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Dieting.
Dieting is the pastime of those who are physically unfit for more active recreations. It may be enjoyed indoors or out, and though it is not so vigorous as football nor so exciting as hunting wild game, yet it has many thrills. Perhaps its most tense moments are at mealtime when one reaches a high pitch of excitement at sight of some thin soup and two hard crackers. One becomes in fact so excited that one is obliged to hold tight to the chair. It is particularly exciting to realize that one is likely to fly into a frenzy at any moment and eat everything in sight. The scales are almost indispensable to dieting, although, for that matter, they are almost indispensable to a fish. However, to be anything at all, a diet must have a pair of scales. It will amuse you to see that every time you are about to step on the scales you think perhaps you have lost a little weight.—Detroit Journal.

Went Right to the Point.
Allen was two and a-half years old when he was invited to his first party. When his mother told him he was invited to a party he asked: "Mother, what is a party?" His mother answered: "At a party you go over to the house of your little friend with the other children who are asked, play games, and have a nice time, get something to eat and come home." The only part of the definition of a party that made an impression on Allen's little mind was the "something to eat." When the appointed day for the party came he marched up to the house of his playmate, knocked at the door and upon being ushered in, said: "I came to your party; I would like something to eat."

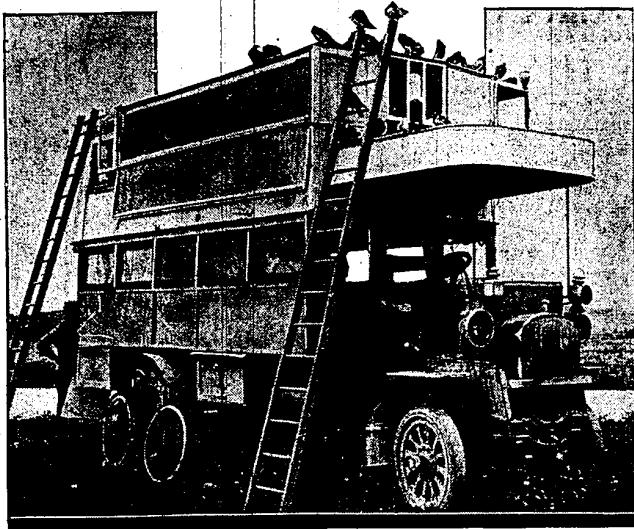
"Saving at the Spigot."
An example of good intentions as regards weighing, but most unskillful methods in executing them, was noted in a plant where considerable high-grade steel valued at \$275 a pound was being used for the finer parts by machine. According to the program, every piece of this steel was weighed as measured, but the device used for weighing it was merely a spring balance of more than questionable accuracy, which could be procured in a department store for some price as 69 cents.—Herbert T. Wade, in Industrial Management.

Eating With Fingers.
In ancient times among Orientals, as is largely the custom in those lands today, each person handled his food with his fingers. Each person broke off a small piece of bread, dipped it in the dish and then conveyed it to his mouth with a small piece of the meat or other contents of the dish. To pick out a delicate morsel and hand it to a friend or guest, perhaps to clap it into his mouth, is today in Afghanistan, in Persia, and in some other countries, esteemed a compliment, and to refuse such an offering is contrary to good manners.

Speaking of Lemons.
Speaking of finding a lemon in the garden of love, I think I picked a whole citrus grove. While out walking in the park one day with my fiancée, I accidentally tripped and fell. He caught me in his arms, saying: "Did my little darling hurt herself?" But as I was coming downstairs after our marriage, I tripped on the top step and fell all the way down. My one-time affectionate suitor merely looked up from his paper and growled: "Look out there, woman, or you will break your neck."—Chicago Tribune.

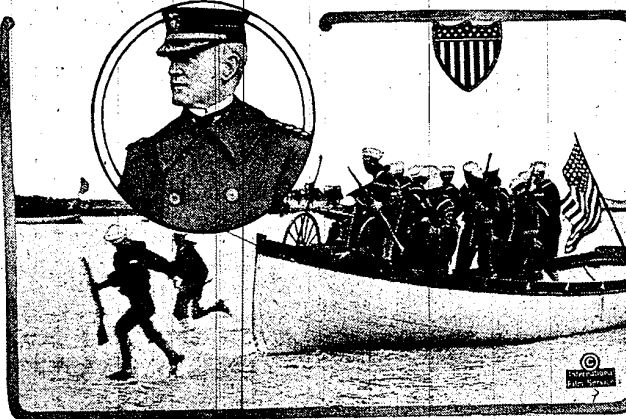
New Source of Potash.
Attention is being directed in South Africa to the possibilities of the "kooz ash," which is the ash of an alkali bush (*Mesembryanthemum junceum*) that grows extensively in many parts of the Karroo. This product has long been known to be rich in potash (among other substances), and recent analyses show that its potash content alone its material value is about double the normal price of kailite. The ash also contains materials used in soap-making.

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REAL SON OF HIS FATHER



Capt. David H. Scott, U. S. A., son of Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, photographed at the Plattsburg training camp, where he has been assigned.

SENDING WILSON'S MESSAGE TO GERMANS



The French translated President Wilson's war message into German, attached printed copies to small balloons and thus sent them across to the German troops.

Learning to Fight.
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