

AMERICANS CLEAN UP FRENCH TOWNS

Manure Piles Removed From Yards, Freeing Army Camps of Flies.

TRADITION VS. GERMS

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AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUARTERS, August 28.—"They make a great deal of dust," said the old lady. After all, you can't blame her. If you had been brought up on a street that had not been swept since the first knight jingled down it in a suit of installment plan armor you would object to a lot of young strangers sweeping it in the morning before you were up, and at noon, and at dinner time and just before you went to bed. But certainly they make a great deal of dust.

And if all your life you had slept with a nice, fragrant pile of valuable stable manure right under your bedroom window—on the street, just at the entrance to the stable over which was your bedroom—the time would come when you would regard that manure pile as something fixed and immutable and not to be disturbed, like the cure, or the bright evening star, or the postmaster's two hours for dejeuner.

You would protest when the young strangers pitchedforked all that value into wagons and hauled it away. Very likely you would protest with pitchfork, as many of these villagers have. A sacred and inalienable right was being desecrated and alienated. Every fair-minded person must sympathize with you. If you did not protect your own you must be classed as a pretty poor stick.

In order to keep the villages in which they are quartered so clean that microbes travel nights to get away from them, the American troops have had to burst through customs that have become traditions, they are so old. That they have been able to accomplish their purpose and still retain the affection of the villagers proves that the average American officer should be in the diplomatic service. His talents are being wasted in the fighting branch.

Wealth of the Richest Man.

The manure heap is the savings bank in rural France. The farmer with the largest heap is the richest man, because he will have the best crops next year. Farmers live in villages in Europe, an inheritance from the fine old times when they built watch towers on every hilltop to warn them that the neighbors were coming to spend the day. Even yet in the more remote parts the people of one village refer to the people of the village as "foreigners." They have little liking for them. There are instances in which the people of one village speak a dialect which differs from that spoken in the next.

Nor are there stables in rural Europe, as there are in our own farming country. Land in these tiny villages is valuable by comparison with the farmland. Houses once built are built for the great-grandchildren as well as for the present generation. In the excellent past it was highly advisable for each farmer to keep his livestock under lock and key and where he could defend it with a gun. Therefore the stable occupies the ground floor of the farmer's home in rural Europe. He has two or three rooms on the street and two or three back of them, and the rest of the

house is given over to the live stock. The stable manure, naturally, is piled on the street, on a stone platform built for that purpose, between the stable door and the front door. It is easy to load it there, and it is easy to load it there—there are few backdoor alleys in rural France—and it can be watched. Over home the man who would steal manure ranges with the classically mean thief who would steal sheep and eat the wool. Here a thief is looked down on, but if he must steal there is no incongruity in the theft of manure. It is the life of the farm.

Behold the American troops, then, quartered in villages in which every house is fronted by a pile of prized fertilizer. On those piles flies breed. The infant mortality runs into high figures in some parts of rural Europe, in spite of the pure water and the clean air. If there is one thing the American Army is determined on more than another, it is that its men shall be healthy. Those piles were ordered to be removed. The home guard rallied with pitchforks.

Soldiers Had Their Way.

Now it is all right. Every one understands every one else. The stone platform on which the municipal wealth was once piled are so clean they almost shine. The owners of the wealth understand now that the army livestock is contributing daily to the common fund of fertilizer. The soldiers are hauling it out to the fields, thereby saving the owners trouble and expense—and it is not to be neglected when so few men are at home. Time and soft words and kindly argument were needed, but the entire cordiale has been perfected.

That is but a sample of the difficulties encountered in the work of sanitation. The streets are swept four times a day. The back yards are cleaned up. Camp refuse is burned in incinerators. The wells—some of them full of all sorts of germs—are closed or posted. The men drink only water which has been filtered and chemically purified. The dishes are washed in the same water. The Army stoves are turned over for pig-feeding purposes, but only to villagers who have amended their village ways to conform to those of the twentieth century.

One consequence is that there have been no flies—not nearly so many as in the states. There has been no sick-ness. Army sick reports are mostly blank sheets headed by a date and the doctor's name. The doctors spend more time doctoring the village sick—for the villagers prefer their own well water—than in doctoring soldiers who do not get sick. The villagers are distressingly clean. Eventually one becomes finicky and absurd and refuses to throw down burned matches or cigar butts. One glares angrily at automobiles that tear frantically over a street which is nicely graded in the broom-straw. The one consolation is that the police gang is already on the track of the automobile with swishing brooms. But the old lady said all this makes "beaucoup de poussiere."

WANT TO ENTER U. S. ARMY.

Discouraged Russian Officers Anxious for Chance to Fight Germany.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, September 22.—Officers in the Russian army, loyal to the cause of democracy, but discouraged by the uncertain conditions in their own country, are begging for permission to come to the United States and enter the American Army to fight Germany, according to Marion McAllister Smith, an American merchant of Petrograd, who arrived here today on a Norwegian steamer. Mr. Smith left the Russian city only recently.

He added there was no question as to the loyalty of the upper classes in Russia to the cause of the republic, but that there were no fewer than eighteen political parties, all seeking control of the government. It was his opinion, he said, that despite it all, Russia would come through all right.

Trial Date Set for Former Chief.

CHICAGO, September 22.—The trial of former Chief of Police Healey, charged with protecting criminals, was today set for October 15 before Judge Sabath in the criminal court.

1/2 YARD-WIDE PERCALES, 5c

Shop Here—Dress Smartly—Save Money.

HARRY KAUFMAN
1316-24 7th St. N.W.

LA RESISTA—SPIRA BONE—CORSET \$1

Good models in this extra-wearing corset. Also \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50 and \$3. In sizes up to 40.

GENUINE \$15 AND \$18 WOMEN'S NEW FALL SERGE DRESSES, \$12.95

Accurate interpretation of the new silhouette, new side draped and pleated styles, in pretty trimmed and embroidery style. Navy, burgundy and green, in all sizes to 44.

IMMENSE VALUES IN NEW FALL SUITS \$10

ALTERATIONS FREE

All-wool materials, newest styles, depending on linings. Navy, black, brown, green and taupe. Sizes to 44.

ARMOUR'S TOILET SOAP, 15c

Choice of Balm, Glycerine, Witch Hazel, Lanolin, 3 cakes in box, 15c.

BOYS' GOOD WEARING SUITS \$3.98

Special Values in Ladies' Boots \$2.95--\$3.95

This lot of shoes consists of Velcro Kid, Gun Metal, Patent Colt, also combinations, with 100% straight Cuban and low heels, on the most conservative models, in lace or button. We have all sizes and can fit any one. Come early and avoid the rush.

Boys' "Bell" Brand BLOUSES, 50c

Boys' Corduroy PANTS, \$1.00

Men's PANTS, \$2.85

75c New ROMPERS, 59c

15c Shopping BAGS, 10c

\$3 NEW STYLES IN FALL SILK WAISTS \$1.98

VELVET TAMS 98c

Fine, Rich Black, Lyon's silk with all crowns and wonderful values. **50c TRIMMED TURBAN** with crown and gold lace trim.

Fall Style Week

You Will Honor Us By Attending This Most Important Event, Our

Fall Millinery Opening

A Display of Fashion's Foremost Creations. Charming Models for Misses', Women's and Children's Fall and Winter Wear.



This premier showing adds another garland to our long established and enviable reputation for Trimmed and Untrimmed Millinery. In the display you will see the latest ideas from reliable style centers—Hats in variety of colorings, styles, materials and shapes that are exceptionally beautiful—an authentic showing of Fall and Winter Millinery, new in style, excellent in novelty, superb in quality and exclusive in design.

Hundreds of the latest messages in millinery from Paris—showing the new vogue in velvets, large and small shapes, becomingly trimmed—ready to top off a brand-new suit or freshen up an old one. Finest silk Lyon's velvets, hatter's plush, panne mirrored velvets—in blacks, taupe, plum, burgundy, mahogany, Russian green, plum blue, navy, tete de negre, brown, mole, etc.

Burnt ostrich feathers, saucy little pompons, oriental fancies and silver and gold ornaments are among the most prominent trimmings.

Soft crowns that are much higher than usual are greatly in evidence, but there is also a big variety of small shapes in mushroom and tam-o'-shanter effects, which are popular.

Trimmed Hats from \$5 to \$40

Second Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

Opening Linen Sale

Some specially bought items which go to you at a very very decided saving in price:

72-inch Extra-weight "Meadow Bleached" Table Damask; worth \$2.50 yard. At \$2.00.

22-inch Napkins, to match, in 15 good patterns. Dozen, \$6.

72-inch Irish Mercerized Damask, which is the nearest substitute for linen on the market. Choice selection of patterns; \$1.25 value. At, yard, \$1.00.

Irish Damask Pattern Cloths. Size 2x2 yards at \$3.00; 2x2 1/2 yards, \$3.75; 2x3 yards, \$4.50.

Extra-weight, Double-thread Turkish Towels; 50c grade. Special at 39c.

Main Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

Sweaters Among the Leading Fall Wearables

A visit to our Sweater Department is all that is necessary to give you a violent attack of the sweater fever that has swept over the country.

We never had such a wonderful showing of this popular garment as now.

Every new model brought out in the present season is fully represented in scores of different weaves and color combinations. If you are thinking of buying a sweater for yourself or for your daughter, don't fail to see this assortment before buying.

Prices are much lower than you would expect for such charming sweaters.

Prices, \$3.98 to \$25.00

Main Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

Fall Opening Sale Silks and Dress Goods

Prices at Low Ebb for the High Standard Fabrics for Which We Have Been Famous for Almost 60 Years

Exquisite 40-inch \$1.69 Crepe de Chine Yard

Every woman loves apparel of this delightful, filmy material, especially because of its lovely drapy quality and its charming finish. Comes 40 inches wide in about 50 of the season's most desirable shades, some of which are light blue, pink, Copenhagen, gold, old rose, midnight, nile, emerald, pearl, smoke, taupe, tan, brown, myrtle, navy, royal blue, helio, purple, mair, plum, prune, flesh, white, ivory and black.

\$1.49 Black Chiffon Dress Taffeta, yard, \$1.19

We'll admit that this is a remarkably low price, but we are determined to have a big day's selling Monday, so we have reduced it to the lowest notch. 35-inch Black Chiffon Dress Taffeta of a soft, pure silk finish. Special at, yard, \$1.19.

\$1.49 Black Satin Messaline, yard, \$1.19

35-inch Black Satin Messaline, highly lustrous finish, heavy, pure silk quality. What is more desirable for gorgeous evening dresses than this lovely material? Our salespersons will tell you how much would be needed.

Black or Navy Blue Serge, at 89c

We have a good supply of this favored material; but at such a low price as this it won't last long. Better hurry! Strictly all-wool heavy Blue or Black Storm Serge; dye guarantee; non-shrinkable. Fine for separate skirts. Special, 89c yd.

\$1.75 Silk and Wool Poplin, yard, \$1.49

This splendid wearing material, full 40 inches wide, pure silk and wool, lustrous finish; ideal for fall dresses and skirts. Just think! \$1.75 quality at, yard, \$1.49. Shown in all colors and black.

50-Inch Broadcloth, Yard, \$1.49

One of the season's most popular materials. What woman who needs a supply of this fabric to make a suit or coat can afford to neglect such a money-saving opportunity? Full 50 inches wide; all-wool twilled fabric. In colors such as beet root, Burgundy, brown, tan, Joffre blue, Copenhagen, navy blue, myrtle green, black, etc.

Beautiful Fall Corduroys

There is a decided growing favor for corduroys for the making of fall garments. We predict the biggest use of this fabric for fall in years. We have just received a wonderful lot of 36-inch Wide-wale Hollow-cut Corduroys, in ten of the best street colors. We can't guarantee how long they will last, so better get your supply soon.

Third Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

White & Colored Wash Goods

Come Into the Opening Sale With Items That Are Needed for Fall.

20c Longcloth, 12 1/2c

Chamois-finish. Good Quality. Extra Weight Imperial Longcloth.

30c Nainsook, 25c

36-inch-wide. Fine, Lightweight. Very Soft Finish Nainsook.

40c Batiste, 28c

40-inch soft, mercerized quality and excellent weight.

50c Madras, 39c

32-inch Woven Striped Madras of a very fine grade.

White Flannels, 50c Yd.

27 inches wide; just enough cotton to help their wearing and washing qualities.

Flannelette, 25c Yd.

36 inches wide, in pretty designs and colorings. Serge or French flannel finish.

Wash Silk, 59c

36 inches wide; evening and staple shades; also white with colored stripes.

Gingham, 50c

Zephyr Ginghams, 32 inches wide; plaids, stripes, checks and plain colors.

Main Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

Opening Offering of Up to \$1.50 Ribbons At 59c Yd.

An excellent assortment of Fancy Ribbons that are suitable for making fancy bags. Included are 12-inch Taffeta Grounds with satin stripe; 10-inch Bayadere, 10-inch Bias Striped Velvet, 7-inch Plaid Ribbons with 1-inch velvet edge. Some of the above are in full length pieces, while others are in lengths from 2 to 4 yards. An excellent choice in all.

Main Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

Beautiful Fall Negliges For the Opening and All of Them Reasonably Priced

Silk Petticoats with cotton taffeta top flounces with cotton under-drop. Special, \$2.95.

Corduroy Robes, in rose, copenhagen, wistaria, American lady and light blue, made with kimono or set-in sleeves; large shawl collar. Priced \$3.95 to \$9.95.

Negliges of crepe de chine, in maize, blue, pink and lavender; elastic belt; embroidery waist; lace jacket. Priced \$5.95 to \$24.50.

Women's House Dresses of gingham or percale, in stripes or checks; trimmed in contrasting colors; large pockets. Special..... \$1.50

Third Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.



Women's 25c Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs at 18c (Or 3 for 50c)

All shades and pure white in the new styles for the winter. A number of embroidered corners; also all-around fancy borders.

Linen Handkerchiefs, 7c

Women's All-linen Handkerchiefs that are very neatly hem-stitched.

Fountain Pens, \$1

Guaranteed Fountain Pens that are non-leakable and self-filling. Worth \$2. Each, \$1.

Umbrellas, 79c

Children's School Umbrellas, in 18 to 24 inch sizes. Fast black and rainproof. Handles for boys and girls, at 79c.

First Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

Interesting Showing of Fall Neckwear

Exquisite Collars Stocks and Jabots are shown in many variations of designs, as braided satin; net or lace-trimmed Georgette collars with ruffles to add a touch of individuality to smart fall frocks and suits.

Tuxedo and round shape collars of satin, Georgette and Sammie cloth, at \$1.00.

Large assortment of Marabou Stoles and Capes. See special one at \$5.

First Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

Opening Sale of Blankets

The earth will soon be getting out its winter blanket of snow and this is a good hint to visit this big sale. Remember—Blanket mills are being "taken over" by the government—some will take no more private orders. Prices will go MUCH higher soon.

\$7.50 White Wool Blankets, Pair, \$6

11-4 size, closely woven, properly finished, good weight, very warm; pink or blue borders, with wide mohair binding.

\$8 Wool Plaid Blankets, Pair, \$6.50

11-4 Blankets revealed in large block effects of pink, blue, gray or tan. Very attractive and practical. Also shown in white with dainty borderings.

11-4 Fine White Wool California Blankets of a fine quality, apparent in the weaving and finishing of the materials. Neatly bordered in pink or blue. Regular \$10.75 value at, pair, \$8.50

Extra Fine California Blankets, representing the highest achievement in loom and finishing. Plaid block and plain colors. Prices from, pair, \$4.00 to \$10.00.

11-4 Fine White Wool California Blankets, made of finely selected materials, finished in a manner that will appeal to people of "taste." Delicate pink or blue borderings. Also shown in effective block plaid designs, in pink, blue or tan. Regular \$9.50 grade at, pair, \$7.50.

Fourth Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

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