NATION'S CAPITAL AFFAIRS

Feet Must Be Studied by Officers in the Army

WASHINGTON.—Army officers must become foot doctors and understand all the little twists and turns in chiropody if they obey an order just issued by the war department.

Soon the fastidious young West Pointer will be seen on his knees before the raw recruit explaining how best to harvest the corn or bunion with a razor. He will inspect the recruit's socks and have him wash his feet and put on clean ones.

All of which would make it appear that the next course in study to be listed at the national academy may be chiropody. In addition to the titles, like "U. S. A.," which the graduate places after his name, there will then be one "F. E." (foot expert), or "Ch. D." (doctor of chiropody).

For many years the army has employed expert blacksmiths to care for the horses' hoofs. Now the hoofs of the infantry will receive like attention.

"Company commanders will personally inspect the bare feet of their men before a march is undertaken," reads the order. "While on the march they will personally see each day that their men wash their feet as soon as possible after reaching damp, prick and evacuate blisters, dust the feet with foot powder supplied by the medical department, and put on clean socks."

By way of emphasizing the necessity for obeying this order, another clause says: "Hereafter an undue amount of foot injury and disability from shoes will be regarded as evidence of inefficiency on the part of the officers concerned as cause for investigation."

Then there is thus further instruction:

"Company commanders will cause the proper trimming of nails, removal or paring of corns and callouses, relief of painful bunions, treatment of ingrowing nails, and other defects, sending serious cases to the surgeon."

There is one phase of the order that will be appreciated by the bachelor infantrymen. It is that "darned sox or socks with holes, will not be worn in 'marching.'"

Rat Psychologists Trying to "Kid" Uncle Sam

ASSISTANT Surgeon General William Colby Rucker of the public health service announced Aug. 21 that he was searching for a new kind of rat trap, to be adopted as the official trap of the service in its war against the bubonic plague. He has now in his office 75 models for rat traps of many designs, together with about fifty drawings.

"Rat psychology has evidently been the subject of deep study on the part of inventors and would-be inventors who are trying to market their ideas in my office," said Dr. Rucker, "and the interesting thing is the wide divergence of the conclusions that have been reached. An Iowa student sent me the following suggestion:

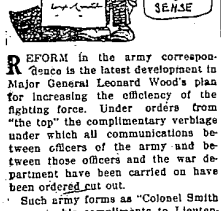
"'Take an iron pot and place a rock in the middle. Fill the pot with water even with the top of the rock, so as to make the rock look like an island. Float a piece of cheese on the water. The rat will jump for the cheese and after falling in the water will climb on the island and scream for help. The entire rat family will rush to his aid, dive overboard to his rescue and then kill each other fighting for a foothold on the rock.

"Another trap of simple type suggested was the bran barrel trap. I was told to cover the surface of a pail of water with bran; to fix a plank platform to lead to the edge of the water and to cover this with bran. It was predicted that the rat would eat his way to the water's edge and then, beholding what he thought to be a sea of bran, would dive into it, thus ending the romance of his life.

"Many suggestions for electrocution outfits have been sent in, but all of these are of such complicated design and would cost so much to manufacture that they have no value for our purpose.

"The 'sneeze' trap is simplest in construction and least expensive of all the models which have been submitted. It consists of a pasteboard tube two inches in diameter, lined with cotton batting. A powder of cayenne pepper and snuff is sprinkled on the cotton and the tube placed over a rat hole. The inventor said the rat would sneeze himself to death when he poked his head out of his hole."

All Complimentary Verbiage Is Ordered Cut Out



REFORM in the army correspondence is the latest development in Major General Leonard Wood's plan for increasing the efficiency of the fighting force. Under orders from "the top" the complimentary verbiage under which all communications between officers of the army and between those officers and the war department have been carried on have been ordered cut out.

Such army forms as "Colonel Smith presents his compliments to Lieutenant Jones," as the precursor of a simple request; the subscription, "I have the honor to be, yours with great respect;" repetitions of titles at the beginning and end of communications of a most trivial nature, will hereafter be eliminated.

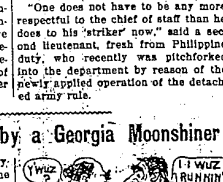
The army correspondence forms date back to the days of the Colonial forces of King George III. Letters between army men, when official in their nature, use line after line of complimentary phraseology to put forward a ten-word request. General Wood started the pruning movement and when he got through with it nothing was left but the superscription "Sir" and the signature of the writer outside the message to be conveyed.

Along with the excess verbiage the army has also discarded the elaborate system of recording the business of the various branches of the service by means of lengthy letters detailing what might pass in the ordinary course of the day's work as business conversations.

The shorter method is making a big hit with the younger element in the army.

"One does not have to be any more respectful to the chief of staff than he does to his 'striker' now," said a second lieutenant, fresh from Philippine duty, who recently was pitchforked into the department by reason of the newly applied operation of the detached army rule.

Car Fare Was Wanted by a Georgia Moonshiner



ARNOLD A. BLAYLOCK, twenty-eight years old, said to be the finest specimen of a genuine mountain moonshiner ever captured in the national capital, who was arrested the other night after he had surrendered himself at police headquarters and announced he was a fugitive from the "revnoo officers," was released when the police learned he is not a fugitive.

Blaylock's little scheme to trick the police into paying his railroad fare back to his farm in the mountains of White county, about 20 miles from Gainesville, Ga., was turned inside out by the police when they received word from Gainesville that Blaylock is not wanted there.

The moonshiner was arrested a few weeks ago for alleged illicit distilling, but he furnished $200 bond and is free to go and come until his case is called for trial in October. It remained for Blaylock to explain why he suddenly left his home and journeyed to Washington, and in the explanation he revealed a feud in embryo.

Two years ago Blaylock sold 500 acres of land to Henry Gerrard, a British Columbian. Some weeks ago Blaylock's cows destroyed Gerrard's corn. Gerrard thought the destruction was "done apurpose." Then the "revenoo officers" came and "cut down Blaycock's still." The next day Gerrard's still was "cut down."

The following day, at a camp meeting, gossip said, Blaylock had "reported Gerrard to the 'revnoo officers,'" and Blaylock says he traced the gossip to Henry Gerrard. "I went home and fetched mah gun, and I went over to see Gerrard. He said he didn't kyar to tarry and talk with me, and I'd just up with mah gun and allowed he bettah tarry a-bit.

"Wal, some other bodies stepped in and I took 'er train up this away."

IDEAL FOR THE FISHERMAN

Gunnison River, Colorado's Famous Stream, Has Reputation That Is World Wide.

Denver.—The Gunnison river flows, or rather leaps, down the western slope of Colorado and is famed for its trout. Enthusiastic anglers frequently journey there from England to whip its turbulent waters during the fishing season, as the trout in this ice cold stream are celebrated for their exquisite flavor, and for their fighting qualities as well.

This picturesque stream after having placidly through a beautiful broad valley, hemmed in by snow capped peaks, suddenly breaks its leash and plunges into a series of rapids and cascades where it enters the Black Canon at Sapinero, whose granite walls rise on either side to a perpendicular height of from two thousand to three thousand feet above the foaming stream. It continues its tortuous course through this chasm for upward of thirty miles before it emerges into another valley at State Bridge, three thousand feet lower than where it entered the canon.

In the Black Canon.

The trout fishing is along the upper half of the canon, which is traversed by a narrow gauge railroad. The lower half of the canon is impassable. Only three men ever made the trip through it. They were government engineers who were reconnoitering for a location for the Gunnison tunnel to irrigate the Uncompahgre Valley. Their strong raft was wrecked, their instruments and clothing were lost and they were rescued in an exhausted condition.

Below the canon so much alkali and soil are discharged into the stream by the irrigating ditches that trout cannot live in it, but suckers flourish there, often attaining a length of from eighteen to twenty inches. During the latter part of May the suckers go up the small tributaries to spawn. After spawning they return in schools, tail first, to the river. These small streams are rocky and swift, and if the fish did not slacken speed by swimming against the current they might be bruised against the rocks.

In the pools where the water was two or three feet deep the fish were so numerous that it was no uncommon occurrence to throw out three and four fish with each thrust of the fork. The fish were weak and sluggish after spawning and did not make much effort to get out of the way. The old woman brought out two washing tubs, a washboiler and a large dishpan, all of which were filled within half an hour with fish from twelve to eighteen inches in length, which she skinned and salted down for future use. She lamented that the fish were "a-gettin' skeercer every year."

"Why, at comin' down time three years ago me and my old man got nigh onto a wagon load in no time," she said.

TAKES BEAR IN BATHING

Maid in Silk Bathing Suit, When Dared to Take Bruin Along, Promptly Does So.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Miss Anna Fredericks, a comely beach girl, went swimming through the breakers at Venice accompanied by a half-grown cinnamon bear.

Miss Fredericks was one of the thousands of bathers along the ocean front. She was clad in an attractive silk bathing suit and was accompanied by several friends, when R. I. Pierce of Pasadena strolled by, leading two half-grown cinnamon bears, which he secured in Northern California when the bears were only a few weeks old.

"I dare you to take one of the bears in swimming," said a friend to Miss Fredericks.

The young woman took the dare. Her escort, after futile attempts at dissuasion, secured one of the bears. The little animal was quite tame and trotted down to the surf line with Miss Fredericks.

Thousands of beach visitors thronged the water front to watch the novel performance. At first the little bear snorted and fussed as the spray splashed over his nose, but finally, with a little grunt, he ducked into the breakers and followed the leash which Miss Fredericks carried.

96-Year-Old Man Buys His Tombstone.

Albany, Mo.—Samuel Stewart, ninety-six years old, of Gara, this county, who has lived in the state seventy-two years, has purchased the stone to adorn his grave and excavated a mausoleum in a large rock near his home, giving instructions to his relatives that it serve as a receptacle for his coffin.

SOLDIERS EXONERATED

Bail Allowed Two M. N. G. Men Charged With Slaying Elsy at Jackson.

In their report to Gov. Osborn on the investigation of the shooting by Capt. F. J. Blackman and Private Howard Jackson of John Elsy at Jackson two weeks ago, the military court of inquiry says:

"The court finds as a matter of law that Capt. Frank L. Blackman, Lieut. R. P. Smith, Privates Howard Jackson and Clare McArdle are not legally responsible for the death of John Elsy and that their action in the matter of his death was due to their obedience to the order 'to aid in maintaining order and protecting property' at the prison; in other words that the homicide was justifiable."

The report is a voluminous one including all the testimony taken which is referred to in the findings of fact and a law brief setting forth the authorities on which are based the opinions of the court.

THE MARKETS.

DETROIT—Cattle—Market steady—Extra dry-fed steers (quotable) $8@$9; steers and heifers, 1,000 to 1,200, $7@7.50; steers and heifers 800 to 1,000, $6@6.50; grass steers and heifers that are fat, 800 to 1,000, $5@6; grass steers and heifers that are fat, 500 to 700, $4.50@5; choice fat cows, $5.75@6; good fat cows, $4.50@5; common cows, $3.50@4; canners, $2.50@3.25; choice heavy bulls, $5@5.25; fair to good bologna bulls, $4.50@4.75; stock bulls, $3.50@4; choice feeding steers, 800 to 1,000, $5.25@5.75; fair feeding steers, 800 to 1,000, $4.25@5.25; choice stockers, 500 to 700, $4@5.25; fair stockers, 500 to 700, $4.25@4.75; stock heifers, $4@4.50; milkers, large, young, medium age, $40@70; common milkers, $25@35.

Veal calves—Best, $9.50@11; others, $4@9; milch cows and springers, strong.

Sheep and lambs—Best lambs, $6.75@7; fair to good lambs, $6@6.50; light to common lambs, $4@4.50; wether, $4@4.75; fair to good sheep, $3@3.75; culls and common, $1.50@2.75.

Hogs—Light to good butchers, $8.50@8.70; pigs, $8@7.50; light yorkers, $8.25@8.70; stags, 1-3 off.

East Buffalo, N. Y.—Cattle—Dull best, 1,350 to 1,500 lb. steers, $9@9.50; good to prime 1,200 to 1,300-lb. steers, $8.50@8.75; good to prime 1,100 to 1,200 lb. steers, $8.25@8.50; medium butcher steers, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs., $6.75@7.25; butcher steers, 900 to 1,000 lbs., $6.25@6.50; light butcher steers, $5.75@6; best fat cows, $5.50@6; butcher cows, $4.50@5; light butcher cows, $3.25@3.75; trimmers, $2.75@3.15; best fat heifers, $6.75@7; medium butcher heifers, $5.75@6.15; light butcher heifers, $4.50@5; stock heifers, $4@4.25; best feeding steers, dehorned, $5.85@6.40; common feeding steers, $4.40@4.85; light stockers, $4.50@4.75; prime export bulls, $5.75@6; best butcher bulls, $5.25@5.50; bologna bulls, $4@4.50; stock bulls, $4@4.50; best milkers and springers, $60@70; common kind do, $20@40.

Hogs—Lower; heavy, $8.75@8.90; yorkers, $8.75@9; pigs, $7.75@8.

Sheep—Lower; spring lambs, $7.50@7.60; yearlings, $5.25@5.75; wethers, $4.75@5; ewes, $3.75@4.25.

Calves—$9@12.

Grain, Etc.

The open board: Wheat—Cash and September No. 2 red, $1.01 3-4; December opened at $1.01 1-2 and closed to $1.07 1-4; May opened at $1.11 1-2 and declined to $1.11 1-4; No. 1 white, $1.06 3-4.

Corn—Cash and No. 2 yellow, 1 car at 75 1-4c and 1 at 75c; No. 4 yellow, 1 car at 72c.

Oats—Cash No. 3 white, 1 car at 36c, 1 car at 35 1-2c; No. 4 white, 1 car at 34c, 1 at 32 1-2c.

Rye—Cash No. 2, 25c.

Beans—Immediate and prompt shipment, $2.60; October, $2.50; November, 1 car at $2.30; December, 1 car at $2.25.

Clover seed—Prime October, $11.25; sample, 15 bags at $10.25; 14 at $9.50; prime alsike, $12.25; sample alsike, 16 bags at $10.75, 8 at $9.50.

Timothy seed—Prime, spot, 50 bags at $2.10.

General Markets.

The poultry market is firmer and demand is active. Calves are firm. Everything is quiet in the fruit market and supplies are liberal enough to meet the wants of consumers. Receipts of peaches from the islands are fair, but an increase is expected a little later. Butter and eggs are firm and in better demand than usually. Potatoes are a little higher and firm.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 30c; creamery firsts, 28c; dairy, 22c; packing, 20c per lb.

Eggs—Current receipts, candled, cases included, 25c per doz.

Apples—Fancy, $1.75@2.25 per bbl.; common, $1@1.50; poor, 75c@$1 per bbl.; good apples by the bushel, 40@60c.

Grapes—S-lb. baskets: Concord, 19@20c; Champion, 14c; Moore's early, 15c; Worden, 16c; Island grapes, 9-lb. baskets, Worden, 18@20c; Niagara, 30@35c; Delaware, 30@35c.

Quinces—$1 per bu.

Cranberries—$12 per bbl. and $2.50 per bu.

Peaches—Colorado, 70@90c per box; Smocks, AA., $1.75; A., $1.50; B, $1.25 per bu.

Pears—Bartlett, $1.60@1.75 per bu; Oregon, $2.50 per box; Duchess, $1.25 per bu.

Plums—$1.25@1.50 per bu; 25@30c per 1-3 bu. basket.

Cantaloupes—Rocky Fords, $2@2.25 per crate.

Watermelons—25@35c each.

Onions—$1.25 per sack and 75c per bu.

Cabbages—$1@1.25 per bbl.

Dressed calves—Ordinary, 9@10c; fancy, 13 1-2@14 per lb.

Potatoes—Michigan, 45@50c in car lots and 55@60c from store.

Tomatoes—40@50c per bu.

Honey—Choice fancy comb, 15@16c per lb; amber, 12@14c.

Live poultry—Broilers, 15@16c per lb.; hens, 13 1-2@14c; No. 2 hens, 9@10c; old roosters, 9@10c; ducks, 12@13c; young ducks, 14@15c; geese, 8@9c; turkeys, 15@16c.

Vegetables—Cucumbers, 10@12c per doz.; green onions, 10c per doz; water cress, 25@30c per doz; green beans, 75c per bu.; wax beans, 75c per bu.; green peas, $2 per bu; home-grown celery, 25@30c per doz; green peppers, 75@80c per bu.

Provisions—Family pork, $22@23; mess pork, $20; clear backs, $21@24; smoked hams, 15 1-2@16c; picnic hams, 12 1-2c; shoulder, 13c; bacon, 16 1-2@18c; lard in tierces, 13 1-2c, kettle rendered lard, 17 1-2c.

Hay—Carlot prices, track, Detroit: No. 1 timothy, $16.50@17; No. 2 timothy, $15@16; No. 1 mixed $13@14; light mixed, $15.50@16; rye straw, $10@10.50; wheat and oat straw, $8@9 per ton.

The Eighth Michigan cavalry held its forty-fifth reunion in Marshall. Officers were elected and it was decided to ask Mt. Clemens to build a memorial to the regiment which was mustered in there.

Charles Lawless, a farmer, was struck by lightning and instantly killed in Pickford during a heavy thunder storm. One shoe was torn off and his trousers were ripped to pieces. About a year ago the Lawless home at Brimley was destroyed by fire, the widow being made an invalid as a result of the experience. She and seven children survive.

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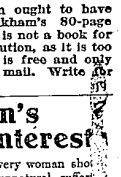

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