

HOME!

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It was a lady of the town Mary Rogers fell better when she had been down a long way, and she had had written to her oldest son, Ezra, for the first time in two years. His three brothers, who had been persons of the black and white, had had almost as much as she had had these months.

Mrs. Rogers was a woman of the able ways, and she had a daughter who had been married to a man who had been a soldier in the war, and she had a son who had been a soldier in the war, and she had a son who had been a soldier in the war, and she had a son who had been a soldier in the war.

As the weeks passed, Mrs. Rogers missed the son who had been a soldier in the war, and she had a son who had been a soldier in the war, and she had a son who had been a soldier in the war, and she had a son who had been a soldier in the war.

Often she had wondered how Ezra was getting on, but she experienced an uneasy opinion, however, the thought of the estrangement that seemed to have been the result of his own living Ezra wrote to his father that he was engaged to a girl and a humble orphan, the daughter of an unsuccessful farmer, Hugh, his father, who fancied that age and precedence gave him a certain authority as head of the family, insisted that he "look into the matter," and visited the town where Ezra was located and returned highly indignant and dictatorial.

"Tell your mother," the coughed grandiloquently, "Ezra doesn't amount to much, for he has no particular ambition, but he is positively throwing himself away on this Rhoda Barr, whom he is bound to marry."

"Who is she? What is she?" questioned Mrs. Rogers. "A girl without a penny, a common farmer's daughter. I'm not overproud, but our family has got some what above the ordinary level and Ezra ought to respect the family principle. Look at the three of us, your boys, we have all married well, made something of a mark in the world, so to speak, and I for one will not recognize the nobody wife of Ezra."

So this ruthless dictator wrote a letter to Ezra expressing the general family sentiment and arousing only indignation and resentment on the part of Ezra, bringing a letter in which the latter informed him that "outside" of hoping in time to overcome the unjust and unfounded prejudice of his mother, he cared little what his middle-some brother thought or said. There the situation seemed closed for all time. Ezra was too proud to truckle to his critics, and his mother was swayed by the opinion of Hugh. And now, lonely, wearied of monotony and the lack of company, Mary Rogers arrived at a fixed conclusion. She expected Hugh as the son who had always affected the greatest solicitude for her welfare. She wanted to be near her children in the city. Would it be agreeable for himself and his wife to give her a home? She had some means and would see to it that her accommodations would involve no money loss.

Of course Hugh Rogers could not oppose the wishes of his own mother. Then came a letter expressing the greatest delight as to welcoming her to their city home. "I want to keep busy," the mother had written, "I should soon wear out if I didn't. Suppose you let me keep my hand in by cooking and we shall have the dishes you have always liked."

Then Mrs. Rogers went to the village lawyer and deeded to her son, Ezra, the old homestead, and so appointed her "manager."

It took Mrs. Rogers just two months to exploit all there was in living with a childless couple in a sphere so strange and congenial to her, that it seemed a different world. She was unused to style, the modern equipment of the kitchen, the abominable new-fashioned dishes made the old woman long ardently for what she had left behind her in her humble home. "It's no use," she told Hugh and his wife. "This is not the place for me. I must get back to the old home and live and die there. If Ezra will have me."

If Ezra would have her? Ah, what a home coming! Four little ones greeted her at the threshold the sweet-faced wife of her estranged son took her into her arms and cried at the delight of it. A room all adorned especially for herself was presented and in the wife of Ezra's choice Mrs. Rogers discovered the true gold of love and devotion.

"It's pretty near heaven to get back among real people," she told Ezra the next day. "And Rhoda, why she's got my house-keeping ways just as if I'd brought her up. She cooks just as I do."

"Yes," assented Ezra, "and she loves you just as I do, and always has, mother. She has always had faith in the belief that some day we would all be under one roof in a real home, and the dream has come true."

Baseball "Aces" Magnets When En Route and Help to Keep Turnstile Spinning

The ball club that has to worry along without a playing "ace" is a back number as a drawing card on the road. The outstanding stars are the "aces" in the big show, for their names are kept before the public, and the fans go out to see them perform. Without them in the lineups of big league clubs...



Tyrus Raymond Cobb.

many and many thousands of dollars would wander away from the turnstiles.

The "aces" are the biggest assets the managers can boast of, and if you will jump the fingers of the sixteen major league clubs you will find at least one player on nearly every roster who figures as the real drawing card of the team on the road.

Tyrus Raymond Cobb is the greatest drawing card in the business. He is worth more to Detroit on the road than all the rest of the players put together, for the fans in rival towns go out largely to see Cobb, unless the Tigers are up there fighting for a pennant, and the rabble in small towns within easy riding distance of the big league cities never miss a chance to be on the job when Cobb is billed to cavort at the ball park. So Cobb alone is worth thousands of dollars to Detroit at the turnstiles in the course of a season.

Laundrymen and War Conditions.

Now it is the laundrymen's turn to feel the pinch of war conditions. They formerly used caustic potash in combination with soap for bleaching purposes. But now that potash is almost unobtainable, a good substitute has become necessary. The increase in the price of soap has made the need acute. And now comes a satisfactory domestic bleach. Three pounds of trisodium phosphate to 25 pounds of soap is the formula.—Popular Science Monthly.

FOR THE POULTRY GROWER

Owners of back yards in cities and towns are asked to do everything in their power to help the meat and egg supply by raising small flocks of poultry in back yards. Farmers are requested to increase their farm flocks of hens so that 100 on every farm will be the average for the nation.

The following statement regarding the poultry needs is taken from the official agricultural program for 1918 issued recently by the United States department of agriculture: "Poultry production should be increased greatly, especially in back yards and on farms, where waste material is available and the purchase of expensive grains and other material is not required."

"Increased poultry production may be attained most economically by early marketing by confining mother hens at least ten days after the chicks are hatched; by reducing losses on account of ruts, weasels and thieves, and from cold, damp conditions; by thorough sanitation; by discouraging the marketing of early hatched pullets as broilers; by eliminating non-producing hens and keeping good layers through at least two laying seasons; and by the poultryman raising his own feed as far as possible."

Foch's Name Not Teutonic; Almost Rhymes With "Hush"

Numerous inquiries have been received regarding the correct pronunciation of the name of the new generalissimo of the allied armies. On paper Foch seems Teutonic, says the Chicago Herald, and suggests thirty variations of the kind that are no longer popular in the civilized world. But the name is pronounced as if it were spelled Fosh, with a short "o," like "uh," and almost rhymes with "hush." This is on the authority of Le Coultre des Etats Unis, a French daily newspaper published in New York.

General Foch is a Basque from the Pyrenees, not an Alsatian. All Basque names terminating in "ch" have the soft "sh" sound instead of the Germanic guttural.

U. S. Insurance

Tremendous Business Conducted by the Government

As an insurance company the United States makes all other concerns in the business seem puny.

On April 6 the total amount of insurance Uncle Sam had written was over \$14,000,000,000. That sum had been put on the books in six months.

In the whole year of 1917 all other concerns in the United States, including fraternal organizations, mutual companies and the like wrote up only \$2,000,000,000 worth of insurance.

Some difference. And Uncle Sam was still on the job. The total work of April alone \$100,000,000 worth of insurance was written.

Uncle Sam's customers are soldiers and sailors. They number about 1,500,000. The average policy runs close to \$4,500. The minimum is \$1,000 and the maximum is \$10,000.

April 12 was the last day on which men who joined the government military or naval forces before December 4, 1917, could secure government insurance, but all new men joining either army or navy can be insured and the government urges them strongly to take the maximum sum.

In the meantime Uncle Sam has been paying out a great deal of money on salary allowances and for death and disability compensation. Up to April 6, 1,500,000 separate checks had been made out for such payments for sums as follows: Salary allowances, \$50,000,000; death and disability compensation, \$100,000,000; government insurance payments, \$177,518.

Cooks in the Army Learn How to Economize on Food

Opportunities for the home economics demonstration workers of the United States department of agriculture are not limited to farm and town homes. Cooks in American army camps also have had an opportunity to hear about conservation methods from the department specialists.

At one of the army schools for bakers and cooks in Mississippi demonstrations in food savings were much appreciated by the cooks in training, according to a report of the officer in charge, who described the demonstrations as a "wonderful success." The cooks are being taught ways to utilize the left-over food, the use of flour substitutes, and particularly new and attractive ways of serving corned beef dishes. Demonstrations in the making and use of fireless cookers, also to be conducted in the field, are being held in hospital divisions.

Fought in France at 73.

An American Civil war veteran who faced the Germans in the trenches for eight months before his age, seventy-three, was discovered, and he was discharged. Is J. W. Buscher, who served in the Twenty-third Michigan volunteers in the Civil war. He enlisted recently in the Canadian railway battalion, King George, wishing to see the oldest soldier in khaki, summoned Buscher to Buckingham palace, and praised him heartily for his courage and determination.

Luminous Paint Is Put to Good Use in Present War, Greatly Aiding the Soldiers

Many ingenious uses have been found of late for luminous paint. Watches with dials which glow in the darkness are becoming common, and only the other day an order was given for 100,000 marching compasses with luminous needles to be carried by soldiers at the front, says Boys' Life. Immense quantities of luminous cloth are used by the soldiers who go over the top. It is cut into small rectangles about ten inches long and fastened to the collars of the uniforms. The soldiers can thus recognize their own men in an indistinguishable fight in the dark. The luminous paint is also smeared on the end of sharpened sticks which when stuck into the ground make a fairly clear beacon.

Scientific Facts.

To enable photographers to make portraits with artistic backgrounds translucent shades to be hung over windows have been patented bearing pictures of window casings and landscapes. That different classes of mankind can be distinguished by their hair is the theory of a French scientist who believes there is some relation between the shape and strength of body and mind. A form of dictaphone small enough to be worn under a man's shirt front and record conversations on a cylinder attached to his belt has been patented by a resident of Washington, D. C.

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