

**NOISES OF THE CITY.**

They Undermine Health, and Tend to Insanity—Protection For the Ear. WASHINGTON, D. C.—“City noises” and the “billboard balance” were subjects of discussion at the meeting of the American Civic Association. Jesse Lee Bennett of Baltimore read a paper on “The Passing of the Signboard.”

“Public health vs. the Noise Nuisance” was the text of an address by Mrs. Morgan B. Oakley of Philadelphia. “Acclimatists for noise say,” declared Mrs. Oakley, “that those who differ with them are nervous cranks; that the insane die of noise where none exists; that they are the idle rich who would not hear the noise if they had something to keep their minds and bodies busy.”

“My numerous suffering correspondents disprove the theory. They are not the idle rich, they are the toiling people; they have more than enough to do. Many of them never heard the words ‘nervous invalid,’ but they say they are dying of noise. When they claim that constant noise is undermining their health they are simply in accord with the best medical science.”

“The ear, logically, should receive the most protection from the law since it is defenseless. We can use deodorizers against foul smells; we can close our eyes to offensive sights, but our ears must remain open to the most offensive sounds.”

“Habituation to noise may be possible to persons of exceptionally strong nerves and power of concentration, but even though habituation be seemingly achieved, the work done under the influence of noise is inferior to that done in quiet surroundings.”

Mrs. Oakley suggested that city noises were the cause in part for the increase of insanity.

Whoa, There, Israel!

CLEVELAND, O.—“A husband is only a horse hitched to a wagon, and he's got to keep right on pulling.” Israel S. Felt, 21 years married, National Garment Workers' Union official, made this statement in pleading in court for divorce from his wife, Rose. He also charged his spouse had a mania for buying diamonds.

**NEW YORK SOCIETY GIRLS SEND WARM WINTER CLOTHING TO FRENCH FIGHTERS**



Packing kits for French soldiers in Vanderbilt hotel. The Vanderbilt hotel in New York city is the scene of unusual activity these days. Pretty society belles and equally charming society matrons whose names are to be found in the social registers and blue books are busily engaged in making up kits containing woolen gloves, woolen Sox, woolen underwear, heavy mufflers, handkerchiefs, abdominal belts and soap. These kits, gotten up at an expense of two dollars each, are being sent to French soldiers in the trenches.

**DOWN IN THE GROUND!**

Hayden Crosby's Swell Dinner 200 Feet Deep in a Virginia Cave. HOT SPRINGS, Va.—A stag dinner that Hayden Crosby of Jacksonville gave here holds the record. It was in a cave 200 feet underground, reached by a passage narrow and steep. Mr. Crosby's guests were ignorant of what entertainment was in store except that the invitations called for cowboy costumes. They were piled into carriages, driven two miles in a pouring rain, ordered out, still without explanations, and up a steep mountain side. Then a sudden booming like great guns, screeching shells and lurid light of exploding powder filled the air and lit up the rocks above them for a half mile.

inside the cave, was lighted by automobile lamps. The illuminated sign “This is Hell,” faced those who finally crawled on hands and knees down the shaft. Negroes dressed as devils stood about with spears, and others wore painted suits resembling skeletons. Dinner was served at a long table set with individual souvenir dishes, served by a small automobile in a speedway built in the center of the table, the cavern being too narrow for waiters to serve in the usual way. More Than She Will Stand For. NEW YORK.—One of the grounds laid in the divorce suit of Mrs. Sarah J. M. Dean from her actor husband, is that he curls his hair and wears corsets.

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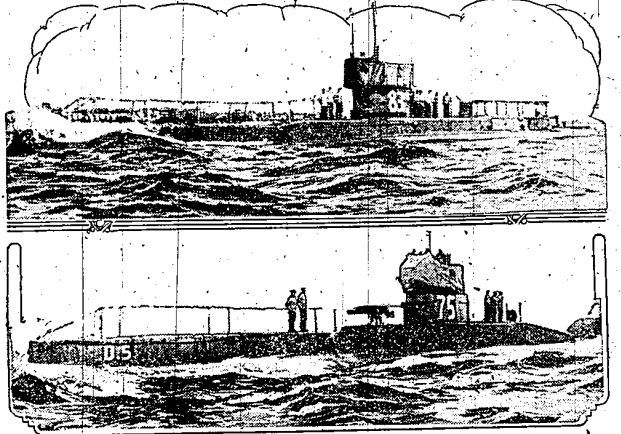
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English submarines. E-3 (top) and D-5.

The recent German attack on the British east coast has aroused to greater watchfulness the English submarine fleet. The remarkable achievement of the British submarine B-11 in passing under five rows of mines before reaching the Turkish battleships which she sank shows what the British submarines can do when put to the test.

**GERMANS IN TRENCHES BUILD SPLINTER PROOF SHELTERS**



German officers in splinter proof shelter.

Never in modern warfare have trenches been used to such good purpose as the ones used respectively by the allies and the Germans on the field of action. The Germans have perfected the building and arrangements of their trenches to such a degree that were they compelled to remain in them, they could do so for months at a time with comfort. The trenches are built three feet deep on a scientific system in parallel lines and flanked by others, in which machine guns are concealed. At intervals in the interconnections there are splinter proof shelters.

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