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TO CURB "U" BOATS

"Sea Jitneys" Suggested for Attack on German Bases.

Canadian Naval Airplane Fighter, Home to Recover From Shrapnel Wounds Expresses an Opinion.

Theorizing about war conditions has grown quite as tiresome, no doubt, to the people who read newspapers as it has to most of the people who write for them. Yet, now and then, you meet a man who theorizes from the facts of experience and knowledge and who points something out that gives food for thought. Such a case, it seemed to several of us, when a quiet little chap, son of a Canadian millionaire, told us his view of the war in its present stage, a New York correspondent of the Cincinnati Times-Star writes. His brother was killed at the Marne and he himself is home to recover from shrapnel wounds received when he was flying a naval airplane some thousands of feet above a town on the Belgian coast.

"The outstanding fact, just now," he said, "is that the German U-boats are doing pretty nearly as much as they were expected to do and that we have no effective defense against them. The Germans are almost justified in believing that they are on the way toward starving England into submission. If we don't find a new and successful way to combat the U-boats the situation in England will soon be very critical. Of course, I fancy a way will be found. But it must be something entirely new in warfare. For my part, I am convinced that success can be obtained only by the apparently desperate undertaking of assaults by sea upon the U-boat bases. I say 'apparently desperate.' By any known or tried method such assaults would be simply useless and suicidal.

"The German harbors are mined, netted from end to end and fortified with tremendous shore batteries of heavy and aircraft guns. How can the bases be attacked? Well, of course, that will be settled by some one else than I, but I have heard a theoretical plan of attack proposed by one of our naval men which made a great impression on me. He said we must build thousands of small submarines—something like the 'sea jitneys' which manufacturers have talked about—and go into the German harbors with swarms of them, at the risk of losing ninety-nine out of every hundred boats and crews. Barrage fire and bombing have been the new and successful things in land fighting.

"This officer's proposal is for something like an undersea duplication of this plan of attack. Most of the little boats would be lost, no doubt, but most of them would succeed in doing material damage with one or two torpedoes. Nets would be blown away, mines exploded, guard ships sunk and such other disorganization of the harbor defenses accomplished as to give the big ships a chance to complete the work. Yes, it's true that a man would hardly need to worry about his return trip if he went in on one of these little boats. It would be work for volunteers. But the volunteers would be plentiful enough. That I am sure of.

"If such attacks promised to win the fight against the U-boats, men would be willing to go. It would be enough for them to know that they were striking the sea murderers at their home, and that some of them might possibly get back."

German Schooling.

German schooling has proved antagonistic to co-operation, although demanding unity of action through mass obedience. It has failed to foster real co-operation, for co-operation is a method by which persons of their own volition and by no compulsion may work together harmoniously, writes Winthrop Talbot in the Century Magazine. Only when training and schooling are the common privilege of all is that state of civic development possible which permits society to become co-operative in its action. In other words, a socialized society becomes more and more possible only as all individual members acquire each the widest vision, and thus the power to co-operate harmoniously.

The Crow.

I have seen no bird walk the ground with just the same air the crow does. It is not exactly pride; there is no strut or swagger in it, though perhaps just a little condescension; it is the contented and self-possessed gait of a lord over his domains. All these acres are mine, he says, and all these crops; men plow and sow for me, and I stay here or go there, and find life sweet and good wherever I am. The hawk looks awkward and out of place on the ground; the game birds hurry and skulk, but the crow is at home and treads the earth as if there were none to molest or make him afraid.—John Burroughs.

The Mystery of Love.

Love is the great mystery of life. It may be the growth of years, months or an instant, says the Christian Herald. Man sees a million beautiful faces; he hears a million sweet voices; he meets a million women with flowers at their breasts and light in their eyes—and they do not touch him. Then he sees the one, and she holds him for life and death. She is no nobler, better or more beautiful than were those he passed by, and yet his world is empty without her. Assuredly there is far more than fashion in this universal force we call love.

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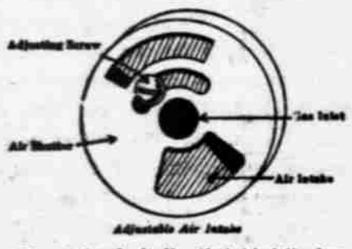

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Generation That Really Knows What Gladness Is Has Not Been Born, Asserts Church Paper.

Some sage has arisen to remark that human life up to about fifty years ago was not worth living—that only the inventions and institutions of the last half century have made life bearable.

Unfortunately, there is no way accurately to gauge the degree of happiness of any period or even to define exactly what happiness is, says the Christian Herald.

All we can know for certain is that the happiness of our own times is the best that is attainable to us, and lucky is he who gets his share of it.

Happiness, like health, is known to us chiefly through its opposite. Health is known through disease and pain, and happiness through disappointment and misery.

The masses of mankind, until this century almost dumb, now make heard their sufferings and dissatisfaction. The woes of centuries are finding utterance in the free speech of our day. The wail may cause the unthinking to suppose that the sun of human happiness is suddenly obscured. But, to the contrary, the remedies following the better understanding of wrong conditions steadily improve the conditions under which happiness may become more general. The more we hear of wrongs, the fewer wrongs we have.

Philosophers may wrangle about it until doomsday, and no doubt they will; but the age which knows the least earthly misery and woe is the one that has been longest dead, and the generation that really knows what happiness is and can realize its full possession is a long time yet unborn.

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Writing Implement, Made of Mixture of Wax and Ground Pumice Stone, Recent Invention.

A writing implement composed of a mixture of wax and finely ground pumice stone containing particles of ink has been invented by William G. Geer of Akron, O., to take the place of ordinary and fountain pens, pencils, crayons and all other writing implements, say the Popular Science Monthly. As the body of the new writing device is composed of a mixture of wax and pumice stone, which is easily worn away when rubbed against a paper surface, the inventor claims that the cells of ink intermixed with the wax and pumice stone will also be liberated, giving a uniform supply of ink.

The device is made by mixing the wax, pumice stone and ink together. When it is heated to the proper temperature it is suddenly immersed in cold water. This chills and solidifies the wax mixture, producing a body having a cellular structure, each cell being filled with ink.

Cactus Candy.

Louisiana sugar cane planters have evolved a plan for manufacturing candy from the spineless cactus. In the process the peel of the plant is removed, dipped into hot molasses and coated with granulated or powdered sugar. The result is a combination of rich and delicious flavor.

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Another important result in the making of what some enterprising advertiser may call "kaktus-kandy," says an exchange, is that sugar mills which have heretofore been idle for nine months in the year can now make part of their equipment in the candy manufacturing industry.

Light and Thought.

Not all thought is traveling. The supposition that when one thinks of the moon one's thought travels to the moon is a mistake, for the thought is formed in the mind and remains there. The time taken to "think of anything," declares a writer, "occupies some small fraction of a second. Light "travels" at the rate of about 186,000 miles a second, and if it is thought which travels in what is called telepathy it would have to travel at the same speed because ether, the medium which transmits light, would also transmit the brain vibrations that accompany thought. The telepathic theory of "thought which travels" has been objected to on the ground that after traveling considerable distance such as are sometimes claimed in telepathic communication, the brain vibrations would be so diffused and weakened as to make no impression.