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CONSCIENTIOUS SUICIDE

Journalist Would Not Enlist—Munitioneer Who Would

"He was a conscientious objector and held that human life was sacred—but he took his own life," said the father of a journalist named Harold Brimley, twenty-five, of the Fabian Society, on whom an inquest was held at Westminster. The father said Brimley had worried over the Military Service Act, and disappeared after receiving a notice to report himself on March 17, 1916. A bottle of cyanide of potassium was found beside the body. "He evidently made up his mind to die rather than fight for his country," said the coroner.

An applicant who is the only man in his parish was granted conditional exemption, at Plumsgate tribunal (Suffolk). A machine man in a munition factory went before the Glasgow tribunal to ask for permission to leave his work. "I consider I would be serving my country better if I joined the army," he said, and his application was granted.

Wonderful!



Gargle, (after a long, solemn gaze into space): "To think, Maria, that where we be lookin' of now, only a month gone, a Zepaline was there! We'll go an' ha' some dinner, lass, then come back and ha' another look."—From Passing Show, London.

WASHING DISHES

An Easy Way to Protect Your Sleeves From Water

Many a housewife has spoiled the sleeves of a nice fresh waist by letting water from the dish pan run up her



arms when she was washing dishes. Or many a man has wet his short cuffs, though they are rolled up, while washing his face. There is a way out of the difficulty. Take a small piece of sheet rubber and cut a washer with a hole slightly smaller than the wrist. Put this washer on the arms when washing dishes or washing the face and it will be found to stop the flow of water effectively.

Sunshade for Wide Hat

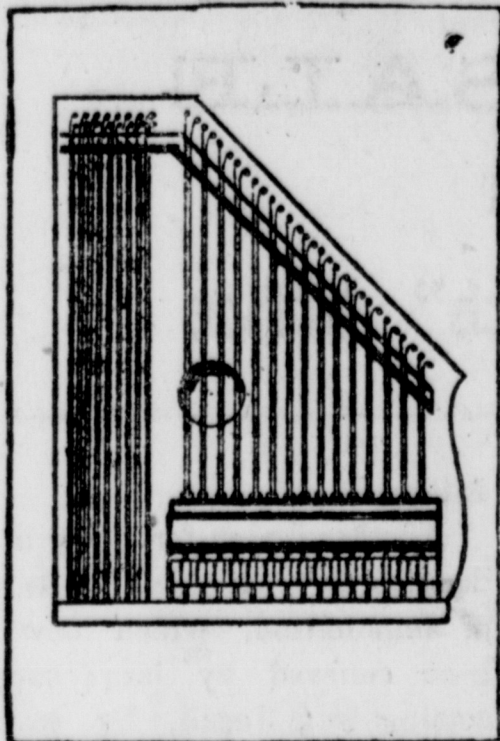
The patent office has recently granted a patent to the inventor of a sunshade with a pivotal handle. It is especially designed for wide hat wearers. The handle is in two sections, connected with links which are movable to open position at the angle. A catch, carried by one of the links automatically locks the links when the parasol is open, and holds them in proper position when closed.

A NOVEL INSTRUMENT

Either Has Attachment by Which it is Played Like a Piano

This novel musical instrument has been invented by a Massachusetts man

...broadly speaking, it might be described as a zither which is played with keys instead of by twanging the strings, at the bottom of the instrument, is a support to which are attached a number of spring hammers.



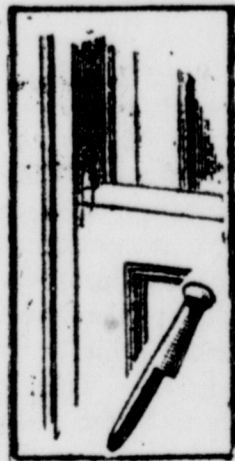
HAMMERS STRIKE THE WIRES

On each hammer is a finger-piece and below these finger-pieces is a rest-bar to limit their downward movement when depressed.

To play this instrument, instead of drawing the finger or a pick across the strings—as is usually done with instruments of like nature, the performer strikes the lower ends of the hammers, or keys. The heads of the hammers then tap the wires, and the effect produced is that of a tiny and sweet-toned piano. A row of separate strings at the left can be strummed simultaneously for an accompaniment.

Stop the Rattling Window

There are a number of devices made for stopping the rattling window but none of these are quite so good as the ordinary clothes pin. The pin is



split in half and one-half is inserted between the window and the frame. This can be done with the window up as well as when it is closed.

If the space between the sash and the frame is too wide for the pin, insert the other half in the other side. If it is too narrow whittle down the pin. It is convenient to tie a string around the head of the pin and after making allowance for enough to permit free use of the pin, secure the other end of the string to the window sash with a carpet tack.

Making Cellulose

A process for the recovery of Cellulose from asparagus waste and stalks that mature after the edible crop has been gathered has been invented in

REBUILT EIGHT TIMES

Dramatic Story of a Bridge and an Italian Charge

The fighting on the eastern front between Italians and Austrians is described by an English correspondent: Running from Trieste to Gorizia, a distance of about twenty-five miles, it looks like a monstrous natural bulwark with the Isonzo as its moat. Almost every part of the river is under the direct fire from the hill itself, so that when the Italians reached the Isonzo immediately after the outbreak of the war they found that the bridges had been destroyed. They had to rebuild them under fire.

The story has never yet been fully told because the work was done so quickly and under such conditions that it is only now that the mind of the nation is beginning to realize it. At Sagrado, where the river is a great sheet of water over a hundred yards wide, the bridge was built eight times. Eight times it was destroyed, but finally it was rebuilt and the batteries taken across.

Then the Bersaglieri set out in flat boats still under the steady fire of the Austrian batteries, and it has never been officially made known what sacrifices were made on that spot. Then the scaling of the hill commenced, the men gathering such protection as they found easily at hand. They could not be very well protected by their own heavy guns at the other side of the river because in attempting to destroy the enemy trenches they might easily destroy their own.

Yet the Bersaglieri dug themselves into the rocks and managed to hold the enemy back until reinforcements came. All this was at a time when every position on the slope was occupied by the Austrians. But since then the men of the shovel and pick and crowbar and blasting powder have arrived. They have made large quarries from which material can be got for the building of the defences.

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Roumania's Move an Omen of Victory

Petrograd, Aug. 30.—(Via London.)—Roumania's entrance into the war is generally interpreted as an omen of final victory for the Allies, by Russian official circles and the press, which emphasizes its political and strategic significance. The fact that Roumania entered the war at so late a date, and only after careful and mature calculation, in which sentiment played no part, is according to the Petrograd news papers, "a satisfactory indication of the growing belief among neutral nations that Germany is a beaten nation, and more particularly that Germany's influence in the Balkans is waning."

The two most immediate effects of Roumania's action will, it is felt here, be a union of the western Russian and Macedonian fronts, and a pronounced improvement in General Sarrail's position, due to the Bulgarian necessity of transferring a large number of troops from the Saloniki theatre to meet an attack on the northern boundary.

Among the more indirect results, according to press opinion, will be its effect on Greece, where, it is thought the atmosphere of doubt and vacillation will be cleared by Roumania's decision.

The Reich says that the most significant point of Roumania's espousal of the Allies' cause is that it was not Filipescu or Joneacu that brought Roumania into the camp of the Allies, but Bratiano, who had heretofore persistently refused to be swayed by the inducements of either the Allies or of their enemies.

"In other words," continues the Reich "Roumania cannot be said, as the enemy will maintain, to have been dazzled by fantastic promises of Allied diplomats into embarking on this adventure. Roumania's union with the Allies is an act of real policy, dictated by sound reasoning. The decision of Roumania

to realize her national idea's by siding with the Entente is a well considered vote for Allied victory. The charm of German power has fled and she can find no further allies. Perhaps the action of Roumania will return to Greece part of its self possession and common sense."

The Novoe Vremya says. "The decision is the more important because we have not to do with the passing mood of a people, but with the studied calculations of politicians. It is the best evidence that the enemy has lost her strength."

According to Col. Shumsky, the military critic of the Bourse Gazette, a great Allied stroke from the north along the Danube will force Bulgaria to abandon her plan of passively defending this front and conducting the principal operations against the French and British in Macedonia.

"Bulgaria," says Col. Shumsky, "will be compelled to abandon active operations in Macedonia, and will have to face the serious danger of the Allied advance into her territory from the north Roumania, on the other hand, will have only one important front to defend since her strong natural boundary prevents serious danger from the side of Austria."

Extending the Empire In Africa

The report that General Smuts, the British commander in East Africa, is about to complete the conquest of Germany's richest and largest possession in that continent, suggests the strange narrative of war destined to flow from that field when the full story of the conflict is unfolded. It has been just two years since Britain carried the war into Africa by seizing Port Lome, in Togoland, and only German East Africa remains unconquered although that is a territory in area greater than all New England, the Middle Atlantic States and Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan, and containing a population of seven million Africans.

Very little attention has been given to that far away place of the war which has been pressed continuously and has deprived the Imperial Government of an area more than twice the size of the twenty-five states of the European Empire and the reichsland, of Alsace-Lorraine. The man who, in his boyhood, was thrilled by reading of the adventures of Livingstone and Stanley in this part of the world can anticipate with relish the kind of tale that is to be told when, laying aside the cold

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language and restraints of official and censored reports, the full story is unfolded of the campaign now under way from Tanganyika to Zaazibar.

The Only Terms of Peace

(London "Times.")

There can be no peace while we are able to fight, except upon the Guildhall terms. We demanded from Germany the recognition by her action, if not in words, that her ideal of brute force has failed and that our ideal freedom, of justice and of law has conquered; and we demand from her at the same time reparation for the wrong she has done and penalties for the crimes she has committed. Her onslaught upon her neighbors was wanton. Nobody thought of attacking her; there was no coalition against her, and she knew that there was none. Relying upon her preparedness and upon the unpreparedness of her neighbors, she suddenly assailed them. They all know why they are at war with her. They all know what her victory would mean to them for generations. Therefore they are all resolved, as we are, to fight on until they will restore the reign of public law in Europe with deeper foundations, an ampler jurisdiction and more sanctions than in the past.

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