

METAL LIMBS FOR DISABLED SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF S. C. R.

A decision which will be of great benefit to the men who lost their legs in the late war is announced by the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment. It is to the effect that the excellent wooden leg manufactured by the Department hitherto is to be replaced in the near future by a still more excellent metal limb.

It has been recognized by those who have suffered amputation and by investigators in Canada and some other countries that the quality of the orthopaedic appliances manufactured by the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment is equal to the best produced and is superior to nearly all other makes. This is the result of a long and careful study. It was in 1916 that the first Government artificial limb factory was established in Toronto. Since that date no improvement has been produced in any other country, but officers of the Department have investigated it in order to determine whether the Canadian product might be improved by its use.

Made in London.

About eight years ago it was re-

ported that metal limbs were being made in London and at once enquiries were instituted with a view to the possible adoption of metal limbs in Canada if it proved of better service than willow. It was found that the use of metal was in a very early experimental stage. It was decided, therefore, to watch developments and await results. A committee of experts was appointed by the British Ministry of Pensions and the results of the investigations of that committee have been available to the Department. From time to time improvements have been made and gradually it came to be recognized that of the ten to fifteen different types developed, two were superior to all others. It has been difficult for the Department to determine which of the two, the Desoutter or the Hanger, would be more suitable to Canadian conditions. Both of these limbs are built of the same material, namely, duralumin, but it has been found that the Hanger limb more closely approximates that manufactured by the Department and that its adoption, would be an easier matter so far as the wearers are concerned. The Department, for this and other reasons, has now decided to manufacture and issue the Hanger limb.

Are Four Types.

There are four types of leg amputations for which provision must be made, two above knee and two below knee. The most difficult is probably a hip disarticulation, for which what is known as a tilting-table leg is necessary. The second is a straight above-knee amputation, there being sufficient stump to carry a bucket and to provide the necessary leg movement. The third is a below-knee amputation and the fourth, amputation of the foot at the ankle joint, known as a Symes amputation. It is proposed by the Department eventually to manufacture metal limbs for these four types but for sometime to come only above-knee amputation cases will be dealt with.

Two of the principal reasons why the Department is adopting the manufacture of a metal limb are its lightness and its durability. The average

weight of a willow leg is five pounds; while that made from metal weighs approximately one pound less. The weights do not appear great when compared with that of the natural leg. At the same time lightness adds greatly to the comfort of the wearer. The question of durability is also of prime importance, both from the standpoint of convenience to the wearer and of ultimate economy to the Government.

It is proposed to give special training, through a representative of the Hanger Company, to the men employed in the Department's factory, so that the same personnel largely ex-service men as has been employed in the production of the splendid appliances hitherto issued will continue this work. As soon as the present workmen are sufficiently trained the issue of metal limbs for above-knee amputation cases will commence gradually to replace worn out wooden limbs only. No general re-issue of limbs involving large waste on account of discarding the present wooden limbs, will be made.

Many Occupations.

That men who have suffered amputation can, when furnished with a suitable artificial appliance, compete successfully with their non-disabled comrades, is clearly demonstrated by the many occupations followed by these men. In the Central Ontario (D) Unit of the Department 228 leg amputation cases are engaged in 58 occupations, ranging from aviator to watchmaker. Of this number eight have lost two legs. Their occupations are as follows: One clerk, one elevator man, three switchboard operators, two shoemakers, one salesman. The most remarkable occupation followed by a wearer of one of the Department's artificial legs is that of a steeplejack. Taking them by and large, the "Amps" have made good. They have accomplished much in the face of a most severe handicap. True, they are assisted by a generous pension, but it is remarkable the way in which many of these men have risen above their disabilities. To see some walk down the street you would never know that both legs were not as Mother Nature made them. It is to help these men still further and to give them added confidence that the Department has decided to manufacture and supply metal limbs.

A pretty new hat may not affect a woman's brain, but it always goes to her head.

CLAIMS THAT CHURCH'S STAINED GLASS GLORIFIES GOLF GAME SPIRIT OF SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

(By Harold Butcher in New York Herald-Tribune.)

Sunday is a great day for golf. A day when typists cease from troubling and the tickers are at rest. A day when the sun, having chased the early morning dew from the grass, puts the question, Shall it be church or the links? Plus fours or a cutaway?

But in an English church in Wallasey, a place where, possibly, they haven't even heard of Bishop Manning's blessing on sport, this question is no problem. The answer is not church or the links, but both. Not plus fours or a cutaway, but emphatically, plus fours. For in the Church of St. Nicholas, Wallasey, rising on the sandhills, at a point where one can look Americaward, across the Atlantic, it is de rigueur to attend the early morning service wearing plus fours and carrying golf clubs.

For the early morning service is the golfers' service. It has been specially arranged and ordained for their benefit by the vicar, the Rev. A. S. Roscamp. Golfers are the worshippers. While the 11 o'clock crowd is still in bed the golfers are up singing hymns. And when at length the 11 o'clockers have leisurely risen, leisurely breakfasted and leisurely walked to church the golfers are on the links.

Wallasey is a county borough of about 100,000 inhabitants, springing up, bright and lively on the Cheshire side of the River Mersey, opposite the world port of Liverpool. Wallasey has been called the "bed room of Liverpool," but only by the irreverent. It has had an independent existence for centuries—not as a county borough, but as a geographical entity with a place in the scheme of things. Its history goes far down into the past, deep into the times of the Domesday Book. But all this doesn't prevent it from being an up-and-coming borough of this day and generation, in clined to be cheeky to its important neighbor, Liverpool.

And Wallasey has golf links—excellent golf links, public and private. Municipal golf in Wallasey is well cared for; and even the small boy who can't get on the regular links is glad to practice his golf along the shores of the Mersey and the Irish Sea. Yes, it was quite fitting that a Wallasey church should start a golf service.

The Rev. A. S. Roscamp, the vicar who conducts the golfers' service, and who has done so for two and a half years, is a man with ideas of his own. As a clergyman he recognizes that Sunday is a day to go to church; but also as a clergyman he declares that outdoor recreation is legitimate perfectly legitimate, especially for the man who has been shut up in an office during the week. No need to make Sunday a day of gloom!

And so he started his early service for golfers that they might both pray and play. He decided that there was no divine right about the time of a service. An 11 o'clock service is traditional and is still maintained. It is quite proper for those who rise late. But the fact of an 11 o'clock service does not exclude one of an earlier hour. Hence the vicar's decision in favor of an early service for golfers. The golfers have signified their approval of the service. They go not to ease their conscience, but because they like to go. And those who attended the first services more than two years ago have invited other golfers to join them.

And now one of these golfers, eager to show his gratitude, has presented anonymously two stained glass windows to the church. And, as though this were not unusual enough, one section of the windows shows a pair of golfers, with bags of clubs, walking over the links.

Windows Inscribed.

There are two inscriptions in brass below the windows. The first reads: "Our Lord, the perfect man, walked in the cornfield on the Sabbath Day and ministered to the needs of others, but He did not neglect, on that day to worship His Father in the holy place."

A second inscription makes the golfing origin of the gift quite clear to every one:

"These windows were placed here by a golfer in February, 1926, in grateful appreciation of a golfers' service held in this church on Sunday mornings, his aims supporting a cot in the Wallasey Cottage Hospital."

The main portions of the windows show Christ and a large company of people about to enter the synagogue on the Sabbath Day. Above are smaller sections, one of which is that which shows the golfers in their caps and plus fours, carrying their clubs. Below this main scene are the words:

"And He came to Nazareth where He had been brought up."

"And, as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath Day."

This is a beautiful scene, but it follows the conventional lines. The unconventional touch is supplied by the small section of the golfers at the top left hand corner! The Scriptural quotation is from St. Luke's Gospel and refers to the time when Christ went to the synagogue and preached a liberating message, but one which led to His being thrust out of the city. His conception of the truth was too strong for His hearers.

Conservative churchgoers are apt to think that the Rev. A. S. Roscamp's innovation is an invitation to Sabbath breaking, but in his dedication sermon he made it plain that his aim was to promote what he regards as the true spirit of Sunday observance. First of all, he holds that golf-playing on Sunday is not irreligious, and, second, he thinks that church attendance and golf ought to be made possible on one and the same morning.

It is interesting to note how a conservative, English paper like "The Yorkshire Post" took the golf windows dedication.

"We need not here enter on the general question of Sabbath observance," an editorial in that newspaper stated. "It is enough to say that the number of those who are rigidly opposed to Sunday games of any sort is steadily declining. The view taken increasingly is that outdoor recreation need in no way impair that religious character of Sunday which it is so imperative to preserve."

"The only valid criticisms that might be directed against the vicar's plan are perhaps that the Church should not cheapen itself by trying to attract churchgoers at any cost, and that it is a mistake to encourage the idea that a duty visit to church is all that is required of Christians on Sunday."

"In America, of course, efforts to attract congregations have been carried to absurdly undignified lengths and church are to be found advertising all sorts of entertainments to persuade so-called 'worshippers' to attend the supposed 'services.'"

"It is also true that the man who thinks a morning visit to church gives him the right to go home and be cross to his family for the rest of the day will not observe the Sabbath any better than the man who has not been to church at all. But there is no reason to think that either of these evils is threatened at Wallasey."

"Those who have no impulse to go to church are not likely to go simply because the service is at a more convenient hour, and we may be confident that the vicar is well able to warn his congregation against the idea that the religious spirit of Sunday ends when the service ends."

"He has simply introduced a very natural, practical reform which will be welcomed by all who believe that any health-giving activity can be pursued to the glory of God none the less because it is pursued on Sunday."

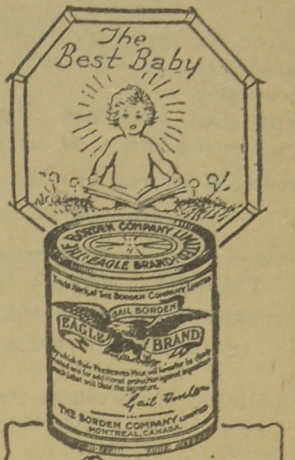
The golfers provide their own organist—J. O. Collinson—and he has been present virtually every Sunday morning since the services started. Presumably he wears his cassock and surplice over his plus fours, which is far less incongruous than the custom of sporting parsons in the eighteenth century who used to wear their hunting garb beneath their ecclesiastical vestments. And, of course, a congregation consisting entirely of men in plus fours could not seem strange to any one who has seen the modern Hamlet in the same outfit!

UNBORN BABY SAVED AFTER MOTHER DIES

Chicago, May 19—Physicians at St. Joseph's hospital, Aurora yesterday saved the life of an unborn baby boy after its mother had died. Mrs. August Welsbrook 20, became suddenly ill and died en route to a hospital. Seven minutes after her death, physicians performed an operation. The child weighing eight pounds and normal, probably will live.

Tommy—Pop, what is meant by circumstances over which we have no control?

Tommy's Pop—Generally speaking, modern children, my son.



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HOW STOLEN GOODS ARE DISPOSED OF

New York, May 19—The "fence" is the underworld term for the receiver of stolen goods. In every big theft the trial leads to him and consequently he is regarded as one of the shrewdest of all criminals. There are many of these depots for thieveries in Manhattan.

Yet they are rarely trapped. The camouflage is usually the zenith of perfection. It was hinted by the police in a recent round-up of criminals that two of the "fences" were in one of the most exclusive areas in the metropolis.

"The fence" is rarely known to the criminals. They deal with hirelings who often do not know their employer. Trying to locate a "fence" usually leads to a blind alley where the trail grows cold. The "fence" must always have huge bundles of cash at his finger tips.

He must be a shrewd appraiser of rare jewels and act quickly for the subsequent getaway. Half of the value is the highest price the "fence" will pay and only then for uncut stones. They are almost impossible to trace.

International crooks rarely sell their loot to a local "fence." If the robbery is in New York, they hide out until things calm down and then dispose of their spoils in London or Paris. There are said to be "fences" on ocean liners to make transactions in crossing.

About 16 years ago a famous "fence" was uncovered. It proved to be a real estate office in a prominent building. It was well furnished and a regular business was carried on. The clerks, bookkeeper and telephone girl didn't know their employer was a famous criminal.

The "fence" in his office had a contrivance which would cut off his criminal conversations from the girl at the switchboard. One day he forgot heard this: "The bulls are closing in. Time for a getaway." She told her brother, who happened to be a clerk at the police department.

The "squealer" in the underworld is about as popular as a young man with halitosis at a necktie party. Crooks are popularly supposed rather to face death than vengeance of their fellows. Yet the police say in every big crime there is a "squealer" and of the guilty there is always the "squealer." And 99 per cent are unmolested.

CONSUMPTION OF PAPER CUT

Rome, May 19—Slaughter of opposition newspapers or inducing their death by starvation under the recently completed campaign of the Fascist government to "Fascistize" the Italian press has produced at least one laudable result. An official Fascist news agency announces that Italy's consumption of newsprint has been diminished by 100 carloads a day.

Alice—I have not kissed a man for a month.

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