

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE.

Closing Exercises of the Institution--Frederickton Boy Among the Graduates.

Minister of Militia Well Pleased With College's Showing.

Kingston, June 23.—The Royal Military College closing exercises yesterday were attended by Sir Fred. Borden, Minister of Militia, who inspected the cadets and presented the diplomas and prizes.

The commandant, after welcoming the Minister, stated that the strength at the beginning of the term had been ninety-six cadets. Since then three have withdrawn and twenty-seven are leaving in the first class. Thirty more cadets will join in September, so that the strength will again be ninety-six. Owing to no central camp being available the cadets have been again prevented from going into camp this month to carry out their gun practice. Last autumn the Ontario government gave a company challenge rifle shield, and only the other day the commandant said he received a further gift of \$100 from the Ontario government to encourage rifle shooting. Since the Minister's last visit in 1904, a hospital and gymnasium have been built, new workshops, gun drill shed and recreation rooms have been erected, and stables for the new riding establishment have been begun. The commandant expressed the hope that a skating rink would be added.

SIR FREDERICK BORDEN.

The Minister of Militia pinned upon the breast of Col. Ernest F. Wurtel of Quebec, an old R. M. C. graduate, a long-service medal. He then delivered an address, in which he eulogized the work of the Royal Military College graduates throughout the British Empire. He noticed marked improvement in the college since his last visit.

Sir Frederick, on behalf of the government, thanked Col. Reade for the service he had rendered during his reign. The government, he thought, had done well in the addition of further equipment to the college, and it was his intention to interest the Public Works Department in the matter of erecting a riding school. Sir Frederick said he regretted that the proposed central camp was not in operation this year, but he was sure 1906 would see it.

In addressing the cadets he said that they should not be discouraged because the standard was so high. That should encourage them to do better. Discussing the aims of the college he said that the present system was admirable, and that it combined a liberal education with military training. Its founder, Sir Alexander Mackenzie, had intended it to follow along the exact lines it was following today, turning out young men who assisted the government in building up the defences of the country, and also serving as a connection

with a brush, taking care not to go over the same place twice nor to leave any spots uncovered. The lacquer will dry in a few seconds.

The Shining Face of Moses.

All down through the ages a mistake has been perpetuated as to the meaning of the Hebrew word "karan," "to emit rays like horns." It is the word used in Exodus xxxiv, 29, to describe the shining face of Moses after he had talked with the Lord. The Septuagint translated it into Greek, "his head was horned." So all through the middle ages and the period of great Italian art the Vulgate had it (whence Michael Angelo and other artists got the idea, Angelo giving to Moses two flame-like locks of hair on the head); the Crammer Bible and the Douay Catholic English Bible continued the queer error. King James' version at last got it right, "the skin of Moses' face shone, and Moses put the veil upon his face," etc.

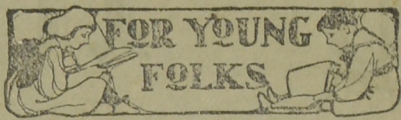
The Waltz in 1781.

I was engaged in looking at these fine people when a gentleman and lady came whirling by and had almost overwhelmed me. I could not imagine what they were about. I had scarcely extricated myself from the danger with which they threatened me when another and another couple came twisting by in like manner. I found on inquiry that this was a favorite German dance called a waltz and is performed in the following manner: The lady and gentleman stand face to face. The gentleman puts his arm around the lady's waist and with the other hand he gets firm hold on her arm. You would at first think they were going to wrestle. Thus prepared and the gentleman having got so good a purchase upon the lady, they begin to spin around and around with a velocity which would have made me giddy in half a minute.—"Twining Papers."

Lacquer For Brass.

Make lacquer for brass as follows: Turmeric root, ground fine, one ounce; best dragon's blood, one-half dram, put into one pint of alcohol. Place it in a moderate heat and shake at intervals for several days. It must then be strained through a linen cloth and put back in the bottle. Now add three ounces of powdered gum shellac; then keep as before in a warm place for a few days more and shake frequently. When thoroughly dissolved strain it again and keep in a bottle tightly corked. The metal must be perfectly clean and free from dust or grease and must be heated. The article may either be dipped in the lacquer or

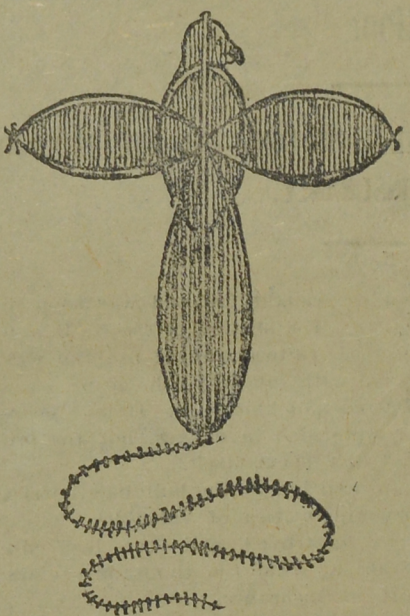
It is a maxim with me that no man was ever written out of a reputation but by himself.—Bentley.



A JAPANESE KITE.

Any Clever Boy Should Be Able to Make and Fly It.

The principal point in preparing a kite and the one that shows skill in the maker is the arrangement of the string and the tail. But, first, about the making of it. A very pretty one may be made like that in the illustration, which is after a Japanese model, by taking the thin strips of bamboo that are found in Japanese fans and arranging them as shown and then covering them



KITE ON THE BAMBOO FRAME.

with tissue paper. But every boy has his own ideas about the materials, so we will speak only of the principal things.

Several short strings should be tied to the frame, and these should be united by a knot, to which the string of the kite is afterward fastened. The knot must be so placed that when you lift the kite by it, before the tail has been attached, the kite should hang with its sides perfectly even, and the point where the tail is to be attached should fall slightly lower than the top. The proper flying of the kite depends on this knot, for if it is placed too high the kite in flying will plunge sideways; if placed too low it will whirl around.

The tail should not be less than twelve times the length of the kite, and it may be even twenty times its length. Folded papers, each about three inches long, may be made into stiff bobs and fastened with strings at intervals of three inches or so for the tail. If you use rags or pieces of cloth tied together the tail will have to be a little shorter, as they are heavier than the paper.—New York Mail.

THE BOTTLED EGG.

A Little Trick That Shows the Force of Air Pressure.

To try this entertaining experiment you need a hard boiled egg and a bottle or flask with a wide body and a neck large enough to let the egg sit tightly and snugly on its mouth, end down.

Peel the egg and lay it aside. Then roll up some paper into a shape so that it will burn readily. Light it and throw it into the bottle. As soon as it has burned itself out place the egg firmly on the mouth of the flask, pressing it on just hard enough so that it will close the opening entirely.

Before many moments the egg will begin to stretch itself. It will seem to crawl into the bottle. More and more it descends till suddenly, with a pop, the whole egg lengthens itself out and slides into the bottle.

What has happened? After the egg had been set on the bottle the hot air in it began to cool again. As it cooled it contracted. That made room in the bottle—vacuum it is called in scientific language. Consequently the air pressure outside of the bottle was greater than the air on the inside, and the poor old egg, being between the two, had to yield to the stronger. That is why it slid into the bottle. It had to.

How Mexicans Test Eggs.

It is a common sight in the plaza to behold a stall woman, who is selling two reals' worth of eggs, pick them up one by one, put one end and then the other to her lips and hand them over to the customer, who repeats the same identical operation. To the inexperienced onlooker it seems as if they were tasting the extremities of the egg. As a matter of fact, they never touch the egg with the tongue. The idea of the performance is that when an egg is fresh one end is distinctly colder than the other. The end which has the air chamber is the warmer of the two. The human lips are exceedingly sensitive to heat and cold, and even the novice at this form of egg testing promptly becomes a capable judge. If both ends of the egg reveal the same temperature, that egg may be counted as bad, as it is a fairly good sign that the air chamber is broken and the contents spread equally within the shell.

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