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The American Model

Choctaw Indian Chosen by French Sculptor for Statue of "American Fighting Man"

A Choctaw Indian, Otis W. Leader of Oklahoma, has been chosen by an eminent French sculptor as model for his statue of "the American fighting man." A brief resume of Leader's service in France amply warrants his designation as a "first-class fighting man" and his unmixed American blood justifies his selection as a typical American.

There can be no question of America's pride in her aborigines, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer. The Indian, who was cordially hated by the pioneers and shamefully despoiled and exploited by the successors of the pioneers, has become in the present generation a popular, honored and justly respected citizen. He has proved his merit. Since the white man has ceased to accelerate his deterioration the Indian has ceased to be a "vanishing race." He has become an assertive citizen, standing on his own feet and making his own way. And when there was war the Indian of today fought with all the courage and grim determination of his painted ancestors.

The French sculptor made a wise choice when he selected Private Leader as his type specimen of the American soldier. It is a fitting tribute to the red Americans who fought so valiantly for white civilization and no white American will begrudge the honor.

470,034 Boy Scouts Raised $354,180,687 in U. S. Bonds

The Boy Scouts of America has grown to a total membership of 470,034 since its organization nine years ago, according to a report issued recently. Of this number, 14,896 are scout masters and 17,334 assistants, while of the 60,351 troop committeemen and local council members all but 250 are unpaid volunteers. The scouts obtained 2,343,497 subscriptions in the five Liberty loan campaigns, amounting to $354,180,687, and war savings stamps amounting to more than $50,000,000. Nearly 100,000 scouts were awarded medals by the treasury department for their work.

FACTS AND FANCIES

Ability is nothing more than doing something which so far no one has thought of trying to do.

There's nobody quite so busy as the man who doesn't want to do something else.

If everybody did his best there'd be more men at the top and fewer at the middle or the bottom of the ladder.

It takes only about three weeks for a woman to learn to hate the bonnet she fell in love with at first sight.

The Helm.

Our helm is given up to a better guidance than our own; the course of events is quite too strong for any helmsman, and our little wherry is taken in tow by the ship of the great Admiral which knows the way, and has the force to draw men and states and planets to their good.—Emerson.

FEEDING CHILDREN OF VIENNA

Friends' Relief Mission, an American Institution, Is Doing Great Work of Relief.

The Friends' relief mission in Vienna has recently adopted a new plan for meeting the extremely critical food situation in that city. Three hundred cows have been secured and quartered on estates in the suburbs of Vienna.

The milk will be sold by the mission at less than cost to the Child Welfare centers and various societies taking care of children. Food will be shipped from America and $5,000 worth of linseed oil cake is now on its way across.

It is estimated that $4.50 will furnish milk for a child for six months. A large proportion of the Vienna children are so afflicted with tuberculosis and rickets caused by malnutrition that they are beyond help, but strenuous efforts are being made to save the remainder.

The Friends mission has also made an arrangement with the trade unions for the manufacture of 1,500 children's suits daily from cloth shipped from England. It is planned that relief work be extended to the mining centers, as coal is the crux of the Vienna problem and schools and hospitals are closing through lack of fuel, while factories cannot resume operation.

TOOK REBUKE IN GOOD PART

Young Man Probably Right When He Said It Would Teach Him a Lesson.

Years ago when I was teaching in high school, we had considerable trouble with the students slamming the outside doors, and we lectured them often. It was my week for hall duty when one noon a young man entered the school building and banged the door.

I was much provoked and said, "Young man, will you please go out again and try and see if you cannot close that door more quietly?" He looked rather surprised and said, "Yes ma'am" and did as I asked. I said, "That was better."

He then inquired where he would find one of our teachers. To my surprise he was not a student as I thought, but a friend making a call. I tried to apologize, but he said it would serve as a good lesson.—Exchange.

Then It Ran.

I wanted to make a trip downtown. The motor started without trouble, but when I put it in gear the car refused to budge.

After working frantically on it for some time I called a garageman, but he was no more successful than I, until, quite by accident, he walked around to the rear of the car.

"What on earth are these two jacks doing under the rear wheels?" he exclaimed.

I had jacked the car up the night before and had forgotten to remove the jacks.

Where Thermometers Freeze.

Fifty-nine degrees below zero was registered in some parts of the Adirondacks last winter around the first of the year, according to weather bureau statistics. Better (or worse) than that was done by Jack Frost in Sweden, where the temperature registered 70.6 below zero. And in some parts of Alaska thermometers are absolutely useless, the best of them freezing up and refusing to tell how cold it is. In the dead of winter, in the interior of Alaska, pure alcohol freezes into solid blocks of ice, as does kerosene.

Shades of Washington!

An English captain who had heard that American troops were in France, but as yet had seen none in his sector, passed one night in an abandoned dugout. Hearing movements within it, he at once thought of German spies, drew his pistol and leveled it at the entrance.

"Who's in there?" he called.

A flash of white teeth showed in the darkness and a soft voice answered, "Dis am de American army, suh."

Only Wings.

"How can you expect children to believe in Santa Claus in this practical age," remarked a primary-grade teacher the other day, I said to one of my tots:

"How do you know it was a stork and not an angel that brought your little brother?"

"'Cause I heard pa complain about the size of the bill, and I guess angels don't have bills."

Rivalry Removed.

"Why do you say you admire Shakespeare, when you always select jazz entertainment?"

"It's this way," replied Mr. Hibrouzer. "When I hear an actor reciting Shakespeare I always feel that I could do it as well, or maybe better, myself. But when it comes to jazz I'm forced to admit that I couldn't compete."

Herman Knew.

Herman, age four, was in the street. A neighbor knew that his mother was expecting a guest.

"Herman, has your company come?" she inquired.

"No, not yet," was the reply. "I'm still dirty."

Raising Some.

He—I feel a queer kind of fuzz all over my tongue.

She—See here! Have you been drinking any of my hair tonic?

Asia Minor Skinless Fruit Has Pit and Edible Kernel; It Is Both Nut and Peach

The connecting link between the sweet almond and the bitter kernel of the peach pit is found in the nut peach of the Persian gulf and Tigro-Euphrates valley (nuzhapersika), sold in many American cities by foreign fruit importers. This combination of a luscious fruit and choice nut in one is unique with a single exception—an amber colored plum of the Caspian region which has an almond-like kernel.

The nut peach differs from the ordinary peach in that it has no skin; the surface is waxlike with beautiful red tints which cause a striking resemblance to a confection. You do not peel it any more than you would peel a strawberry. It is very fragrant. Darwin's theory, according to the Scientific American, that the common peach is a descendant of the almond finds substantiation in the nut peach, though the scientist probably had no knowledge of the intermediary fruit.

The rough shell which incases the ordinary bitter peach kernel has little resemblance to the comparatively smooth, light almond shell; but it is said that wily Levantine almond exporters sometimes adulterate their almond shipments with peach stones, the ridges of which have been worn smooth by friction. The pit of the nut peach resembles that of the common peach. It is large, rough, almost as hard to crack as a black walnut and is "free"—that is, it drops out when the fruit is halved.

The Perfect Man.

To be perfectly proportioned a man should weigh 28 pounds for every foot of his height.

RICH GOWN OF BLACK SATIN HEDGED IN [illegible]

This dress is of black satin, charmingly draped and is given an unusual touch by the curiously patterned silver beading.

BRACELET IS NOW IN VOGUE

Decoration Regarded as Necessary When Short Sleeves Are Worn; Lace-Topped Gloves.

Since Paris persists in making us wear short sleeves, the bracelet has taken on a new lease of life. If these abbreviated sleeves were only for the young and fair, all would be well; but even stately dowagers must, to be in fashion, have their sleeves well above the elbow. And in such cases, even so small a thing as a bracelet helps free one from the consciousness of harsh elbows that have lost the soft charm of youth. So the wide gold bracelets, that have long been in the discard, are being taken out of faded velvet cases, and sent to the jeweler's to be freshened up a bit.

Paris has sent over recently some interesting bracelets in imitation of jade, tortoise shell, ivory and celluloids, all intricately carved to reproduce some good luck charm or god. Coming as they do in so many different colorings they are worn to match the costume.

The quaint little short-topped gloves with a frill of silk or lace, of our grandmother's days, are back in style again, and are most effective with an old-fashioned bracelet worn just above.

Museums and art stores are being searched for models of the old Roman armlets of gold and silver, so as to have them copied. Of these the ones of Etruscan gold are loveliest. Many of these ancient bracelets do not meet entirely, but show the arm through the open space between the ends. Indian bracelets of beaten silver are made in the same manner, these often being decorated with a single large stone, such as rose quartz, turquoise, or garnet.

FASHION'S FANCIES.

The demand for velveteen is great.

Corduroys are much used for negligees.

Curled ostrich dominates in millinery.

The eastern note is dominant in jewels.

The short waist will be greatly favored.

Monkey fur appears on sport costumes.

Turbans appear, worn with eastern robes.

Paris uses color in her undergarments.

The new blouses have large and dashing revers.

Among the advance separate-skirt styles recently seen is noted a circular model of medium width and conservatively short length.

Soft felt hats in vivid colors are one type of sport hat introduced for southern wear and likely to be popular for spring and summer.

It is impossible to predict the popularity of the cape suit for spring, but that it will be worn to a more or less degree is assured by the attractive models that have been introduced.

Accordion plaiting is introduced as the skirt feature in many spring models, both dress and suits; sometimes the entire skirt is accordion plaited, then again the plaits are introduced in the form of panels.

The American woman will wear the splendid tricot corset of American manufacture that meets the requirements of fashion and yet is practical for her figure and the climate and environment in which she lives.

Brooches.

The fashion of wearing brooches has revived and the jewelers are busy setting precious stones. The new brooch is designed obviously for the purpose of supplying the needed point of light to a dark frock and is [illegible] effective on frocks of black [illegible] tulle.

UTILIZING THAT HALF [illegible]

Average Person Will Be Surprised at the Amount of Benefit [illegible] It Can Confer.

What I do contend [illegible] you is, that if [illegible] man force of [illegible] or woman [illegible] stances are [illegible] tions and [illegible] half as [illegible] for good and [illegible] Some will say [illegible] to expect, and [illegible] say it, I venture [illegible] those who [illegible] any rate, it [illegible] I will be content [illegible] in half an [illegible] 25 or 30 [illegible] read one of [illegible] pieces—say [illegible] way, one [illegible] mail, and if [illegible] a book of [illegible] to not think [illegible] hour the [illegible] what you can [illegible] Then multiply the [illegible] and consider what [illegible] might have laid by [illegible] year.—Lord Morley.

"Halcyon Days."

The seven days preceding [illegible] seven days following the [illegible] stice, which falls on Dec. [illegible] the halcyon days of [illegible] modern dictionary [illegible] to be a synonym for [illegible] or happy, but [illegible] was the name of a [illegible] the kingfisher, and the [illegible] the winter solstice [illegible] days because it was at [illegible] the bird deposited [illegible] rocks by the margin of [illegible] a floating nest in [illegible] waters. One of [illegible] halcyon bird, which [illegible] be favored by the [illegible] pected that the [illegible] that the eggs might [illegible] The superstition [illegible] the storms that often [illegible] period, some of the ancients [illegible] tributing to the kingfisher [illegible] of arresting the violence of the [illegible]

Experiment in Crossing [illegible]

A most interesting experiment has been going on in the [illegible] lothian. Some years ago [illegible] Ewart obtained a fine male [illegible] Africa, and crossed him [illegible] mare. The resulting [illegible] zebrule, is strong, hardy, [illegible] gent, and easily broken [illegible] harness. The mature [illegible] fourteen hands high and [illegible] carry twelve stone. They are very good trotters [illegible] already been sent to [illegible] ment use. It is quite [illegible] new animal may gradually [illegible] place of the mule.—[illegible]

Cake's Two [illegible]

A journey-cake is [illegible] johnny-cake. A [illegible] cake made of [illegible] with milk or water [illegible] on a griddle or [illegible] upon a shingle [illegible] coals. It was [illegible] called because [illegible] prepared. This [illegible] rupted in [illegible] —Literary Digest.

Not [illegible]

Robert [illegible] monologue [illegible] hair of [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]