

BOTH WERE OUT OF LUCK

Colonel Just Happened Along, and Private Selected Poor Material on Which to Practice.

The colonel had ridden his horse to town in the afternoon, and it was dark when he returned to camp. Some distance outside the guard line he was challenged by a voice from the darkness:

"Halt! Who goes there?"

"Colonel," he answered as he reined in his mount. "Dismount, colonel. Advance and be recognized."

He was certain that there was some mistake, for no guard was supposed to be posted there. But a sentry's orders are not to be disobeyed, so he grudgingly dismounted and led his horse forward, inwardly vowing vengeance against the sergeant of the guard who had caused him all this trouble.

As he approached the sentry he burst out wrathfully:

"Who in thunder posted you here?"

"No one, sir. I'm just practicing."

Tension Was Relieved.

Some time ago a regiment of colored stevedores was en route overseas on a transport. A large number of them were cornfield and cotton workers, unaccustomed to the water. Of course there had been much talk of submarines.

On the sixth day out one of the cannons of the transport suddenly boomed, and call to quarters was sounded, soon followed by "Abandon ship" call. There were several more shots, and the feeling was intense. It was not known whether the submarine would fire a torpedo or not. After a series of shots, with the tension at its highest pitch, there was a sudden dead quiet. All faces were peering over the rail for the unknown peril suddenly from the rear rank was heard: "Is dere any nigger present what wants to buy a gold watch and chain?"

The tension was immediately relieved.

New Airplanes.

New British airplanes increase the margin of safety against accident. This story of a recent test shows how stable these airplanes are: A pilot climbed to a sufficient height, and then stopped his engine and took his hands off the controls, merely keeping his feet on the rudder bar. He steered for an airdrome 20 miles away and except for keeping it straight he let the plane do what it liked. It traveled the whole 20 miles as steadily as a bicycle coasting down a long straight and gentle hill. Of course the pilot had to take hold of the control stick to land the machine in the airdrome, but except for that and the steering the plane made the whole journey by itself.

A DISAGREEMENT RIGHT AWAY.

This is a delightful place to spend our honeymoon, isn't it? Not another man in sight.

That's the only objection I have to it.

Lightning Calculation.

An eminent electrician has figured out the horsepower of a lightning flash. The amount of light given by a single lightning flash is sufficient to illuminate an area two miles square with an average illumination of one candle. To produce such an illumination, he estimates, the expenditure of 13,000 horse power for one second would be required.

QUESTIONNAIRE

ANSWERS WHICH WILL SOLVE PERPLEXING PROBLEMS OF THIS RECONSTRUCTION ERA.

Query.—The government has launched an educational campaign to encourage building in order to put more men to work. Would not a similar movement to show how the old structures can be best and most economically repaired and made good as new also help?

Answer.—It is learned that such a plan is in effect and is linked directly with the Washington propaganda.

Industry must be turned back from works of war to the ways of peace. Employment must be found, in the meanwhile, for those whose occupation has been interrupted. There is no real surplus of labor in the United States. Rather there is a shortage, which would be acute if normal conditions were already restored, and one step towards restoring them will come with resumption of repair work.

Government restrictions, imposed by the necessities of the war program, have for many months past retarded or altogether prevented construction, improvement and repairs. These restrictions are now off, and there is scarcely a town, a city, a factory, a dwelling or a farm that does not reveal a crying need for prompt attention. Nothing delays such instant action except the feeling that prices are high for the time being and may be lower.

That is not logical. No matter what it costs to repair, the cost is less than the cost of neglect. No matter what the cost of paint, the wind and the weather will collect a higher bill in deterioration and decay.

Query.—What do you think of paint as an investment, aside from the appearance it lends? Does it really PAY to paint a house regularly, say, every three or four years?

Answer.—Good paint properly applied when needed is the main thing in making a house last long and well. A house worth \$2,500 can be painted at a cost of about \$125. In 30 years that house will need about 15 paintings, the total cost of which will be \$1,875. Left without paint, such a house would fall into complete ruin in 30 years. So taking 30 years as a basis for our figure, we find that with paint a home will last that time in good condition and will cost, plus paint, \$4,375. Without paint the house would have to be rebuilt at the end of 30 years and would be ready for another complete renovation when the sixtieth year arrived. Cost, without paint, \$5,000 for a home ready to fall to pieces. Does regular painting pay? As the old Dutch adage says:

"PAINT PAYS FOR ITSELF."

Query.—I have a quantity of old paint on hand. Can I use it for the first coat in repainting my barn?

Answer.—On no account should old paint which has become fat be used for priming either old or new work. Old paint in that condition is best used on a fence, brickwork or tinwork. If you value your barn sufficiently to paint it, do it the justice of a good job.

U. S. Invents Anti-Rust "Dope."

Incident to the war, the government has faced the problem that has so long proved baffling to commercial concerns of protecting iron and steel from rust. In an attempt to solve this federal specialists have perfected various forms of protective coatings. In this connection it may be pertinent to ask whether commercial uses will not be found also for the so-called "dopes" which the government has invented to be applied to airplane wings and which are possessed of valuable weather-resisting and fireproof qualities.

It pays to advertise in The Herald.

Norwegian Wedding Festivities.

A Norwegian wedding is a delightful spectacle. The picturesque Norwegian national costume is worn, and the wedding party walks or drives in procession to the church. After the ceremony there is a dance on the village green, with a violin for accompaniment. Till it is time for supper. The next day the festivities are resumed and possibly they may extend to the day after.

Fogs Have "Silence Zones."

Fog bells and buoys are frequently ineffective, because of the "zones of silence" prevalent in fog banks. Frequently these zones not only retard a sound but stop it entirely. In the same bank of fog there will be a long lane through which sound will carry clearly. The result is that one ship may hear another that is far off and have no hint of a third that is close at hand.—People's Home Journal.

Difficult Men to Handle.

There is no class of men so difficult to be managed in a state as those whose intentions are honest, but whose consciences are bewitched.—Napoleon.

Avoid Becoming Nagger.

If you find yourself inclined to become a nagger you had better apply for a little vacation and a change of scene. Absence from home and business is often the best cure for a blue goggled vision. A little contact with the world and the struggles of others often helps make home folks more reasonable—at least for a time. Forestall the malady by learning to see the better side of life. Practice kindly speech even if it hurts you.

The Missus in Charge.

The editor of the Jefferson Review recently took his first vacation in a large number of years, and in his latest issue remarks: "That wife of ours has a queer way of running business. She banks all the money she takes in, but doesn't pay any bills. Works all right one way, but has kept us busy since we got home."—Oregonian.

Differences in Fashion.

In Japan the professional beauty oves to appear with golden teeth; in India she prefers them stained red, but in certain parts of Sumatra no lady who respects herself would condescend to have any front teeth at all.



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