by this standard of extraordinary merit, and incontestible proof of performance of the service will be exacted.

"Soldiers of the Union have ever displayed bravery in battle, also victories could not have been gained. But as courage and self sacrifice are the characteristics of every true soldier, such a badge of distinction as the congressional medal is not to be expected as the reward of conduct that does not clearly distinguish the soldier above other men whose bravery and gallantry have been proved in battle."

In other words, the medal of honor is a medal for superheros, for men who not only risk their lives in some extraordinary way, but who display such intelligence in the action that it stands out as something apart from conduct in the line of duty. Even the orders prescribe as follows the way in which the medal may be gained.

The recommendations must be presented by some one other than the proposed recipient, one who is personally familiar with all the facts and circumstances claimed as justifying the award, but the application may be made by the one claiming to have earned it, in which case it will be in the form of a deposition reciting a narrative description of the distinguished service performed. Recommendations will be made by the commanding officer at the time of the action or by a soldier or other having personal cognizance of the act for which the badge of honor is claimed.

The regulations also provide for exhaustive examination of the circumstances in each case and for an investigation that removes every possibility of fraud. Affidavits from witnesses are required, and the system safeguarding the distinction is hedged about with innumerable restrictions. It may be taken for granted that a man who secures one of the coveted medals has earned it with interest.—New York Sun

Akron and Rubber.

There are thirty or more rubber factories in and around Akron. Three of them are so vast that the visitor feels a bewilderment that merges into awe as he follows his guide hour after hour through titanic shops. These three colossal plants are said to represent 70 per cent of Akron's life, while Akron itself stands for 60 per cent of the total rubber production of the United States.—Edward Mott Woolley in McClure's.

The only thing that walks back from the tomb with the mourners and refuses to be buried is character.—W. M. Hunt.

A Test and a Flippant Fling at the Critic and His Theory.

Comes now another to trouble us in these days when the wayfarer has already enough bothers to keep him from lingering overlong in his humble repose. It is a man who has discovered that there are 25,000 English words more or less commonly mispronounced and who would show us how to rescue ourselves from the disgrace.

By way of illustration he challenges all comers to try to pronounce offhand such words as actinism, archimandrite, batman, beaultin, bourgeois, brevler, buoy, demy, fugleman, frasil, oboe, rowlock, tassel, vase and velocity. He intimates that anybody who can give them all correctly can qualify as a 3000 member in the pronunciation league, but still has a long way to go before he reaches perfection.

But what of it? An oboe sounds as sweet whether one calls it an oh-boy or an oh-boy. If the writer of this article told his printer to set it in boor shwah type the printer probably would call a meeting of the chapel and insist on a strike vote. You can call it a vase or vawze, but it takes a dime to set it filled, where it used to cost only 5 cents. As to demy and velocity, most of us have got along very well for a good many years without writing or speaking either of them and hope to struggle along the same way at least until we have a little rest from worry over the high cost of potatoes.

The hardest thing about it is to determine which of several schools of pronunciation is most desirable—the London, the Melbourne, the Canadian, the Texas, the Massachusetts, the Alabama, the Georgia or the Missouri. Moreover, if 25,000 words are mispronounced most of us are democratic enough to let the majority rule and be willing to make it unanimous.—St. Louis Post Dispatch.

AMERICA AWHEEL.

The Case of Pippkins Will Do to Illustrate the Point.

"My neighbor, Pippkins, has changed his manner of vacation," declares Edward Hungerford in Everybody's. "In other years his annual outing was a rather portentous affair. The family began to plan it some months in advance. There were railroad and steamboat and hotel booklets on the library table. When the time came Mrs. Pippkins and the girls went to a huge wooden hotel on the edge of a lake. They dressed three times a day. When Pippkins ran down on one Friday of each fortnight he boarded a hot, dusty, overcrowded train and rode for five uncomfortable hours. They insisted that he don a Tuxedo each evening for dinner. He used to wonder if the game was quite worth the candle.

"Today there are no such doubts in Pippkins' mind. He has a car—so have four-fifths of the families in our quiet street. Pippkins caught the fever early in the game. Today he is a veteran and hardened motorist. He talks earnestly and benevolently of cars and of transmission, and he is superciliously critical of every car except his own. I might write a story upon how that car and its predecessors in the Pippkins family have changed their very soul, but this is not the time nor place. Sufficient is it to say that Pippkins is now a motor expert, and Dr. King, down at our corner says that Pippkins has grown ten years younger.

"Mrs. Pippkins and the girls have all but forgotten when they have been on a railroad train in summer. They live in the family car.

"Multiply Pippkins all the way across the face of the land, and you begin to have a definite perception of America awheel."

A Pie Without Flour or Lard.

Two and one-half cupsful cold boiled rice, one-half cupful sugar, one-half cupful milk, one egg, one teaspoonful butter, a pinch of salt, grated nutmeg or flavoring to taste, fruit. Brush niple plate with butter and spread the rice even on the plate. Beat half the sugar, the egg, milk, salt and flavoring together and pour over the rice. Cover top with halves of canned peaches or stewed dried peaches and sprinkle the rest of sugar over the fruit. Put in moderate oven and bake thirty-five minutes.

Any fruit can be used, either fresh, canned or dried stewed fruit.—Mrs. Anna B. Scott in Philadelphia North American.

He Liked It.

Jack Russell was a farm servant one day when Mrs. Brown, the farmer's wife, went into the milk house she found Jack down on his knees before a milk pan, skimming the cream off with his finger and putting it in his mouth.

"Oh, Jack, Jack," she exclaimed, "don't like that?"

"Ah, wumman," replied Jack, "ye dinna ken whit's guld for ye."—Pearson's Weekly.

They Get Busy.

"I suppose a great many ask for information who have no idea of taking a train?"

"Yes," said the weary official, "When some people spy a free bureau of information there's a strong temptation to stock up."—Kansas City Journal.

Literature.

"Dasher your favorite author? Why he doesn't average one short story a year."

"That's why he's my favorite author."—Puck.

It is better to say, "This one thing I do," than to say, "These forty things I dabble in."

One Hundred and Seventy-Second Semi-Annual Statement

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JULY 1, 1917

Assets		Liabilities	
Bonds and Mortgages	\$17,479,815.88	Due Depositors	\$28,657,176.84
Land Contracts	27,534.22	Interest accrued on deposits	92,666.67
United States Bonds (paid on account of subscription to Liberty Loan)	233,140.00	Reserve for Taxes	22,500.00
State Bonds (market value) (par value \$450,000)	448,000.00	Other Liabilities Account of Liberty Loan	301,937.10
County Bonds (market value) (par value \$492,000)	484,800.00		
City Bonds (market value) (par value \$4,503,300)	4,571,510.00		
Village and Town Bonds (market value) (par value \$236,690)	239,156.50		
School District Bonds (market value) (par value \$70,747.34)	71,927.34		
Railroad Mortgage Bonds (market value) (par value \$6,726,000)	6,051,680.00		
Banking House and Lot	200,000.00		
Interest Due and Accrued	373,340.16		
Other Assets	182.77		
Cash on hand and in Banks	1,434,689.05		
Total	\$31,615,775.92	Total	\$31,615,775.92

Number of Open Accounts 67,761 School Children's Deposits \$78,197.52

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At a Part of the Earth.

"A balloon is sent up at New York city on an absolutely calm day, remains in the air for one hour, drifting in the moderate currents of the upper air, and descends a few miles from the place from which it was sent up. How is it that the place of descent is not some spot adjacent to Chicago if the theory of the earth's revolution is correct?"

This problem was propounded in a letter to the Scientific American and received this interesting answer:

The simple answer to your inquiry is that the air is part of the earth and rotates with it just as the water does. If it did not there would be a tremendous wind from the east of nearly 2,000 miles an hour at the equator and about 550 miles in our latitude. This is apparent if you recall the wind which is felt when going swiftly through still air in a car. The air is held upon the earth by gravity and constitutes a part of the revolving globe in a very real sense.

Their Upper and Lower Worlds.

Shamanism is a name applied to the religion of certain peoples among Finns, Hungarians, Turks, Mongolians and Tungus, but chiefly those of northwestern Asia. At present Shamanism is best represented by the practices of the Tungus. According to them, there are three spiritual realms, heavenly, earthly and subterranean. The earthly realm is on the surface of the earth; the other two consist of stories above and below the earth's surface. The good spirits live above or on the earth; the evil below it. The upperworld of light is composed of seventeen such stories, or heavens; the lower world of darkness, of seven (or nine) halls. Above live the greatest lords, khans, gods, good spirits and blessed ghosts; below, devils, demons, kobolds, goblins, gnomes, swan maidens and the damned.—Philadelphia Press.

Learn to Think on Your Feet.

It does not matter whether one wants to be a public speaker or not, a person should have such complete control of himself, should be so self-reliant and self-poised, that he can get up in any audience, no matter how large or formidable, and express his thoughts clearly and distinctly. In all ages oratory has been regarded as the highest expression of human achievement. Young people, no matter what they intend to be, whether blacksmith or farmer, merchant or physician, should make it a study. Nothing else will call out what is in a man more quickly and more effectively than the constant effort to do his best in speaking before an audience. When one undertakes to think on one's feet and speak extemporaneously before the public the power and the skill of the entire man are put to the severest test.

Worrying Happiness.

The bishop of Manchester, speaking at a meeting at Church House, Westminster, said the secret of happiness was to have a sufficient multitude of worries.


The man who had only one worry, a blind that would not be pulled up straight by the servant or a coal scuttle the bottom of which was always coming out, found his way to the lunatic asylum, but the man who had no time to dwell upon his worries because he had to go from one to another and back again and round and round like a squirrel in a cage could be a perfectly happy man.—London

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