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### OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

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I suppose there is scarcely a housewife in America, says a writer in an American paper, who is not hoarding some bit of hand embroidery which is too dilapidated for use, but which she hasn't the heart to throw away any more than she would her grandmother's yellowed wedding gloves.

I had a great number of these in my possession. Indeed, I devoted an entire drawer to them and used to call it my "Poor House for Indigent Embroideries." I felt that something ought to be done with them. Then I would shake a wise head and murmur: "Do not put old wine in new bottles." But I had a very ignorant friend who ignored this axiom and made a beautiful baby pillow by cutting the Madeira embroidery out of a worn chemise in the shape of a heart. She joined it to a new border of lawn by lace insertion. It lasted for three babies and completely smashed my old wine theory.

Rummaging through my relics, I unearthed an old sofa pillow top worked in silk. The material had cost several dollars, but the burlap foundation had worn to shreds. I decided it should have a new body. First I washed it and the silk embroidery shone with primal lustre. Then I cut out the embroidered motifs, leaving enough burlap to turn under the whip-down. I bought a yard and a half of linen crash, hemstitched the ends and appliqued on the design, half on either end. The result was a wonderfully artistic runner and it took only three hours' time.

Encouraged by this success, I cut three large Old English initials from an old luncheon cloth and sewed it to a new one. It would take very careful scrutiny to discover the trick, yet the time it took me to apply those initials was but forty minutes, although it had required hours and hours to embroider them. In this way, by using the initials from my trousseau linens I can keep even my sheets marked.

I save the stars and arm ornaments from my boy's bought suits and put them on the home-made ones. I use the scalloped edges of underwear for narrow trimming, and I even save strong button-holes to go under flaps. Sooner or later everything that goes into the "Poorhouse for Indigent Embroideries" emerges with a new life.

### FOOD BOARD FLASHES FOR FEMININE FOLK

Talk about sugar being scarce in Canada! French sugar stocks were never so low before. On May 31, 1918 the quantity of sugar in Paris was just about half what it was on the same date in 1917. Even in previous wars the French people never reached such a low ebb where their sugar supply was concerned.

Yet we grumble here because we have to use a little brown sugar and because we may only have a level teaspoonful of white sugar in our tea or coffee.



shortage of ships, has not been able to respond fully to her call. But now, with the capture of Lens, matters will assume a different aspect.

It is not known in what condition the Germans have left the Lens mines. There is reason to hope, however, that the haste of their withdrawal has not made it possible to wreck them completely. With thousands of skilled American workers on the spot equipped with the latest and best machinery there is reason to believe that in a very short period the mines will be once more yielding large amounts of coal.

This would make it possible to supply Italy's pressing needs without using the ships now employed in transporting American troops to France. The coal can be shipped by rail over the Alps, thus stimulating anew the Italian war industries and increasing enormously Italian war efficiency.

### MORE HUN STUPIDITY

(Philadelphia Record)

Only a Teutonic mind can grasp the psychological processes of the German military and navy leaders who, facing overwhelming defeat and disaster, seem determined to exasperate their foes to the last degree by their brutal and senseless destruction of cities and towns, their cruel deportation of the population and their outrageous conduct in submarine warfare such as firing upon defenceless persons seeking safety in lifeboats. Germany must be made to pay for all these sins against humanity and civilization, and that can only be accomplished by forcing unconditional surrender. The Hun must be taught a lesson that he will not forget for centuries to come.

### NO CHANGE DESIRED

A company of colored soldiers was marching along a country road on which some Negro convicts were employed.

Thinking he would have some fun with one of the convicts a trooper inquired: "Hey, bo, how 'bout us changin' jobs?"

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## LENS FINALLY REDEEMED BY THE ALLIES

(New York Sun)

Lens has been taken. More than once before the British troops have threatened the capture of this place and several times have actually been within the city limits, but now, for the first time since 1914, it is in their undisputed possession.

Lens is of great importance, not only as the chief defence of the Lille industrial district, but as the centre of the French northern coal districts. Its capture will deprive the Germans of a most important source of fuel and will open to the Entente a new supply of the coal which is so greatly needed.

It is announced from Washington that for months the American army has been preparing for the capture of the place, American engineering units, equipped with the most modern machinery for reopening the mines, are at hand to begin the work of restoration. In this machinery is included fire fighting equipment similar to that used in this country.

The capture and reopening of the Lens mines is a matter of great importance to the Allies. Italy especially has been long handicapped in her military programme by the severe shortage of coal. She has been to a large extent dependent upon England for the fuel that is so necessary for her munition plants, and England because of the