

CORPORAL O'BRIEN—A HERO OF THE WAR



Corporal O'Brien of the 9th British Lancers.

Corporal O'Brien took part in the memorable charge of the 9th British Lancers, under Captain Grenfell, against a German battery at Mons. He is shown here making his now famous appeal to the sons of Great Britain to join the fighting ranks. He said: "I took my part in the charge at Mons, and my two brothers were killed within a hundred yards of me. My hand will be better by Thursday, and I'm going back. If it's not better it will have to be. Come forward and help fill up the gaps."

ALBATROSS FALLS DEAD ON DECK

Splendid Specimen of Bird Becoming Rare Had Sixteen-Foot Wings

FOUR FEET, BEAK TO TAIL

First Specimen Seen in New York in Many Years of this Magnificent Bird—Followed Ship for Sixteen Days—Beak Is as Sharp as a Razor.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—An albatross, the first specimen ever seen in this port, according to authorities, here in many years of this species of magnificent birds, once so common in the extreme southern latitudes and now seen so rarely that it is believed they will have disappeared entirely within the next few years.

The albatross brought into port by the Annie was stuffed and mounted by the crew after it had dropped exhausted on the deck. It weighed 14 pounds and was more than four feet in length from the tip of its beak to the tip of its tail. The wings had a spread of 16 feet.

How the great bird happened to stray so far north as Cuba, where he was sighted soon after the Annie squared away from Salina Cruz, was a mystery to the officers of the bark. The birds never have been known to frequent the torrid zone and are seldom seen at any place except in the vicinity of Cape Horn.

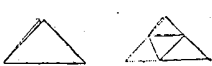
Circling far above the Annie, the albatross appeared to be in distress when first sighted by the crew of the bark. The men were greatly impressed by the speed with which the giant bird swooped about the ship, and by his expansive stretch of wings. The albatross followed the Annie for 36 days. He dropped exhausted into the sea on several occasions. His wings were seen to crumple up one day and the bird toppled down onto the deck of the bark.

The sailors made a dash to capture the bird, but hastily sought a place of safety when he wobbled feebly to his feet and made a vicious lunge for the nearest man. The crew was aware of the ability of an albatross to snap off a man's arm with its powerful beak, which is as sharp as the edge of a razor, and did not care to take any chances with the prize, however weak he appeared to be.

After lunging at several of the sailors the bird dropped back on the deck and died within a few minutes. The sailors wanted to cut up the wings and utilize the long bones which they contain for pipe stems, as was formerly done by sailors when the birds were more plentiful, but the officers intervened and caused the bird to be mounted. It will be presented to one of the local museums.

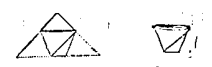
A Homemade Paper Cup.

Travelers are often put to inconvenience by the lack of proper drinking cups. No careful person will use, or permit children to use, the common cup or tumbler found in public places; and it is worth knowing that a paper drinking cup for each individual may be fashioned with very little trouble. Take a piece of smooth, clean paper about seven or eight inches square. Fold diagonally, as seen in the illustration; one long corner is then bent over until it touches the



middle of the opposite side; the paper is turned over and the other corner is bent in similar fashion. The two remaining triangular points of paper are then pushed into the pockets at the right and left, and the cup is completed.

Not only cups but good-sized paper buckets may be made upon the same plan from any sort of paper. Thus a two-square piece of newspaper may be quickly converted into a container for berries, mushrooms, or any other



pasture or forest delicacy which the rambler may wish to gather. The finished paper cup and pail may be kept in one's pocket until wanted.—Youth's Companion.

Butterfly Note Paper. The butterfly, a dominant novelty of this season's fashions, trails its frivolous wings across the latest note paper. Flights of sulphur-colored insects upon a delicate green ground, and of bright, soft blue ones over a creamy white surface, none of them too perceptible, are seen. It is a fanciful idea, to have these decorated missives as frivolous and brief as their own short lives.

To Clean Water Bottles. Cut up a potato into small pieces and pour some vinegar over the pieces. Put this mixture in the bottles and shake well. When clean, rinse in fresh water and drain till dry.

DIRE DISTRESS It Is Near at Hand to Many of Our Readers.

Don't neglect an aching back. Backache is often the kidney's cry for help. Neglecting to treat the kidney's ailment means that urinary troubles may follow.

Or danger of two-fold kidney trouble. Here's convincing testimony: John Humes, retired railroad engineer, 554 Fourth St., Detroit, Mich., says: "Kidney trouble came on me gradually and I got pretty bad before I paid much attention to it. The kidney secretions were highly colored and too frequent in passage. I was obliged to get up several times at night. I suffered from severe backache and constant pains through my legs. When I bent over, I could hardly straighten up again. I was in bad shape and used different remedies, but nothing seemed to help me. Don't let me tell you that I had been in the family, so I decided to try them. They gave me great relief."

"I got at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Dr. Williams' Pink Pills—the name that's on the wrapper. Mr. Humes had, Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. Adv.

INVENTION MAKES WRECK SAFE

Made of Water-Tight Canvas and is Furnished With Food, Drink and Signals.

Gustav Heinrich, inventor of a new kind of life saving suit, declares that it will deprive shipwreck of all its terrors. The life saving suit at present provided are of comparatively little use in case of disaster in mid-ocean, but it is said that a passenger furnished with one of Heinrich's devices could be thrown into the sea and live in comfort for many days while waiting to be picked up.

The apparatus is as much of a boat as it is a suit. It is made of a water-tight canvas and the person using it stands with his feet in a sort of bucket, which forms the base. The canvas extends in gloves and the wearer can withdraw his arms at will. There is a porthole in the head which is closed when the weather is rough. When this is closed air enters through a tube above the head. No water can get into the tube. The bucket base takes in a certain quantity of water which acts as ballast and keeps the apparatus down in the water as long as necessary. Sufficient food and drink can be taken aboard to keep the passenger alive for a week or more.

The life saver is also provided with a revolver, which can be fired through the porthole, and signal lights with which the passenger can appeal for help at night. Attached to the apparatus, just below the head part, are ropes by which two or three persons can keep themselves afloat.

Heinrich proposes that one suit of this kind be provided for every person on a ship. While for two years there has been a vigorous movement for insuring safety at sea, the problem of providing sufficient boats to carry all passengers has not been completely solved, and boats may be sunk or made useless from many causes.

Expensive Telephone Items.

A fact not generally known by operating telephone men is that precious metals, such as platinum, gold, silver, and even precious stones, such as diamonds, are used extensively in the manufacture of telephone apparatus. The Western Electric Company, the largest manufacturer of telephones in the world, uses upward of one ton of platinum each year.—Electrical Record.

Sparrow a Coal Office 'et.

A sparrow is kept as a pet in a Lexington coal office and furnishes lots of entertainment. Jonah is the sparrow's name and the office of the D. Williams Coal and Wood Company is the only home that he has known since he fell out of the family nest last June. He can sing and scold, and when he is mad ruffles his feathers in a most indignant manner.—Kennebec Daily Journal.

A Missouri man has invented a turntable for garages, which requires no pit nor excavating, an automobile being run upon steel runways mounted upon eight casters, fitted to a circular track.

CALLED GREATEST HERO OF THE WAR



(c) Underwood & Underwood Private J. J. Rousseau of the Fourth Belgian Chasseurs.

ANTWERP, Belgium.—Proclaimed the greatest hero of the war for his daring capture of Count von Buelow, the son of the German chancellor, Private J. J. Rousseau of the Fourth Belgian Chasseurs is now enjoying the favors and glories usually heaped upon a hero. He is wearing the military gold cross presented to him by the Belgian king in recognition of his valor, and is to be the recipient of the Order of Leopold, equivalent to the British Victoria Cross.

ANTIQUITY OF OLIVE CULTURE

America Uses More Than One-Third of the World's Product.

Widespread as its culture and production have been throughout all the ages of history, it is only within the last few years that the olive has come to be regarded in America as of importance. Its consumption has increased very rapidly and there is plenty of indication that it will continue to do so indefinitely. It is successfully cultivated in several countries in South America, and California is fast becoming a producing section of vast importance for olives of the best quality. The sunny slopes of California seem to be as suitable for the successful production of olives as those of Spain and France, and the cultivation is becoming an important feature of California agriculture.

At what period of antiquity the wild oleaster came under the care of the husbandman it is difficult to discover. That it has been known from the earliest times seems certain. It is frequently referred to in the Bible and other ancient literatures refer to it as an important product of the farm. At first wild, it gradually came under cultivation until today it is grown almost everywhere throughout the civilized world, and there are now countries with a sufficiently high temperature for its development where it is not grown to some extent. Its growth increases each year. Even though this is true the production is still insufficient to satisfy the demand. Each year there is a shortage, and the last year has seen one so marked that good quality stock can be obtained only at high prices.

Probably the olive was unknown in the Homeric world, depicted in the Iliad, since it is not referred to in that poem, but it is mentioned in the Odyssey, indicating that it may have been introduced between the composition of those two works. Whenever its introduction occurred everything points to the limestone hills of Attica as the probable site of its first culture in the Hellenic peninsula. It is a limestone soil which it likes best and in which it flourishes most luxuriantly. There are several Greek myths which include the olive as a part of their story, and seem to point to its introduction as their basis.

By the time of Solon the tree had so spread itself over Greece that he found it necessary to enact laws regulating its cultivation. From there it was probably distributed to all the allies and tributary states and carried with it for this reason some hint of Greek civilization.

The United States now consumes about one-third of the olives which are produced in the world. The groves of France, Spain, Italy and other foreign countries, together with what are produced in California, are drawn upon for the supply.

The picked olive is picked green and placed in huge barrels filled with brine, in which form it is shipped to wherever it is wanted. The fruit is then assorted according to size. It is designated thus: 10-20s, that is, ten or size is 20-20s, and so on down the list. The larger the size the higher the price. The bottling is nearly all done in this country, and the bottlers become very expert in their work.

In some instances the stone or pit is removed and a small red pepper is put in its place. These are known as stuffed olives and are esteemed a great delicacy. The oil is made from the ripe fruit, which is allowed to remain on the trees until it falls off itself. Women go in the early morning and pick it up, and it is placed in the presses and the oil pressed out as quickly as possible. The longer the wait after picking the stronger the oil is. Its use is increasing in this country, as many grocers now sell you, taking the place in some instances of the more expensive animal fats. There is a high duty on olive oil imported and it is expensive for the best. The cheaper grades can be bought for less money. Both the olives themselves and the oil are healthful and many people would be benefited if they used more of both.—Newark Call.

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