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FOR THE HERD'S SAKE

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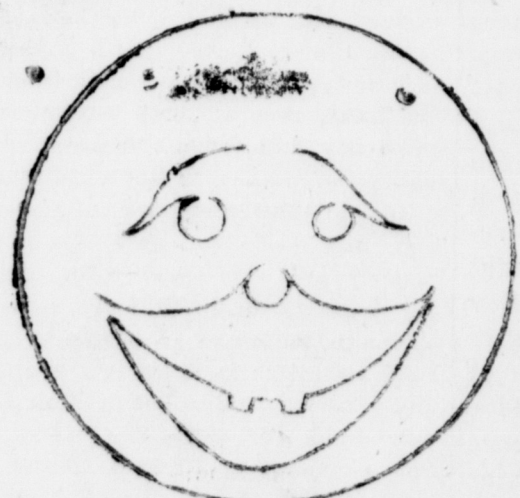
Youngest Film Star



Little Billy Jacobs

Little Billy Jacobs, 28 months old, is probably the youngest star in the world. This youngster is a natural comedian. Ford Sterling often allowed him to play opposite him in comedies.

Make a Face With Three Lines



One way of entertaining a crowd of young folks is to make circles with a compass on a number of sheets of paper which are distributed among those taking part in the contest. Now see who can draw the funniest face inside of his circle, using only three lines and not crossing any of them. You will observe that the accompanying face was made in this way. This is merely a sample. Perhaps you can do better.

A new motor truck has been built on short axles that the load is evenly distributed among all of them regardless of the roughness of a road.

Indestructible Toothbrush

The bristles can be removed bodily from a new toothbrush for cleansing and a new set can be inserted in the handle when an old set is worn out.

To an area of more than 26,000 square miles Tasmania has a population of less than 200,000.

THE POWER OF SLEEP

Robert Watson, M.D., writes: "I may begin with a remark made by Gladstone towards the end of his career. 'I am losing,' he said, 'the only really great gift I ever possessed—the power of sleep.' Gladstone, who knew how brain and nerves could be worried and wrought, appreciated what sleep did for him. Using the most wonderful instrument in the world in a way that taxed its capabilities and endurance to the utmost, and moving from crisis to crisis in a full life with no opportunity or desire to evade these testing times, he could measure and appreciate the value of sleep.

Smaller men, less tried by circumstances, might never discover the extent of this boon. But all of us ought to know it, and one of the prime essentials in a seasoned physical culture is to manage this daily business of sleep in a way to secure all the profit that is ours by right. Too often we act as if we did not understand what sleep is, and then take it for granted. It is no longer any excuse for remaining awake, and then take it stupidly, brutally, unprofitably save in the narrow sense—and all just because we failed to realize that there is an actual pleasure in sleep.

Meals, like sleep, are for our benefit. We grasp that fact. More often than not, however, our rest for the table is purely sensual; eyes, nose, and palate are tickled, and that satisfaction brings us back at the appointed hour for the next feed. Sometimes there is an actual call from the exhausted frame. But about sleep there seems no attraction save for the lowest and basest of mankind, the indolent who enjoy it as an escape from work, and the true spirits who appreciate the keen edge a proper sleep puts upon all their faculties.

CAREFUL MEN WANTED

Railways Give Advice to New Employees on Taking Precautions

Vice-President Howard G. Kelley of the Grand Trunk Railway System, has ordered inserted in the book of rules governing the operating department, the following message to new employees: "Your success in the service you are about to enter will depend upon the care you exercise in the discharge of your duties. The best record you can make, both for yourself and for the Company, is the record of a considerate and careful man. There are engineers, conductors and others who have worked for the Grand Trunk from twenty to thirty years without receiving injury themselves or causing injury to a single one of their fellow employees. Everybody respects the man who can make that kind of record."

VALUE OF COW TESTS

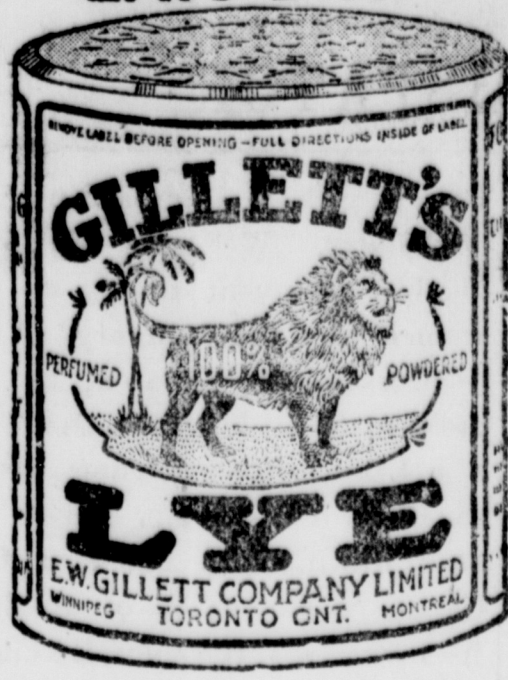
Milking Records Enabled Farmers to Increase Their Profits

One of the most difficult things to comprehend to-day is, that it is the amount of clear money, over and above the cost of feed, that determines what each and every cow is worth. Not what gross returns she makes. It is only when we begin to test systematically that we realize this. A farmer in Oxford County, in 1906 had a herd of cows producing about 5,000 pounds per cow. In four years, by selecting his best producers and breeding from them, using good bulls, he raised the average production of his herd of 70 cows over 1,600 pounds per cow. Twenty of these produced over 8,000 pounds. And he hoped in a couple of years more to raise the average of his whole herd to 8,000 pounds, which he has since accomplished. Most of this work was on grade cows, attained by keeping records and by weighing the milk only three times per month. Of course, he fed generously, but it does not matter if our cows do consume a little more feed, if they give in turn a greater net profit. Another man in Wentworth County graded up his herd until it is now producing nearly 7,000 pounds per cow. These are only two instances. There are dozens of them, but there are not nearly enough. They demonstrate, however, that this thing can be done.

When Fowl Lose Weight

Experiments show that the loss in weight by killing and dressing showing that the total loss in weight of chickens starved for 36 hours, prepared for market by having their necks broken, dry plucked and not bled nor drawn, was 20 per cent. of the live weight. When the chickens were prepared for the oven there was an average loss of 33.13 per cent. Fifty-four per cent. of the live weight of the chicken was the drawn weight. Birds that weighed alive five pounds eight ounces, weighed when prepared for the oven two pounds fifteen ounces.

GILLETT'S LYE EATS DIRT



France Has A New Big Gun

Paris, April 5.—The French have ready for use their new 16 inch guns, which are able to fire a more devastating explosive shell than the German 17 inch gun. Two giant shells for this gun exhibited in Paris, stand five and one half feet high each, and weigh more than a ton.

London, April 5.—The Saloniki correspondent of the Daily Mail says:

"There was a lively artillery fire all day the Macedonian frontier. The firing still continues. General Sarraill has gone to the front and villagers in the war zone have been advised to leave."

Paris, April 5.—A Havas despatch from Saloniki, dated April 4, says that artillery was active along the line of contact of the adversary forces during the day. Small skirmishes took place on the Gievelli front, and resulting in the capture of a few German and Bulgarian prisoners by the French.

New York, April 5.—A news agency despatch from Athens to day says: An Anglo-French squadron has destroyed forts St. Zaki and St. George at the entrance to Smyrna harbor.

Accumulation by the state department of circumstantial evidence indicating that the Sussex and other unarmed merchant ships have been attacked by German submarines probably will make necessary a change in the administration's plan for dealing with the broad questions of submarine warfare and the arming of merchant ships for defensive purposes.

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Verdun and After.

Further German gains in the vicinity of Verdun have brought appreciably nearer the day when a great assault will be launched, presumably for the lines of communication behind the advanced French positions. If these can be stormed and cut, evacuation of Verdun will become a military necessity and the safety of a very considerable French force will be endangered. Six weeks of fighting has brought these communicating lines under German fire and made necessary many alterations in the defence lines. Reviewing the Verdun situation on Saturday, an American expert, J. W. T. Mason, gave it as his opinion that the German battle is really one of defence not of offence. He reasons that the time is at hand when Germany must shorten the lines of battle by evacuating much of Northern France and Belgium. In preparation for that time she is sacrificing lives to secure the French stronghold, to have something to barter with France when the time of peace comes. The battle line, stretching across Belgium and France from Ostend to Verdun, is approximately two hundred and fifty miles long. At least four thousand men a mile are required to hold this line. British experience has shown that units must be replaced practically every six months. That means two million fresh troops for the Western front in a year of fighting. Germany cannot go on indefinitely providing troops. She cannot go on as long as the Allies. The time must inevitably come to shorten the line. For that time preparations have already been made, and for that time Verdun fight is being waged, says this expert. The first withdrawal will, he figures, be to a line from Antwerp, through Brussels, Namur, Givet, Mezieres and Sedan to Verdun, a distance of about 100 miles and requiring, instead of one million men only six hundred and fifty thousand men. Should this prove too difficult to hold, a second defence line would be from the Dutch frontier north of Liege, through Liege and directly south to Verdun, one hundred and ten miles, and requiring only four hundred and forty thousand men to hold. To make either or both of these retreats from France and Belgium without securing some compensating advantage would be suicidal to Germany, so she fights and fights desperately for Verdun, and if that city is secured will be in a position to barter with France, for Verdun guards the shortest German road to France. This expert says:

At the outbreak of the war, the Germans had to choose between entering France via the Verdun line, or via Belgium. They chose the latter way, but if ever there is a next time, the first road will be taken to save Germany from the moral reproaches of neutrals. Verdun, therefore, must be bought back by France if it falls into Germany's hands. So, too, must Liege be bought back by the Allies for Belgium.

With Verdun and Liege impregnable, held by the Germans, the Kaiser would have enormous negotiable power in his possession, even though all of France and Belgium west of the Liege-Verdun front, were evacuated. This fact, therefore, is the reason why the Germans are now so persistent in their attacks against Verdun.

Although Mr. Mason does not say so, the inference from his article is that after Verdun Germany will be willing to talk peace. Will the Allies? Following the recent conference at Paris there was official celebration of the oft reiterated declaration of no permanent peace—no peace that did not fully protect the small powers. Does that mean that the war will go on until Germany is crushed and must accept peace on the Allied terms? If so, the struggle is not yet near its end, and German capture of Verdun if Verdun is captured, will prolong, not shorten, the war.

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