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SHIP CANALS HAVE TO BE WELL LOOKED AFTER.

Nature of Ground Through Which They Are Cut Makes the Most Thorough Watchfulness Imperative.

In the European war canals are perhaps of more importance than railways, the Kiel canal to the Germans and the Suez canal to the British government in Egypt. It is not generally known what enormous difficulties have to be faced in the endeavor to keep these canals clear.

The Germans have spent a gigantic sum on their Kiel canal, which carries their ships from the North sea to the Baltic. Just before they made this war they had widened it at a cost of fifteen millions.

The United States has anxieties over the Culebra cut in the Panama, but not more so than the Germans over their waterway. For the ground through which the latter is cut is in most places nothing but peat-rotten, black stuff which keeps on breaking up and falling back into the canal.

Also the bottom continually "bumps up," thus lowering the depth of the passage. The craft that use the Kiel canal have to crawl along. They say that if a cruiser were to make a dash through at top speed it would take a year and several millions of money to remedy the damage done by her stern wave.

Leave any canal alone for even a year, and it would no longer be fit for navigation. Within five years a small boat would be unable to pass through it.

Each canal has its own special troubles. The canal of Panama has landslides. Many have taken place during its construction, many more will have to be dealt with in coming years. Not long after opening the canal was completely closed to traffic because of an enormous landslide.

The German-led Turks are said to be about to attack Egypt. If their armies ever manage to cross the waterless desert of Sinai they will find themselves on the far bank of the broad Suez canal, which will be patrolled by British warships, mounting guns beside which the Turkish artillery will be mere toys.

But the Suez, like the Panama canal, could never afford passage for these great ships unless work went on constantly to keep it clear. It is estimated that, if the dredging work on the Suez were abandoned, within less than ten years the Turks or anyone else could cross it dry shod.

On both sides of the canal stretch miles of dry desert, from which every wind that blows lifts the sand in edging spirals and carries it in great clouds. A single storm may drop a thousand tons of sand into one mile of the canal.

Of late years a great quantity of trees have been planted along the banks in order to prevent the sand from drifting into the water; yet even so, great steam dredgers are always at work scooping from the bottom the blown-in sand, and dumping it along the shore.

Another trouble of those in charge of the Suez canal is caused by fresh water springs, which burst up in its deep bed and pile the sand in ridges.

Proof Positive.

"I say, my good farmer, why do you scatter that corn so lavishly to your fowls? Why don't you husband it?"

"I am, in a way. Don't you see how it is getting hen-pecked?"

Between Friends.

Miss Oldun—"I'd just like to see any man kiss me." Miss Young—"What a hopeless ambition!"—Boston Transcript.

Laughter.

Laughter begins either with the mouth or the eyes. Then come the other muscular groups and then come the vocal expressions of laughter, such as brays, cackles, sniggers, simpers, giggles, snorts, grunts, fog-horn rumbles, yells, shrieks, guffaws, trills, chuckles, snuffles and all sorts of peculiar bird notes and musical sounds.

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PREPARATION FOR ANNUAL INSPECTION

Regiment Held Inspection Drill Yesterday Afternoon in Preparation for Government Inspection

The regiment held inspection drill yesterday afternoon on the athletic field preparatory to the inspection to be held a week from Friday. Drill commenced at four o'clock in order to give time to complete the inspection before time for dismissal.

Accordingly the cadets, arrayed in full uniform, and with guns and equipment cleaned, assembled on schedule time before the Armory last night. Roll call was taken and the cadets, headed by the band, marched out on to the athletic field.

After a few battalion movements, the regiment was passed in review before the reviewing officers. After review the regiment was again formed into close formation, open ranks was given and the inspection proper commenced.

The Commandant, followed by the staff and captain of the company being inspected then made the inspection. The customary form was followed, the inspectors marching before and behind each man and the men coming to inspection arms on being passed by the Commandant. The inspection starts at the head of the column, following down each company in turn through the band at the rear. This inspection being but preliminary to the government inspection, numerous stops were made to call attention to errors and improper uniform or equipment.

After the inspection proper was over the regiment was again passed in review, followed by regimental parade. Parade rest was given and the band marched up the field and back again. A list of promotions was read, after which the battalion was again called to attention and "America" was played. The officers were then ordered "front and center," upon which all staff and field officers marched forward to the reviewing officers. The Commandant gave them a talk on the handling of the regiment, on completion of which the regiment was dismissed.

This is the first time the cadets have been accompanied by the band this year, for which reason its liberal supply of music was doubly appreciated in helping to pass the time during the tedious inspection.

This gave the regiment a working idea of the form of the inspection to be held next Friday under the government inspector. The regiment is fast

molding into creditable form, as shown at the review, and the work next Friday will now undoubtedly work out smoothly.

Harvard recently. Capt. E. W. Mahan has issued a call for more men.

Stupid?

"Last night Jack tried to put his arm around me three times." "Some arm!"—Yale Record.

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