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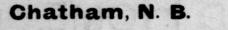
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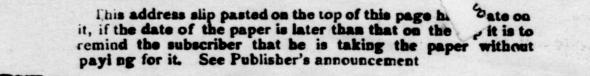
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EDITORIAL NOTES.

There have been suggestions in some of the London journals as to some form FXT ACTS FROM LETTERS FROM of compulsory military service on comscription as a remedy in the present emergency. This plan is, however, Pathetic incidents, Displays of Love and that everything shall look like the hardly feasible under present condi-

Armored Trains - I verything Khaki. tions. It would be almost impossible A pathetic incident at Elandslaagte to get the machinery of such a radical is described in a letter from one of the change into working order soon enbearer company

PROPRIETOS ough to be of a material benefit to the military situation in South Afri-We were out looking after the straps. In this difference has lain the ca. The raw recruits obtained by this wounded at night when the fight was method would be of very slight assist- over, when I came across an old, whiteance against the Boer forces which bearded Boer. He was lying behind a this, yet how differently they discuss are now composed entirely of season- bit of rock, supporting himself on his ed soldiers. No matter how great elbows. I was a bit wary of the old their numbers might be they would fellow at first. Some of these woundimpede more than assist during the ed Boers, we've found, are snakes in first three months of their service. It the grass. You go up to them with must also be remembered that, owing the best intentions, and the next to the enormous casualties among the thing you know is that the man you officers, few can now be spared to drill were going to succor is blazing at and discipline a new army. It is man- you with his gun. So I kept my eye ifest that Lord Roberts would hardly on the old chap. But when I got nearrelish the thought of the additional er I saw that he was too far gone to responsibility of taking care of a host raise his rifle. He was gasping hard of raw recruits. Too great an army, for breath, and I saw he was not long especially if made up of unseasoned, for this world. He motioned to me inexperienced men is almost as bad that he wanted to speak, and I bent for a General as too small an army. over him. He asked me to go and find

> The new locks in the St. Lawrence been fighting by his side when he fe'l. are no longer glittering targets for culture. The bulletin was written by canals, completed in November last, Well, I did as he asked me, and under the Boers, even their swords being re- Prof. J. B. Reynolds, of the Ontario admit vessels of 270 feet, and the entire a heap of wounded, I found the poor placed by carbines. system has been deepened to fourlad, stone dead, and I carried him back teen feet. Steamship trade between to his father. Well, you know I'm the lakes and ports on the Atlantic not a chicken-hearted sort of a fellow. seaboard may soon grow to be consid- I have seen a bit of fighting in my Carried on at Night Only By Stlent Men time, and that sort of thing knocks On the route between the Lake all the soft out of a chap. But I had Erie entrance to the Welland Canal to turn away when that old Boer saw "frog eaters," but it is very likely that and Montreal there are eighty-four his dead lad. He hugged the body to more frogs' legs are to-day eaten in miles of new canals. The remainder him and moaned over it, and carried the United States than in any other is lake and river navigation where on in a way that fetched a big lump country in the world. Those who steamers may move at their best speed, in my throat. Until that very mo- have ever tasted the delicious flesh of and from Montreal there is deep watment I never thought how horrible a frog's thigh always want more. er to the sea. The canals formerly war is. I never wanted to see anoth-Frog hunting is lalways done at had a depth of nine feet only, and er shot fired. And when I looked night, and the darker the night the their original cost and the improveround again, the old Boer was dead, better. Nothing can be done at ments since made have involved an exclasping the cold hand of his dead catching frogs when the moon is out. penditure of over \$60,000,000, including boy. The hunter's outfit consists of a small. the Sault Ste. Marie Canal on the Can-Many records of love and loyalty flat-bottomed boat, a light, somewhat adian side of the St. Mary's River. The have been made and among them this like that used as a headlight on loconew facilities will augment the comdeserves a place: mercial importance of Canada's great-A young officer of the Manchesters, fishing pole about 10 feet in length, to are also excited, and hence a good book est port, but great efforts are being wounded in one of the first engage- one end of which is securely fastened put forth in the United States to meet ments, lay on the hillside, expecting a hook having three prongs extending the healthful employment of the mind the diversion of the Western United to die through the night, which had from a single shank, and a box; with a as well as the body. States trade to Canadian shipping. already fallen, bleeding from a bad small sliding cover over the top, in "Under proper surroundings farm wound in the thigh, and shivering which to put the frogs. The hunters with cold, when there stumbled over always go in pairs, as one man cannot town or city. And that advantage is him a "Tommy" of his company, named manage the boat and catch the frogs, the intellectual interest that may atness most of the smaller boats that Rodgers," This "Tommy" quickly too. whipped off his own overcoat, placed With a dark night and still water as the most important farm operait around the boy officer, and lying the hunters fasten their headlight on trade on the lakes is now controlled down put his arms around him, and the bow of their boat, one of them by steamers able to carry 200,000 bushfor the rest of that long, cold night takes his place back of the light with els. They have lowered freights so kept him "beautifully warm." And the fish pole in his hand, while his that smaller vessels could not compete there are now being told many such companion, who is to act as punter of incidents.

water-bottle that would show white or dark is undergoing this treatment. On the Farm. 1 And the drummers are doing the same with their drums-painting the white tightening cords with mud, muddying over the golden lions and unicorns

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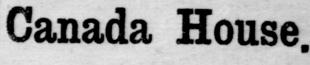
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Loyalty and Cheerfulness Under Fire- veldt-so that we shall be as dusty We bad occasion a few times to as the country. While "Tommy" is touch upon this topic. It is indeed an wholly and solely earth like in tone, important one, and should be given his officers differ from him in wearing more systematic attention than it usushiny buttons, stars, crowns, and ally receives. The farmer to-day sword-hilts, and pip-clayed belts and must read and think along the lines of danger of all in battle in this camhis own business. If he does not do paign, and from it has come the death so he cannot expect to make a sucof far too many. All alike recognize cess of his undertaking, nor to success-

fully compete in supplying the great the proposal to have the officers dress markets of the world with food prolike the men. The "Tommies" are all ducts. While the business man or in favor of the change, though it professional man gives special attenwould greatly increase their own dantion to his library, and has it stored ger and losses. They are enthusiastic not oaly with books pertaining to his for having the officers doff swords, own calling, but with many of the carry light carbines and do away with leading authors' works, it is only too heir ornaments. They discuss the true that the great majority of our mortality above the ranks with bated farm homes are very lacking both in breath as a thing altogether awful. books pertaining to the work of the With the officers the subject is diffarm and in those relating to current ferently treated. Some discuss the prospect of disguising themselves as the Dominion has more time for readand general literature. No citizen of if it were a thing to be considered ing and recreation of this kind of a only for the sake of receiving an unfair foe and gaining a point that way. he is certainly standing in his own Others indignantly spurn the idea as light by not providing himself with undignified and unworthy. the material for such indulgence. Since this was written Lord Meth-uen settled the question in the com-A timely and valuable bulletin on

his son, a boy of thirteen. who had mon-sense way, and now his officers by the Ontario Department of Agri-Agricultural College, and contains some valuable matter on farm reading, from which we take the follow-FROG HUNTING "Since this is addressed principally to farmers, the books' to be recommended all treat of agricultural toin Boats. pics. General science and literature are not mentioned, not because the France is called the country farmer may not be interested in these as well, but because these subjects are



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A NEW METHOD.

Courage of the highest has cheeral or even enter its harbor at Port fulness, too, in the most trying situ-Colbornie. Montreal has had a large ations:

and Dakota wheat trade, simply be- ate Kavanagin-that day one of the cause grain boats that could pass stretcher-bearers-chaffed and encourthrough the canal with a half cargo aged his comrades, telling them the other. were lightered at Port Colborne and Boer shells could hit nothing. He it A frog is soon sighted. He sits, for received again their full cargo from was who, at Dundee, after the long the cars at Lake Ontario. But this day's battle, being asked if he was clumsy expedient will never build up hungry and did not wish for something to eat, said: "No. How can lighterage is becoming less feasible be- I with my mouth full?" "Fu.l," said

ers, every year fewer will enter the "Why, my heart's been in it all day, sir," replied Kavanagh, with a grin And so the "hard case' of his batta-

on canals, but a vast expense will still red the gallant, glorious Duolins to shoot well and true.

beyond the scope of the present bulle-"The farmer need not be, should not be, merely 'The man with the hoe.' He may think, and be a better farmer for mit fewer blunders for so doing. He time. may theorize, and help himself and others by his speculations. He may read, and if he reads wisely, his think-

ing and observing and consequently his farming will be improved. In fact the advantage in the wise use of books on Agriculture, as well as on other topics, consists not only in the informamotives, though not as heavy ; a cane tion obtained ; thinking and observing introduces into farm life one great

> work may have an immense advantage over the majority of occupations in tach itself to the most trivial as well

tion. The preparing of the land for seed, the sowing of the seed, the checking and killing of weeds and insects. Laths the rotation of crops, the feeding and breeding of all kinds of stock-all of Paling these involve labor and care, it is true, but they involve also principles Box-Shooks the boat, takes the set pole, with which and laws of nature most absorbing in to push the craft along, and stations labor a delight and will extend over himself in the stern. The man in the into hours of leisure.

bow keeps a sharp lookout within the "The farmer, man or boy, whose inradius of the stream of light, while The character of the Dublins, Priv- the man in the stern shoves the boat forward slowly, steadily, and noiselessly, occasionally Liturning the bow from one point of the compass to an-

spend his leisure hours. And just here generally prevails regarding the proinstance, on a log, facing the boat, at per use of such books. It will proba distance of 50 or 60 feet. His blinkably be understood that these books ing eyes are fastened upon the blindare to be purchased, one or two at a ing light, which seems to possess for time, read through more or less attenhim a strange fascination. The boat is tively and with more or less labor, the moved cautiously toward him, care be- matter of them digested as well as ing taken to prevent it from swerv- may be, and then the books set aside, ing from its course, for the removal to be of no further use to the one of the full glare of the light from his who has read them. The wise man eyes for an instant would break the does not use his books so. He may spell and lose the frog. As long as never touch a certain book until some the light is kept full upon him he re- question, suggested by the work of the mains without moving. The boat and farm, demands solution. He appeals to men are behind the light and he sees his own experience, perhaps to his nothing but a sun of intense brilliancy neighbor's; and finally to the collect-

n a night of deep darkness. Having reached a point within five thinking, observing men. This last Matters have been pretty lively, also or six feet of the frog the man in (the he should find in his library, for a present situation is that Buffalo, the head of the United States system of Co.onel Baden-Fowell has been keep-the day and the boat is held to the presence of the boat is hel ing the Boers on the move day and still. Then he reaches out cautious- ed for reference and consultation, and

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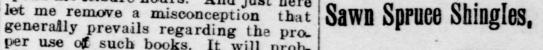
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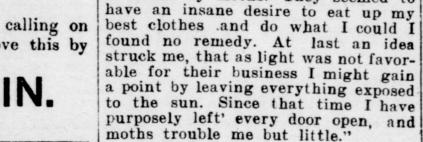
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canal and river navigation, can renight, and has taken every precaution, ly with the pole and hooks, being care- become finally a familiar friend and ceive the largest wheat carriers, but not only to prevent the town being ful not to allow the pole or any por- adviser."-Farming. they cannot be accommodated at Col- rushed by the Boers, but also to ren- tion of his arm to come in front of borne, the head of our system. It will der as small as possible any damage teh ray of light and thus produce a take time and large appropriations to the prime state of the Boer bombardment. Shadow, to frighten the frog. The The night attacks of the British ap- books are extended until they are on enable us to overcome this advantpear to have worried the Boers con- the side of the frog opposite the boat age and meanwhile, the United States siderably. Although the latter have and directly over the frog's back. A

casualties having been but few. Commandant Cronje has brought all his guns to bear on the town, and hailed

shells in its direction for hours. His A lady who is noted for the systempieces, however, appear to have been of a very unusual performance. An atic orderliness of her home recentlight field guns, and have proved sin- | old woman of 93 is said to have asin a large, old-fashioned, rambling is that Commandant Cronje, at a loss what next to do, wrote to Colonel mansion, in spacious grounds, in a suburban town. Mrs. Orderly was render Mafeking, to "save further very careful about shutting doors, and frequently took herself to task after asked when the bloodshed was to combloodshed." In reply, Baden-Powell male, young or old, was permitted to mence, and Cronje, greatly annoyed, of the closets in her rooms were open.

She imagined she must have forgot-field-guns, keeping up a light bomaccount of it. After a time she obbardment in the meantime just to doors in the house stood open in the hood.

same way. From force of habit she closed one of them while her hostess

"I wonder if you have observed that ed trains," and proceeds to say: method in it. As long as the doors hurry. Imagine a few five-eighths last man to bear the title made famwere slightly closed I was bothered inch boiler-plates placed round the ous by Mr. Serjeant Buzfuz. to death by moths. They seemed to engine, and flat bogie trucks boxed round seven feet high with similar

best clothes and do what I could I sheets of iron or steel, and roughly found no remedy. At last an idea loop-holed-the whole painted khakiable for their business I might gain being no doorways, to get inside one to the sun. Since that time I have of those oblong iron boxes, which are purposely left' every door open, and quite uncovered at the top, you have to clamber up as best you can, grip-

ping the loop-holes and exterior fastenings. Egress has to be made in the same manner. They are all right against rifle-fire, except when in a

> by firing down into the open-topped trucks. It is a well known lesson, also, that an armored train, except in an absolutely flat country, is unsuited for scouting or attack, unless backnight. ed and flanked by a friendly force of cavalry and guns. Our armored trains here are unprovided with Maxims or cannon. Julian Ralph, of the London Mail,

writing from Orange River on Novyou ever kissed. John? khaki color: South Africa looks now as if the last.

insects are nearly all of different

FARMHOUSE HEATING. We blame no one, where fuel is cheap, for keeping an open fire in the is doing its best to meet our efforts shelled the town day by day, but little sharp, quick, downward pull is then family sitting room "just for comdamage has resulted, the British given the pole, and Mr. Frog is caught. pany's sake," says the "Practical Farmer." But as a method of heating

NEW WOMEN IN JAPAN. an entire house, the open fire is wholly Fujuyama, Japan, has been the scene impracticable.

By using stoves, some of the good points of the open fire are retained ly made a visit to a friend who lives gularly ineffective. The humor of it cended the mountain at the head of while in the simple capacity of heat six women, all more than 50 years of radiators they are vastly superior. This is progress with a venage. One of the larger sizes of the best geance, declares the commentator, conheating stoves now on the market, sidering that in former years, no fecosting from \$15 to \$25, if centrally desecrate the sacred mountain by located, will heat two ordinary-sized rooms quite easily in the severest treading on it.

weather and that, too, with a very rea Mr. Sergeant Spinks, whose name is sonable consumption of fuel, at most but little more than one-half what worthy of Dickens, died recently in would be burnt in two open fires. served that almost all of the cupboard show that he was in the neighbor- London, as the last of the serjeants. These stoves, built for either coal or The serjeants-at-law formerly mono- wood, will hold fire and retain heat Bennet Burleigh, writing from Est- polized the practice of the Court of for a long time if the dampers are was in the room, when that lady re-home and abroad, that Natal is "the home and abroad, that Natal is "the home and abroad, that Natal is "the home away with thirty years before the for several hours without attention. In least suitable of countries for armor- reform of the law courts in 1875, put one having stoves on the first floor an end to their office. Two judges are wishes to heat rooms upstairs for I am quite given to leaving my closet Besides, those we have are poorly left who became serjeants, as was cus-sleeping and does not care to adop; any doors open. It may appear like care- extemporized affairs, though the tert, tomary, on being appointed to the of the more elaborate methods, he will doors open. It may appear like care-lessness, but I assure you there is a perhaps, that could be done in a bench, but Serjeant Spinks was the find it quite satisfactory to place registers, such as are used with hot air-

furnaces, just over his stoves. Or if a large stove can be placed near to Birds can be colored, according to or in a hall on the first floor opening Dr. Sauermann, an Austrian, by sup- into rooms on the second floor, which plying them with food dyed by ani- it is desired to heat, no further apline. He obtained pigeons of a beau- paratus is needed. The heated air tiful red with methyltrabromofluor- will rise of its own accord and keep escine, and others of a fine blue with one or two rooms reasonably comfortmythol violet, which is a mixture of able, the temperature that can be the hydrochlorides of pentamethylpar- maintained depending, of course, upon arosaniline and hexamethylpararosani- the size of the rooms, their exposure, line. Canaries can be clad in rainbow and the size of the stove used. If it is desired to heat an upstairs room by colors. passing a pipe through it from a stove E.

COULDN'T BELIEVE IT.

of the pipe will be greatly increased Charley, dear, said young Mrs. Tor- by using a radiator. It will make use kins, please don't try to deceive me. of, practically, all of the heat that is I haven't tried to deceive you. I available. Either of the plans mentold you that I had four cocktails last tioned above, however, is preferable.

A system of hot water or steam pipes Charley, dear, I know that a few or a combination of both for a large chicken feathers would not make you house is probably the most satisfacact like that. tory. Its cost, however, is almost prohibitive so far as the ordinary

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She: Am I really? Oh, John. stoves and the service rendered will be makes me so happy to think that. much more satisfactory. If it is a case of placing a furnace in an old MUSICAL MILKMAIDS.

house the advisability of such a course In Switzerland a milkmaid gets bet- may be open to question, and yet I be

in a room below, the heating capacity

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