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# DESOLATION ON THE BATTLEFIELDS

Paris, Sept. 13.—The battlefields on the Allies' left wing, over which terrible combats in the past week have passed, are now a scene of desolation. All the troops have disappeared, following on the heels of the fleeing Germans. Most of the dead already have been buried, but here and there small groups of three or four lie together awaiting interment.

Virtually all the wounded, whether French, British or German, have received treatment and have then been transported to neighboring villages, whence they will later be transferred to provincial cities, where private houses and public institutions have been placed at the disposal of the Army authorities.

Along the banks of the Marne evidences of severe artillery fire are visible everywhere. Some parts, looking as though they were plowed trenches abandoned by the Germans, were excellently planned, but shells bursting overhead caused hundreds of casualties.

## RUDE GRAVES OF SOLDIERS

All over the fields are fresh heaps of earth, where soldiers were buried.

The graves for the most part are marked by rough hewn crosses. The officers were interred separately, their graves bearing their names, and in some cases decorated with field flowers. All about are scattered helmets, broken rifles, bayonets, swords, belts and haversacks.

In nearby villages houses have been greatly damaged. Many bear bullet and shell marks; doors and windows have been looted off by shells and have been broken; branches of trees scarred by rifle shots.

## BODIES IN RIVER MARNE

In the river Marne, which the Germans made heroic efforts to cross many times, but were always beaten back by the overwhelming French artillery, bodies occasionally came to the surface.

The country people, almost prostrated by the ruin which has been wrought, are gradually returning to their homes, from which even today could occasionally be heard the far distant firing of machine guns and field artillery.

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even the reserve firing lines of the pursuing British and French troops. Five correspondents who ventured out were arrested and threatened with incarceration in the fortress until the end of the war.

## RAINFALL IMPEDES RETREAT

The constant rainfall for the last two days has rendered difficult the movements of the troops. The Germans are suffering from this more than are the Allies, who are full of ardor and flushed with success. They often capture isolated bodies of Germans, who are usually famished and without ammunition and almost glad to be taken prisoners; while horses are absolutely exhausted.

Persistent accounts of a German shortage of ammunition reach Paris. A British officer declared today that he had seen a letter written by a German officer, in which the officer stated the invaders' position was becoming critical.

He said that transportation was breaking down owing to the long lines of communications. Further evidence of the lack of ammunition was to be found in the numbers of German soldiers surrendering when called on, without firing a shot.

## ADMIRATION FOR GERMANS

The same officer said that the maps carried by the German officers were far superior to those possessed by the French and British. He was full of admiration for the German tenacity, quoting their stand at LaFerte sous-Jourais, where they delayed the Allies' advance for an entire day.

It is generally thought that the Germans are trying to reach the frontier by the quickest route owing to fears that their communications may be cut by the fresh army of the Allies.

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# BLOCKADING GERMAN FLEET AN EASY LIFE

"Somewhere in the North Sea," these five words, says the naval correspondent of the Liverpool Mercury, have for many days summed up all that has been known about our navy outside Whitehall. Rigorous as the censorship has been concerning our expeditionary force, it is nothing compared with the extraordinary reticence of the "powers that be" as to what has been going on in what used to be the Fleet's favorite manoeuvre area. It is to the credit of the anxious people ashore with relatives and friends in the hidden fleet, that there has been very little gunning about the silence. The necessity for guarding the navy's secrecy has been loyally accepted as one of the supreme conditions of the period and the fleetmen's families have settled down to wait and hope. How many people are intimately concerned in the Armada in the North Sea it would be hard to say but they must include thousands in all parts of the country.

Not so much news comes from the Fleet as at first. Fat postbags go out to it thin ones come back. It is satisfactory to know that so regular is our communication that not only does Jack get his letters from home pretty regularly and without much delay, but also newspapers, and even, in moderation parcels. Arrangements are being made for a plentiful supply of literature to beguile the tedium of life at sea minus shore leave. Another good thing is that our Fleet gets its supply of food as usual. The ships, of course are well stocked with the ordinary naval rations, but the Admiralty have been able to supplement these with regular supplies of those little luxuries which make all the difference in the life of Jack aboard. As fighting men go, our seamen are well fed on the service rations, or what Jack calls "bare Navy," but what has pleased our fleetmen most has been that the canteens have been kept stocked with extras. Two things have enabled this to be done—command of the sea and an admiral transport organization.

Thus, the Navy's first reward for its efficiency is that it gets jam regularly. For the rest, life goes on very much as usual. It has been to quote one phrase I have heard applied to it, "easier than manoeuvres so far." But it is weary work waiting for an enemy unwilling to come out and fight. Many people ashore have been asking "Why doesn't von Ingenohl come out and make a dash for it?" The answer is that waiting is an easy game to play, and that while the German Fleet is intact and within reach of the Baltic, Russia cannot invade Germany by the sea. But it is no good to speculate on the German High-sea inaction. They may make their desperate sally at any moment, even while these lines are being written and while the German army is "hacking its way through" in France. Whenever it may be, our men are ready, aye ready, to do as Drake's men did at Cadiz and up the Channel, or as Nelson did at Copenhagen, the Nile, and Trafalgar.

## aPt Again!

In the midst of a thrilling love scene in an Irish theatre the hero sighed—"Oh, that I had a window in my breast that you might see my heart beating only for you."

A voice from the gallery interjected: "Wouldn't a pain in your stomach do as well?"

## PASSAGES SHOWING TREND OF SOME RECENT BOOKS

What an asset, this inherited instinct to work! I inherited an instinct as strong to shoot and ride to hounds. I know heaps of things which are darkest mystery to you. You know absolutely nothing about the most interesting subject on earth—woman.—From "Loot," by Horace Annesley Vachell.

You've made a new man out of me, maybe the stuff isn't much, but there is a soul in it somewhere. You've given that soul something to get a grip on.—From Randall Parrish's "Gordon Craig, Soldier of Fortune."

If a horse thief knows that there's merely a chance the community will get mad enough to hang him, he'll take that chance in hopes it may not be the time. If on the other hand he knows that every time he steals a horse he's going to be caught and fixed even, he thinks a long time before he steals it.—From "Gold," by Stewart Edward White.

"Nothing makes a woman more glad than to have a well-seen husband."—From "Ladies Whose Bright Eyes," by F. M. Hueffer.

My one idea is to make him a happy as I can and when a woman does this for a man, I don't think she has time to run around by herself.—From Ellen Glasgow's "Virginia."

# PROPER HANDLING OF FRESH EGGS

Consumers Should Demand Strictly Fresh Article

We have frequently had occasion to observe the detrimental influence of dirt and moisture on the keeping qualities of eggs, says a bulletin from Storrs Experimental Station. Of a large number of eggs which were stored in an ordinary refrigerator all were found, after three or four weeks, to be permeated with moulds. In other instances we have found bacteria, under similar conditions. In a crate filled with eggs which had been placed in a damp, dark basement, and which had remained there for several weeks, all of the eggs were in an advanced state of rotting when brought to light and examined. These eggs had come from the same hens the eggs of which had been tested constantly and found, as a rule, to be free from bacteria.

It is a well known fact that eggs which have been incubated under hens, and which failed to hatch, are usually foul. We have observed this again and again, especially during the warm summer months. It is quite probable that the hen which is incubating the eggs is responsible for the rotting, in that the eggs become more or less soiled by her; and, furthermore, the hen imparts a certain amount of moisture to the eggs, especially during warm weather, which aids the bacteria which are on the soiled shell to gain an entrance into the egg. On the other hand, eggs which are incubated artificially remain undecomposed, with very few exceptions, for at least two or three weeks, and undoubtedly much longer, providing they are clean, fresh eggs when they are put into the incubator.

It is of the greatest importance that a general campaign be waged to secure eggs for consumption, and especially when they are to be preserved in cold storage, which are clean and perfectly fresh. The solution of this problem rests with both the producer and the buyer. In the first place, the gathering of eggs from the nests soon after they are laid cannot be urged too strongly. They should be collected at least once a day, and whenever possible two or three times. This is usually done on large plants where trap-nests are used; but on the smaller plants, and especially on regular farms where poultry-raising is but one of many pursuits in the making of a livelihood, there is often no system in the poultry management. Eggs are frequently left in the nests two or three days, and under broody hens. Furthermore, many eggs enter the market which have been under setting hens for several days in so-called "stolen nests."

The movement which is on foot in parts of this country to purchase and pay for eggs according to their quality or soundness, rather than by mere weight or numbers, should meet with hearty support. In many instances this has been done but the practice should become general. Producers would then be brought face to face with the necessity of keeping nests in sanitary condition, and of gathering eggs soon after they are laid.

The handling and keeping of eggs should also receive much consideration. It is necessary that the eggs be kept clean, dry and reasonably cool. They should be transported under the best conditions of sanitation, and when placed in cold storage the rooms in which they are kept should be dry.

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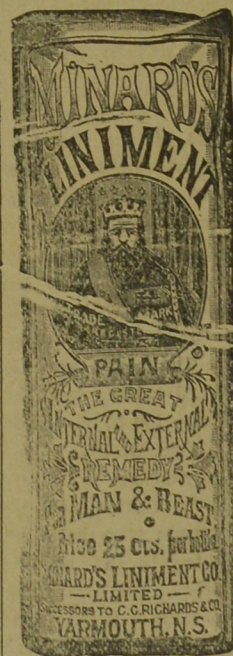
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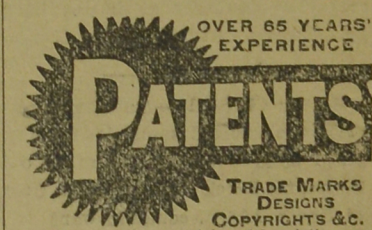
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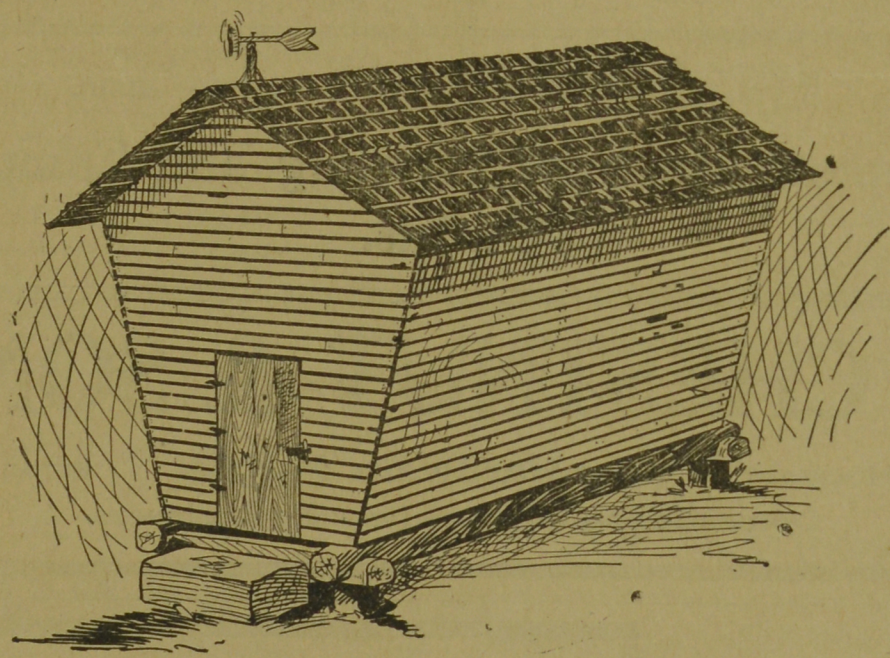


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