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"The water is fine," says the Tribune. It's good to be able to look at things that way, being as that's about all a fellow can get to drink.

Every person should study up on flag etiquette and learn how to treat the colors with proper respect. Through ignorance or indifference, many do not do so.

We're waiting, more or less patiently, for that big Polk county melon we know some friend is going to bring in to us etsoon.

Cats has just gotten back from an extensive trip through the North and West. He ought to take these trips often and make them long of duration. They're good for him and the State, too.

The total eclipse of the sun on June 8th has been postponed one hour, but we have learned patience by waiting for amateur performances to start—hence, we'll just munch peanuts and read the program till Old Sol gets ready to pull off his stunt.

It will be easier to stay at home this summer, since we will not be wooed by the seductive railroad folder picturing beauty spots which when we reach them bear the same resemblance to their description as the pictures in the seed catalogue do to the somewhat dubious looking vegetables we get from our garden. That's one evil government management of railroads has eliminated, anyhow.

If they didn't realize it before, people who witnessed the battalion drill at Fort Meade yesterday afternoon know now that the Polk County Home Guards is no joke. The men who compose the organization are representative men of their respective communities, and they are better trained than many units of the National Guard were before the war began. The organization will be of inestimable value in case of trouble that may arise at any time; and the simple fact that such a body of trained men are ready for instant service will go far towards keeping down trouble.

Some comment has been occasioned by the statement that the Home Guard is under the same regulations as the National Army. This means that it is under the same regulations as to discipline, but not as to service. The Home Guard is purely a State organization and the Federal government has no jurisdiction over it. It could not be called to service in another State or into a foreign country. The organization is what its name implies—a home guard—and its service, should necessity for such arise, will be confined to the vicinity in which it is located. For instance, the Polk County Home Guards are primarily for the preservation of order and protection of property in Polk county; but in case of an emergency that could not be handled by local forces, they might be ordered to some other point in South Florida. But no one has power to order them beyond the confines of this State.

COURTESY DUE THE FLAG

When your flag passes you, stand at attention. A civilian, if covered, should remove his hat and place it on his left shoulder.

THE LONG ARM OF MERCY

(By Dr. Frank Crane.)

The Red Cross is the Long Arm of Mercy. It is the kindness of mankind—organized.

In man is an angel and a devil, a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. The Red Cross is the good, aroused, energized to thwart the bad.

It is the best antidote we know to the bane of war.

There are other charities, more or less helpful. The Red Cross is the mightiest of all charities, the love and pity of all men made supremely efficient.

If, as Emerson said, "Sensible men and conscientious men all over the world are of one religion," this is the expression of that religion.

The Red Cross is humanity united in service.

It asks no man's opinion; only his need.

Black or white, friend or foe, to the Red Cross there is no difference; it only asks: "Who is suffering?" And to him it goes.

The Red Cross is so efficient that governments recognized it; so pure in its purpose that whoever wishes well his fellow men, desires to help it; so clean in its administration that the most suspicious can find no fault in it.

The Red Cross not only seeks to alleviate the cruelties of war; it is the expression of those human sentiments that some day will put an end to war.

It is the impulse of Love, striving to overcome the impulse of hate.

It is mercy's co-operation struggling against war's rivalries.

It is the one society in which every man, woman and child should be enrolled; for it knows no sects, no prejudices, no protesting opinion; the human being does not live that does not feel that the starving should be fed, the sick tended and the wounded healed.

Majestic and divine is this Long Arm of Mercy; it finds the fallen on the battlefield, it brings the nurse and the physician to the victim in the hospital; it leads the weeping orphan to a home; it feeds the starving, cares for the pest-smitten whom all others abandon, and pours the oil of help and pity in to the bitter wounds of the world.

Where a volcano has wrought desolation in Japan, or a flood in China, or a hurricane in Cuba, or a famine in India, or a plague in Italy, or ravaging armies in Poland, Serbia or Belgium, there flies the Red Cross, the angel of God, whom the fury of men cannot banish from the earth; and to the ends of the earth, over all the ways of the Seven Seas, wherever is human misery, there is extended, to bless and to heal, its long Arm of Mercy.

BROTHERS 'OVER THERE', GIRL TWINS WANT TO GO

New York, May 13.—Lucille and Genevieve Baker, nineteen-year-old twins, of Brooklyn, are not satisfied with having two brothers "over there." They presented themselves at the Barge Office with the request that they be enlisted in the coast guard.

Lieutenant L. C. Farwell explained that they were not using women to guard piers and warehouses just yet. But the twins refused to consider themselves formally rejected until similar assurances had been given by Captain Garden, commanding officer. They left the office disappointed, but hopeful of going to France as government telephone operators or stenographers.

A HUMORLESS PEOPLE

(By Kenneth L. Roberts.)

"God's hand has visibly prevailed." —The Kaiser.

This is a horrible example of what can happen to a nation or to an individual that has been deprived of all mouth and fall in a fit if anyone dared humor.

The Kaiser is a thick, conceited egomaniac who would froth at the to laugh at him. A thick, conceited person is without a sense of humor. If he had one, he would realize the absurdity of his own thickness and conceit.

Similarly, the German people are thick and conceited. They have stuffed themselves with rich foods and self-adulation for so many years that they are slow-witted—fat-headed. They are furious when they are laughed at. They never laugh at themselves. Whatever they say is sound; whatever they do is right. So far as they are able to discover, there is nothing about themselves to provoke mirth.

That's why it is that neither the Kaiser nor the German people see anything laughable in the statement that God's hand has visibly prevailed, though mutilated and outraged women weep in Belgium and France, and harmless homes of England mourn mothers and children dead from aerial bombs. Poor, thick-headed, stupid, humorless Germany.

FLORIDA ROOSTER DAY JUNE 1ST

Miss Minnie M. Floyd, Assistant State Home Demonstration Agent, University of Florida Extension Division, United States Department of Agriculture co-operating, says: Sell, kill, or confine every rooster by June 1.

Produce infertile eggs and help Florida save \$220,000.

Florida markets 11,000,000 dozen eggs annually, 5 per cent of these spoil because fertile.

This year these 550,000 dozen spoiled fertile eggs are worth \$220,000, is \$220,000 worth trying to save?

The farmers of Florida lose each year large sums of money because of improper methods of producing and handling eggs. One-third at least of this loss is easily preventable. It is due to the partial hatching of fertile eggs.

The eggs laid by a hen may be either fertile or infertile, depending upon whether or not the male bird has been allowed to run with the female. A fertile egg is one in which the germ has been fertilized by the male bird. Except for this process of fertilization, the male bird has no influence upon the eggs which the hens lay. Egg production is equally great in flocks from which roosters are excluded.

A fertile egg does not keep as well as an infertile one because the fertilized germ responds more readily to high temperatures than the infertile one. It is impossible to hatch an infertile egg or to cause a blood ring to form in one. Such eggs are much more likely to reach the table in good condition and there is much less spoilage in shipments composed entirely of them than in mixed shipments of fertile and infertile eggs.

After the hatching season, therefore, the male birds should be cooked, sold, or confined. In approximately 14 days after this all the eggs laid by the hen will be infertile. These can be marketed much more successfully under the adverse conditions that frequently prevail in the hot summer months.

Rules for handling eggs on the farm:

- Heat is the great enemy of eggs, both fertile and infertile.
- Farm women are urged to follow these simple rules, which cost nothing but time and thought and will add dollars to the poultry yard returns:
 1. Keep the nests clean; providing one nest for every four hens.
 2. Gather the eggs twice daily.
 3. Keep the eggs in a cool, dry room or cellar.
 4. Market the eggs at least twice a week.
- 5. Sell, kill, or confine all male birds as soon as the hatching season is over.

WOMAN'S FOUR DUTIES

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, in connection with her work as the head of the Woman's Committee of the National Council of Defense, is making addresses in many sections of the country.

In New Orleans a few days ago, Dr. Shaw spoke to a large audience on the subject of what women are expected to do in the way of war work, and she seems to have had a correct comprehension of the situation judging from the following:

"After a careful reading of the newspapers which mirror the public sentiment of the nation," said Dr. Shaw, "and after consultation with the heads of the various departments in Washington, I have come to the conclusion that there are only four things which are expected of the women in this war."

"The first is to furnish the enthusiasm which will send our men to battle. The second is to smile as we watch them go; and to keep the home fires burning when they have gone, whether there's coal for the fires or not. The third is to keep business perfectly normal—to buy some things, but not to buy too many things—not to upset the equilibrium of trade by hysterical abstinence from new clothes. And the fourth thing is to watch the larder and mix all kinds of ingredients that we have never heard of before—and then to make the men eat the result.

"If I had my way there would not be a grain of wheat eaten in this country until those on the other side had what they needed, but it goes hard with me to eat johnny-cake made north of Mason and Dixon's line."

Dr. Shaw spoke in high terms of the work the women are really doing to help win the war.—Clearwater Sun.

MANY OF ALLIES ENLIST IN ARMY

Foreign-Born Men, Living in United States, Rush to Colors—Two Heroic Examples

Jacksonville, Fla., May 13.—The United States being privileged to enlist citizens of allied nations in the regular and national armies, many foreigners are continually applying for enlistment and a large number are now serving in the fighting forces "Over There." In this class the British and French predominate, but there is a sprinkling from other nations that gives headquarters for recruiting a decided cosmopolitan atmosphere at times. A good percentage of those enlisting from Tampa, Key West and other Florida cities in which cigars are manufactured are Cubans, who wish to fight for the United States in appreciation of the freedom given them in the Spanish-American war.

Last week Robert Ramsay of Delray, a 50-year-old Briton, who served in an Indian rebellion and the Boer war, enlisted in the British army for special service. "I have done my bit for England in two wars and lost my son at Ypres in 1914," said Mr. Ramsey, but I am still anxious to give what little there is left, including my life, to my own country and the United States."

At the same time Melvin O. Dills, a 19-year-old boy from Sebastian, went to the field artillery after having voluntarily undergoing a trying surgical operation in order to become eligible for enlistment. "The operation didn't hurt me a little bit," said the boy, "for I thought of nothing but the time when I should get out of the hospital and enter the army of my country."

Florida continues to make records in enlistments the showing for May to date being double that for April for the same.

The volunteer call is for men between 18 and 21 and 31 and 41 years and those desiring to enlist should apply to the nearest recruiting stations, their postmasters or traveling recruit agents of the army.

THE LAUGHING CHILDREN

The blessed babes keep laughing through the crises grow-up feel; The children go on playing though Earth's holocaust impend; They know no apprehension touching future woe or weal, But take, each day, sans question, what their childhood gods may send.

And oh, how glad and grateful should we be that it is so!

How much we need their laughter and the frivolous of them! With such to help we're leaving off the ceremonies of woe; With them to cheer, the turgid flood of warfare we shall stem.

Give thanks then for the children and the surcease children bring.

We romp with them, then fearlessly we buckle to our task.

And when we win—as win we must if while we fight we sing—God's blessing on the children who have saved us, we may ask.

—Strickland Gillilan in Farm Life.

LOST—Saturday night, a gentleman's cameo pin. Reward if returned to B. O. Jeffcott, or this office.

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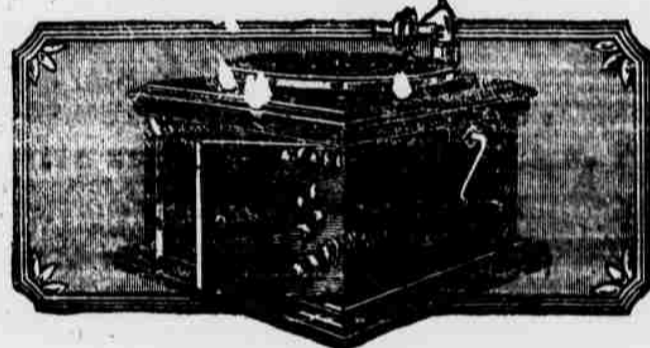
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