

We Have Dope and Glory in War.
"As weapons of war increase in effectiveness the average life of the soldier lengthens," said Colonel D. P. Hill.
"In other times when the spear and short sword were the chief weapons of war, the combatants fought hand to hand, and every effort was made to hurt somebody or to kill him. Fighting was aided by brute strength and personal courage. Now we prosecute at arm's length from a distance of five miles, and bullets at a range of a thousand yards. A man may fight for days without getting within halving distance of a foe. Battles are decided by the disposition of troops—by skillful preparation to annihilate whole divisions rather than by actually doing it. Our weapons are becoming so deadly that men need not even touch each other as far as sending a powder keg and applying the match. The magazine rifle, gatling gun and dynamite bomb make the atmosphere entirely too unhealthy for a charging column anxious to distinguish itself with bayonet and saber."

"The glorious joys and circumstances of war are giving place to mechanical killing. Artillery no longer beats the drum; Hister around the world, however, in his efforts to recruit his ranks, has the hearts of a horde of godless clerics, who heart of Navarre bids his soldiers follow where they see his white plumes stand amid the ranks of war; nations no longer shrink from the presence of a single arm. The poetry has departed from the profession of arms. The pure, the steel plate and shielded power have made personal prowess a matter of small concern."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

For Whiting and Purifying the Skin.
Pyrmone is simple hydrogen disulfide in ether, and it is valuable in removing certain skin eruptions and eruptions, such as flat wart and developing scab. An uneven skin can often be made smooth and soft by the repeated application of this mixture. At first it irritates the skin unmercifully, but it soon loses its power, and is accompanied by slight twinges of pain. Itching does not occur, although the surrounding vesicles show that the drug is powerful in its effect. Dermatitis is a new drug that has been used for skin disease, and it is formed by a combination of gallin and benzoin. It is a fine yellow in appearance, and is perfectly odorous, nonirritating and nonirritating.

When the patient, or a solution of it, is applied to the skin there is extreme relief in effect, and no pain results from it when applied to wounds and ulcers. Nevertheless, its action is beneficial, and it prevents the growth of micro-organisms, and heals up skin and flesh wounds easily. Burns of the skin can be healed up better with dermatitis than any other drug, and it prevents to a large extent the disgusting results which burn generally leave behind. It is more valuable in cleansing and purifying the skin than for destroying parasitic diseases—Yankee Blad.

The Balsam Tree of Chile.
One of the most remarkable productions of the Isles of Chile is the celebrated "incense tree," which grows in great profusion in all of the salt marshes. It belongs to the natural order euphorbiaceae, and is believed to be a near relative of Siphonia elastica, the India rubber tree of Brazil. The wonderful traits of this tree were first known to the world through the report of Mr. De Young, informing the De Young company that both the leaves and the bark of the trees were never failing weather prognosticators. In dry weather the bark of this natural balsam is as smooth and white as that of a sycamore, but with the moist approach of summer these characteristics vanish like magic.

Twenty-four hours before a storm breaks over the little island the trunk of every tree of the species turns as black as ebony, save a few scattered patches of carmine, that are much too numerous to be attributed to electrical disturbance. The leaves, too, which in their normal state hang loosely, as they do on all American trees, drop sideways and tremble like things endowed with animal life and reason. Why not import a few thousand of them and do away with the signal service—St. Louis Republic.

Of Common Doyle's Characters.
It is said by Dr. Conner Doyle that the most remarkable character of the widely intuitive and cleverest character, Sherlock Holmes, was Dr. Joseph Bell, of Edinburgh. "His intuitive powers," Dr. Doyle says, "were simply marvellous. Once No. 1 would step up. 'I see,' said Mr. Bell, 'you're suffering from drink. You've carry a flask in your pocket of your coat.'

"Another case would come forward. 'Quicker, I see.' Then he would turn to the stimulus and point out to them the exact cause of the trouble. That's the manner in which he was won. That was where the man had rested the hypothesis upon hardly any found in evidence. All this impressed me very much. He was certainly before his time—his sharp, piercing gray eyes, eagle nose and striking features." This is the personality which is embodied in a great measure in Sherlock Holmes—a character not the least interesting in current fiction.—New York Tribune.

Military Precision.
Wit and presence of mind sometimes prevent audacity from giving offence. A story is told of a subordinate officer who so correctly estimated his general's character as to inspire him with friendly feeling by a bit of sharp repartee. He often did, and at the same time, "the general" did the same courtesy to his own person in a time of need. General Evans day by day to the young men, "Do you know the military exercises?" Yes, sir.

"Very well. Right about face! March!" "Parade, general," said the officer thus sharply ordered to go. "Then you forget the proper object! About mounting one man to another's place, and the fall down to the tally, when he was placed by his superior, whom Virtus et Cetera.

Young men of Germany have a maxim: that if they injure a single hair of their head under a roof, it will never after insure the expensiveness of a pair of royal chaises.

Debs was fifty-eight when he began his "Robinson Crusoe." His literary career began at twenty, and his best political works were written before the

HORNLESS BEEF COWS.

Three fine specimens of the Real Hornless Beef Cows.

We have the pleasure of presenting this week typical pictures of the three best known breeds of hornless cattle. The pictures show these cows in their prime of life and in prime condition. Black, one red, two brown, one English in ancestry.



Fig. 1—American hornless cow.

The first is an Aberdeen Angus, representing one family of the famous Scotch black cattle. This is American born and bred—a western beauty. The word "horn" is written unmercifully over her. Cows of this breed sometimes reach a ton in weight.

Fig. 2 shows a magnificent cow of that other black Scotch family, the Shorthorn. In this illustration the characteristic early long hair of the Galloway



Fig. 3—Hornless Western cow.

This is especially noticeable. Note that the bluffs is without. American in the pastures will live to make their rough and coarse hair disappear. Heavy legs. Already in existence the Galloway is a fine article of value for such purpose.

In Fig. 3 is shown the only case of the breed that lays claim to producing dairy cattle. This cow belongs to the English Norfolk red polled family.

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GUNPOWDER.

There are few more interesting enterprising achievements than the little narrow gauge railroad running to Carma, the capital of Venezuela, from its port of La Guaira. The distance between the two cities, as the crow flies, supposing for the moment that could fly through the mountains, is only six miles, but the railway connecting them is twenty-three miles in length, and consequently twists and turns on itself. The mail train is zigzag fashion up the mountain to its altitude of about 3,000 feet above its starting point and then descends some 1,500 feet in the same manner into the valley of Carma, and so on again. The little engine, which is built in heavy-duty, has a load of 10,000 lbs. and goes at 10,000 ft. per hour. It is pointed out that the engineer almost died of a broken heart because he could invent no excuse for leaving the remaining 4,000 ft. He did his best, however, and no one who has to ride over the line and find himself stalled at every one of the 300 sharp twists which the track makes will find it in his heart to condemn the poor man for not making a perfect job. Two passenger trains pass over the road daily, leaving La Guaira at half past seven in the morning, and arriving at Carma, making the journey in two hours and a half. This is a speed, exclusive of stops, of not quite ten miles an hour.

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