

RED CROSS SERVICE FLAG MOST POPULAR

Of the many insignia of devotion, patriotism and support that have been prepared during the past year and displayed conspicuously in the houses, the stores and the offices, probably none has had a wider circulation or has been more carefully guarded than the Red Cross service flag.

Those who have travelled extensively during the past year say that practically every thoroughfare and highway throughout the length and breadth of the country is an unbroken lane of Red Cross service flags. They are to be seen in the windows of the rich on Fifth avenue; they are to be seen in the humble log cabins of the Southern negro.

RED CROSS HELP IS EVER FOR ALLIES

In the coming Christmas Roll Call, when it is expected that every chapter in the New England Division will approximate universal membership, there are pretty sure to be a number of inquiries from present and prospective members as to the immediate intentions of the Red Cross in the matter of furnishing relief in Germany and Austria.

To most people this announcement is hardly necessary, especially when it is borne in mind the tremendous amount of work already planned for the Red Cross. There are our own soldiers, first and foremost, both in this country and overseas, who will require and receive this great organization's first thought and care.

ESTABLISH MODEL FARMS IN FRANCE

A model farm has been established by the American Red Cross at Courbeil, for it has been found that farm work is one of the very best means of hastening the recovery of those men suffering from shell shock.

Since these farms will be worked almost entirely by the convalescent soldiers and those made unfit for active service, the expense of maintenance will be very little.

UNIVERSAL MEMBERSHIP

The purpose of the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call, expressed in the fewest possible words, is to see that every man and woman in every city and community throughout the United States, and wherever Americans may be, has the opportunity to join the Red Cross or to renew his or her membership.

To Remove Ink. To remove ink from fingers wet the fingers and then rub with the phosphorus end of a match. Wipe the fingers and repeat both until ink disappears.

HUNGER DRAWS THE MAP



A food map of Europe today shows not a single country in which the future does not hold threat of serious difficulties and only a small part which is not rapidly approaching the famine point. With the exception of the Ukraine, only those countries which have maintained marine commerce have sufficient food supplies to meet actual needs until next harvest, and even in the Ukraine, there is famine in the large centers of population.

SABBATH DAY IN DISPUTE

Really No Definite Information as to When Its Observance Had Its First Institution.

There is no definite information as to when the observance of the first day of the week was substituted by the Christians for that of the seventh day, the ancient Jewish Sabbath. It undoubtedly arose among the earlier practices of the Christian church, and was regarded as the fittest day to be held sacred, because in the words of one of the fathers, "it is the first day in which God changed darkness, and the same day, also, Jesus Christ, our Savior, rose from the dead."

Did You Ever Do This?

Visitors or strangers coming into an office are often embarrassed by the discourtesy of office employees who ignore their presence—or wait for some one else to inquire the visitor's errand. Any employee who happens to be near when a stranger enters should address him courteously and ask if he can take a message or be of assistance.

Too Easy.

Newlywed (explaining poker)—"Now, if you get a poor hand you want to bluff, and if you get a good hand, you want to make a bluff that you're bluffing. Now there are two ways of bluffing; one is to bluff, the other not to bluff. If you're a regular bluffer, you can often bluff by not bluffing, and—"

LITTLE CHANGE IN BRITANNY

Land of Romance Today Much the Same as It Has Been Through the Centuries.

Brittany since the early times of history has been the land of romance, knights and archbishops, ladies and ladies, hobgoblins and wizards, crusaders and fairies. All of these are with beautiful impartiality scattered through the antique records of Brittany, as this region used to be called. Even the fabled sunken city of Ys and the lost continent of Atlantis are supposed to be off its coast.

Stone Age Theory Disproved.

The means of manufacture at the disposal of savages were so small that archeologists were formerly of opinion that a stone axe must be the product of the efforts not merely of one generation but of several, being handed down from father to son, and taking shape gradually, so that an implement begun by an individual might be finished by his grandchild.

Another American Triumph.

A European record for the most heavily laden freight train was established by a Russian railroad when an American locomotive hauled a train 2,800 feet long with a load of 4,424 tons.

Singleness of Purpose.

"It may sound strange," said the boardinghouse bachelor, "but a lot of men are convinced that the easiest way to win the battle of life is to fight it single-handed."

Capable of Anything.

Almost everything has been laid to disensed teeth except murder; and one never can tell what might be the outcome of jumping toothache.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Daily Thought.

Every one is the son of his own works.—Corcoran.

PEOPLE IN EARTH'S INTERIOR?

Man of Science Believed There Were, and Sought Funds to Make an Investigation.

On November 19, 1822, one of the most peculiar petitions ever presented to congress was brought before that body of lawmakers, which was none other than a request from John Cleves Symmes, asking that aid be given him to make a voyage to the interior of the globe, which he believed to be inhabitable. He was permitted to lecture before Union college, at which he expounded his theory, which, however, was met with universal ridicule.

Notwithstanding which he was greatly respected as a man. He held that all planetary bodies, including the earth, are composed of concentric spheres, open at their poles. In one of his memoirs he thus illustrates his conception: "With dividers describe a plane of matter of loose texture, and in the center add a very small circle; draw a line through the center. It is evident that either half of the inner circle, being almost equally surrounded by matter, must be very little gravitated centerwise, so being suspended, only a rotary motion is needed to throw it compactly toward the outer circle. This being admitted it follows that half way from the outlet to the inner side of this circle of matter thus thrown out, a like rarity, suspension or balance of gravity should prevail, and hence a disposition to concentric circles; therefore it follows that successive similar subdivisions should exist, gradually lessening in force and quantity. By applying this principle to the earth I find the necessity of hollow concentric spheres."

THOUGHT HER SON DEAD

Rutland Woman Changes Funeral Arrangements When He Walks In. Rutland, Dec. 18.—Two hours after his mother, Mrs. Bridget Dougherty of River street, this city, received a telegram announcing that he had died suddenly at Mechanville, N. Y., where he went last Saturday to visit, Charles Dougherty, aged 18 years, walked into the house alive and well, having just returned from New York State. An undertaker had been engaged, an obituary had been given the press, and customary funeral arrangements were under way when the young man put in his appearance. The family look upon the circumstances as a confusion of names rather than a hoax.

Two months ago a son of Mrs. Dougherty died in a military camp and she did not know he was ill until a telegram announced his death.

Diplomacy Wins.

Frank speakers (or whatever they may term themselves) should remember that certain kinds of frankness bring a lot of unexpressed and often pain to others, and those of us who stop to think at all will admit that it is by far the better part of valor to refrain from telling everyone at all times just what we think. We should study the temperaments of the persons with whom we come in contact, and while before some we may express ourselves freely and without reserve, we must in the presence of others be most careful and guarded in our remarks.

Rhubarb Useful to Gardeners.

Rhubarb, apart from its usefulness, has value for its beauty. The giant Chinese variety, with its enormous leaves, is often employed by landscape gardeners to produce bold sub-tropical effects; nor do they always disdain the charms of the more modest plant itself, of which the tall, graceful spikes of white flowers and red leaves, deeply veined and stained, are as certainly handsome as the steely stalks are palatable.

Source of Amber and Jade.

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CHESS MATCH FOR \$2,500

Capablanca Accepts Challenge of Boris Kostich.

New York, Dec. 18.—Jose R. Capablanca of Havana, the Cuban chess champion, and Boris Kostich of Gary, Ind., Serbian chess master and holder of the title of champion of the Western Chess Association, yesterday gave out the correspondence which has just passed between them relative to a set match to be played by them and concerning the possibility of which there has been more or less conjecture in club circles ever since the international tournament at the Manhattan Chess Club, wherein they captured the first and second prize, respectively, without either losing a single game outright.

Capablanca is willing to play for a purse of \$2,500, in addition to stakes will be played on a 100-100 basis. Both experts yesterday declared themselves ready and eager for such a contest, and it now rests with the clubs of the country, the chess patrons, and public at large to provide the purse involved. The stakes must be found by the players themselves.

It is a Little Strange.

"This is a funny world," said the facetious feller. "Nothing's ever said when a railroad man switches cars, or a musical cuss beats time; and a newspaper guy kin pound a typewriter till it shrieks for help and a bank clerk ain't shook unless he strikes a balance every evening; but jest let a feller tap a till real gentle like and without disturbin' anybody at all there's the damndest row that ever was."—Indianapolis Star.

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