

Can't Teach Old Dog New Tricks

Britisher Wear American Coat Shirt? No, Sir-ee, It Simply Can't Be Done.

FIRMLY AGAINST OUR STYLE

Englishman Wants to Slip Garment on Over His Head, and He Wants the Collar Button to Touch His Neck, Too.

London.—"You can't teach an old dog new tricks" is true when it comes to the question of how an Englishman puts on his shirts. Just a few minutes ago the writer went into a haberdashery shop in the Strand.

"Do you want your shirts cut English fashion or American?" asked the fitter.

"Why, what's the difference?" he was asked.

"You see, an Englishman won't have a coat shirt; he wants to slip it on over his head," said the shirtmaker.

The fitter then told of several incidents about his countrymen who came into this particular shop. The other day one customer was thoroughly angry. He had been sold a dozen American coat shirts.

"I can't get into them," he said.

"All right, we will sew them up," said the shirt fitter.

Another Englishman had bought some American shirts and came back with them in a very bad temper.

"What do you mean by selling me shirts without a collar buttonhole in the back?" was his objection.

"Why, I had to cut a hole through with a penknife."

The polite salesman tried to show his customer the benefit of the American shirts; how fine it was not to have the collar button touch the neck. But he would have none of those kind of shirts.

"Why," said he, "I can't reach the back of my neck to put the button in."

"You don't have to," said the fitter "put it in before you put your shirt on."

That made the Britisher angry.

"I won't do it," he said. "I always put my collar buttons in after my shirt is on my back. And I won't have you tell me how to do it."

Bars Hangers on Shirts.

Though unconvinced on that point the salesman tried to tell the Englishman how fine it was to wear a coat shirt; that it didn't ruffle up one's hair when put on.

"No, you can't sell me those shirts. I comb my hair after I put my shirt on. Besides," said this customer, "I don't want hangers on my shirts."

The writer told shopkeepers that coat shirts had not had a long history in America.

"Well, you see," said he, "an Englishman learns how to put on a shirt when a little boy, and he won't change."

This particular shop has a customer who has bought the same color shirts for forty years, and he insisted on that color all during the war.

Another customer for sixty years, now dead, always bought one color of neckties—red.

Races a "Function."

One London paper has a paragraph about Walter Hagen taking off his sweater just as he was about to make a drive. It simply isn't done here.

Rather serious criticism greeted the first appearance of the American tennis players because they dressed so sloppily.

An Englishman has his trousers pressed for tennis just as he has them pressed for dinner, and he usually wears a beautiful blue coat with brass buttons when he plays.

The writer asked an English friend why he always wore a silk hat and cutaway to the races.

"Well, you see, it's a function and I must," he replied.

All these differences were discussed by a group last night. The Americans rather convinced the Englishmen of

the advantages of American shirts, but very reluctantly. One of the group whom the Americans thought convinced blurted out. "Well, you see, those coat shirts wear out quicker in the laundry." What can you do with that kind of man?

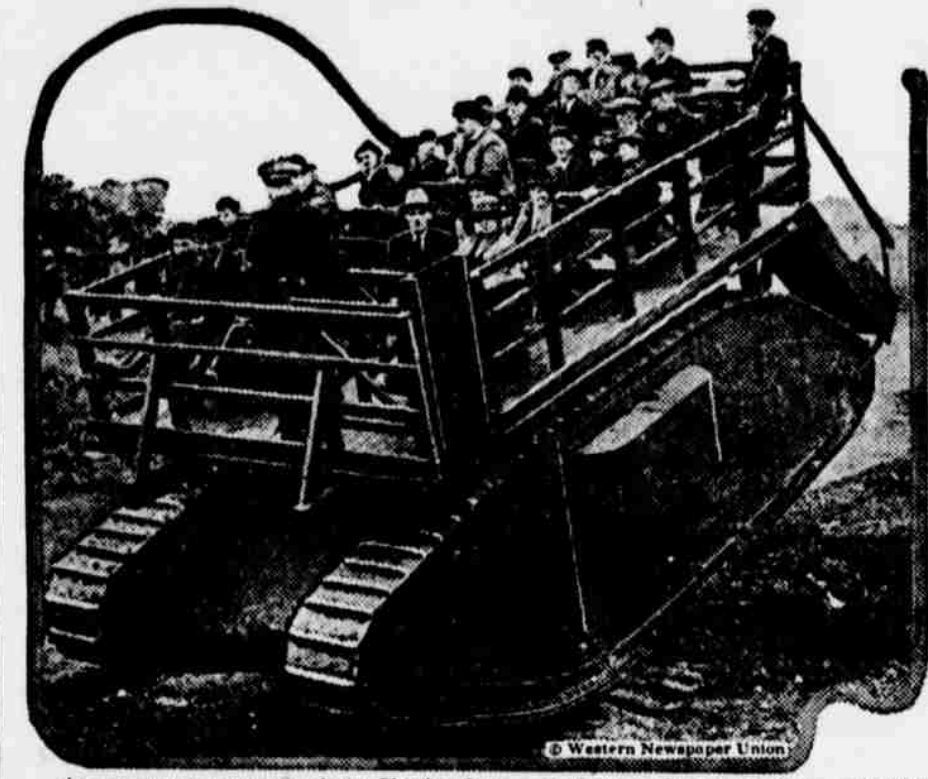
W. Pett Ridge, the English writer and novelist, said the Americans would better change the subject. So he asked what was the difference between the English speech and the American. Somebody said the American speech was a bit louder. "Yes, you have hit it," he said. "Only you stress the unessential word. Your 'the' and 'to,' etc."

Another Englishman said: "We will settle it this way. Your shirts are better and speech worse. But in most things we break about even. But do you know what John Hay said when he returned from the embassy here?" All asked for Hay's speech. Here it is: "I never saw a street fight in England; I never heard a story that couldn't be repeated in the company of ladies; I never heard a real cuss word used."

"Where did Hay live?" one Englishman asked.

"No," said another. "You are both right; we break even on those things too."

War Machine an Amusement Device



At an amusement park in England war tanks are being used to give the patrons of the place thrilling rides.

Is Greatest Plane Motor in World

Most Powerful Airplane Engine Ever Built in United States Made in Detroit.

INTENDED FOR GENERAL USE

Capable of Driving Machine at 300 Miles an Hour, Says Designer, One of Liberty Motor Creators—Is Fireproof.

Detroit.—A new 500-600 horsepower airplane engine, the most powerful ever built in this country and the most powerful in the world except for a few racing freaks, has been completed here. It is expected to develop speeds far greater than anything yet achieved. In addition it is fireproof, and it can be started "cold" after a long dive, thus ending two of the greatest dangers that aviators have had to face.

This announcement was authorized by Col. Jesse G. Vincent, designer of

AVIATOR SEASICK IN THE AIR

Italian Flyer Encounters Rough Air Conditions on Trip to Tokyo.

Tokyo.—Lieutenant Ferrarin, one of the two Italian airmen who flew from Rome to Tokyo, encountered such rough air conditions while crossing Korea that he became seasick.

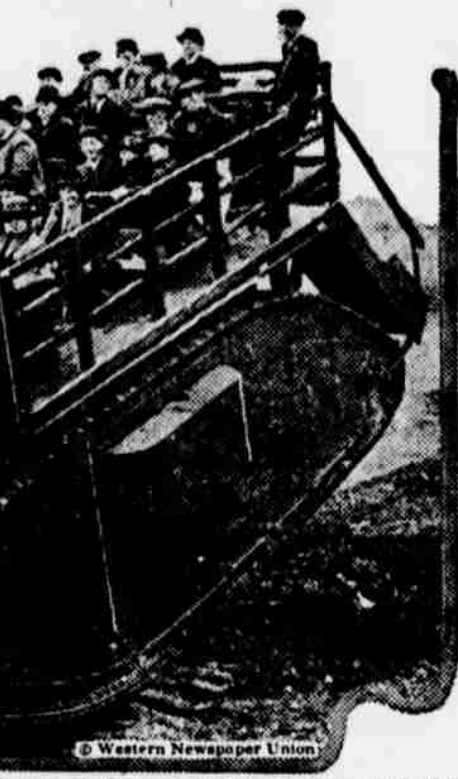
"In my entire flying experience," he said, "I had never before encountered such conditions. The machine pitched like a small boat in a heavy swell, and for the first time in my life I knew what it was to be seasick."

"The most exciting part of my trip occurred in Asia Minor," he added, "about 100 miles from Aleppo, where I was subjected to heavy machine gun fire by the Arab rebels."

Wife Nagged on Trolley; Conductor Gets Divorce

Accusing his wife of annoying him while he went about his duties as a street car conductor, William L. Stockfleth obtained a divorce from Alice V. Stockfleth in Superior Judge Morgan's court in San Francisco. Stockfleth said his wife would board his car and berate him for answering questions of passengers. More than that, she never paid any fare when she started out on a nagging expedition.

War Machine an Amusement Device



At an amusement park in England war tanks are being used to give the patrons of the place thrilling rides.

Is Greatest Plane Motor in World

Most Powerful Airplane Engine Ever Built in United States Made in Detroit.

INTENDED FOR GENERAL USE

Capable of Driving Machine at 300 Miles an Hour, Says Designer, One of Liberty Motor Creators—Is Fireproof.

Detroit.—A new 500-600 horsepower airplane engine, the most powerful ever built in this country and the most powerful in the world except for a few racing freaks, has been completed here. It is expected to develop speeds far greater than anything yet achieved. In addition it is fireproof, and it can be started "cold" after a long dive, thus ending two of the greatest dangers that aviators have had to face.

This announcement was authorized by Col. Jesse G. Vincent, designer of

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

Timely News Culled From All Parts of the State, Reduced for the Busy.

SCORES OF EVENTS COVERED

Secretary of State Amsberry has notified all county clerks that polls must remain open from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m.—an hour later than other elections—for the special election September 21 to vote upon proposed amendments to the state constitution. Ballots for women voters are to be specially designated as such by a printed line at the top, but the men's ballots will have no particular marking. Separate ballot boxes for the two sexes are to be used.

H. H. Antles, secretary of the state department of public welfare, is advocating the establishment of a senior industrial school to care for the 250 inmates of the Nebraska penitentiary between the age of 21 and 25. He believes that better results along reforming the men can be reached if they are not compelled to associate with the hardened criminals.

Melcher L. Luebbers, president of the defunct First National bank of Sutton, sentenced to serve five years in prison by Federal Judge Woodrough at Omaha for his part in smashing the institution, began serving his term in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, last week.

Sudden reductions in the price of sugar, said to be due principally because housewives refuse to can and preserve as the result of high prices, will cost jobbers at Omaha, who bought heavily lately, expecting the shortage to continue, around \$250,000, it is reported.

Out of thirty-five counties notified to appear before the state board of equalization at Lincoln to show cause why their assessed valuations should not be raised, Platte, Gage, York, Loup, Garfield, Phelps, Grant and Deuel failed to send representatives.

Several hundred persons attended the spudding in of well No. 1 at the Riverston experimental oil field. The well was christened Askew Well No. 1 and a bottle of champagne was broke on the big drill just before it took its initial plunge into the earth.

At a special election citizens of O'Neill voted \$31,000 worth of bonds for the extension of the city water mains and the erection of a new water tower of 150,000 gallons capacity.

Reports are current at Omaha, and federal officials there are inclined to believe they are authentic, that airplanes are being used to bring liquor from Canada into Nebraska.

Deshler's big broom factory, which recently declared a dividend of 10 per cent, did a half million dollars' worth of business the past year, and paid out \$100,000 in wages.

It is estimated that the increased freight rates granted railroads by the Interstate Commerce Commission will cost Nebraska shippers \$20,000,000 a year.

A farmer near Murdock, Gus Wendt, threshed 12,000 bushels of wheat from a 300-acre field. He sold the grain for \$2.60 a bushel, \$31,200 all told.

Several sections of Gage county are reported infested with grasshoppers. They are confined to small areas, however, and have done but little damage.

Announcement has been made that Midland college, during its first year in Fremont, just closed, enrolled 637 students in all departments.

Farmers of Douglas county are aroused over the 100 per cent increase in farm land assessed valuation over that of 1916.

Minden's crack baseball team has disbanded because Kearney county dais repealed the law permitting Sunday games.

Several private airplane owners have made application to enter the Omaha-to-Crawford 473 mile air race September 16.

Conrad Schneider, founder of the village of Snyder and its mayor for 25 years, died the other day at the age of 75.

Twelve counties of central Nebraska were represented at a monster homecoming celebration at Mason City.

Grasshoppers and chinch bugs have damaged the second alfalfa crop around Superior, according to farmers.

J. Epsens, farmer near Bostwick, reports a wheat yield of 27 1/2 bushels to the acre.

Crop experts estimate that this year's wheat and corn crops will bring over \$500,000,000 to farmers of Nebraska.

A number of prominent coal dealers over the state have expressed themselves as believing the new freight rate, effective August 26, will boost the price of coal around \$2 per car.

One of the all-metal monoplanes, blurring the air mail route from coast-to-coast, was put out of commission when it crashed into a small dwelling at Omaha. Both plane and house were demolished.

A large oats field in the vicinity of Deshler averaged seventy bushels to the acre.

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Chris Hansen implement house and a building containing \$30,000 worth of implements and trucks at Hastings.

With Arthur and Perkins counties missing the total number of automobiles in Nebraska in April 1 was 178,820. At the present time, according to the state board of equalization, the total number of motor cars registered is 227,000.

Governor McKelvie has extended the reprieve of Grammer and Cole to September 10. On that date the prisoners are to be electrocuted in accordance with a sentence pronounced several years ago in Howard county and affirmed by the supreme court of Nebraska. The stay was issued for the reason that Grammer has a suit pending in the federal court at St. Paul, Minn.

Judge Dutton handed down an opinion at Nebraska City approving action of the Woodmen of the World in levying an increase in rates on all members as embodied in the schedule passed by the sovereign camp in 1913. Several Nebraska City members had petitioned the court to enjoin the organization from putting the increase into effect.

Explosion of a kerosene stove caused the fire which destroyed the Wagner farm home near York and which resulted in the death of Mrs. Wagner and her 16-year-old daughter, Meia. The young girl was burned to death in the house, while her mother died from injuries.

Western Nebraska counties proved to be the leaders in wheat production this year, Cheyenne leading all counties with a yield of 2,832,000 bushels and Scotts Bluff having the largest average yield per acre, twenty-eight bushels. The southeastern part of the state showed the second best yield.

Hall county citizens were severely shocked last week when Frank Tepper, farmer near Wood River, killed himself and his four-year-old son by slashing their throats with a razor. Poor health and financial difficulties are said to be responsible for Tepper's act.

Reports from several southeastern counties are that the sweet potato crop in the district will be almost a failure. Shortage of seed and unfavorable weather are the attributed causes.

Douglas county lands were sold for an average of \$207 an acre during the past year, the highest price in the state, according to figures used by the state board of equalization in determining assessment values.

The Holt county board of supervisors has asked the taxpayers to vote an additional 5-mill levy for bridge purposes if they desire safe bridges for hauling the immense hay and grain crops to market this fall.

Twenty-two issues of Nebraska bonds, amounting in all to \$348,187 have been purchased by the state of Nebraska as investments for its permanent school and other educational trust funds.

Increase in passenger rates effective August 26 will keep many civil war veterans from attending the national reunion in Indianapolis in September, veterans throughout the state declare.

The village board of Grant has decided to dispense with the old gasoline lighting plant and install a modern steam plant instead. The present plant is inadequate to meet increasing demands.

Nebraska officials are planning to enforce game laws this year more vigorously than ever before. A force of ten deputy wardens is being placed in the field to arrest violators.

The state railway commission at Lincoln is being flooded with complaints from coal dealers throughout Nebraska that the railroads are confiscating coal consigned to them.

After being several months without an official head, during which time its work was practically discontinued, the bureau of markets established under the code law is being reorganized.

A report of the examiners for the Woodmen of the World, fraternal organization, submitted to the state insurance department at Lincoln, shows the society in a flourishing condition.

Lincoln has inaugurated a campaign against automobile speeders as the result of numerous severe accidents lately. The city's police force is to be doubled in an effort to curb the menace.

In spite of the fact that hail damaged wheat severely around Arnold and Callaway and a greater part of southwestern Custer county the yield is turning out splendid.

A quarter section of land six miles southwest of Fremont, in Saunders county, was sold the other day for \$406.25 per acre.

A big baseball tournament is to be held at Howell August 19 to 22, with several fast teams entered.

Inability to secure material has resulted in a great deal of delay on paving work at Pierce.

Methodist churches of Nebraska will hold their annual state conference in Omaha September 8.

The campaign to raise \$100,000 for Midland college at Fremont, is progressing satisfactorily, it is reported.

The big Skinner packing plant at South Omaha, which has been closed for some time because of extended litigation involving its officers and stockholders, is to resume operation next month, it is planned.

The State Board of Control awarded contracts for the erection of a big dining hall and hospital addition at the institution for feeble-minded at Beatrice. The buildings will cost approximately \$100,000.

The Cornhusker highway between Fremont and Lincoln has been finished, and the road is now open to travel.

From 350 to 400 delegates from 264 posts from all parts of the state, are expected to attend the state convention of the American Legion to be held at Hastings, August 26, 27 and 28.

The best oat yield reported in the Hard; vicinity was eighty bushels to the acre, and the best barley yield fifty-eight bushels to the acre, both of which were produced on the farm owned and managed by Mrs. Edith Garvin.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By REV. P. B. FITZWATER, D. D., Teacher of English Bible in the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.) (Copyright, 1920, Western Newspaper Union.)

LESSON FOR AUGUST 22

DAVID'S PRAYER FOR PARDON.

LESSON TEXT—Ps. 51:1-17. GOLDEN TEXT—Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.—Ps. 51:2.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL—II Sam. 11. PRIMARY TOPIC—Asking God to Forgive Us. JUNIOR TOPIC—How David Obtained Forgiveness.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—What to Do When We Have Done Wrong.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Penitential Prayer in Christian Experience.

There can scarcely be any doubt but that the sin here meant is that which we studied last Sunday, namely, adultery and murder (see II Sam. 11 and 12). About a year had elapsed from the time of David's sin to his repentance. The Thirty-second Psalm graphically pictures David's state of soul during this time. It was a year of great soul-anguish; day and night he was lashed by a guilty conscience. In this psalm we see the path by which a guilty soul may return to God.

1. David's Cry for Pardon (vv. 1, 2). It is well to note his conception of God. He saw him as a God of mercy and loving kindness.

1. "Have mercy" (v. 1). He knew that justice would forever separate him from God. Because he saw the mercy and loving kindness of God, he did not sink down under his weight of gloom and despair. Because Judas Iscariot did not see God as a God of mercy he went out and hanged himself.

2. "Blot out my transgressions" (v. 1). He was fully conscious how many had been his acts of rebellion against God.

3. "Wash me from my iniquity" (v. 2). He knew that it was not enough to have God blot out his sin, for his very person was defiled. He knew that in order to be clean he must be washed thoroughly, and that by God himself.

4. "Cleanse me from my sin" (v. 2). He was not clear that washing would make him clean, so he pleads with God to make him clean by whatever process is needed. He was even willing for fire to be applied, just so he could be clean.

11. David's Confession (vv. 3-5). 1. "I acknowledge my transgressions" (v. 3). He now makes a clean breast of them—he would hold back nothing. There is no way to peace with God but by a full confession of sin. No half-hearted dealing with sin will avail.

2. "Against thee have I done this evil" (v. 4). All sin is vitally and really against God. All our wrongdoing with our fellows is against God, for such deeds violate his laws. To heighten all this guilt he remembers that it was done in God's sight, thus showing disrespect and contempt for him.

3. "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity" (v. 5). He confesses not only to these acts of sin, but that he is by very nature a sinner.

11. David's Cry for Deliverance (vv. 6-9). 1. "Make me to know wisdom" (v. 6). He asked God that instead of heart wickedness he might be taught by God himself in his inmost nature.

2. "Purge me with hyssop" (v. 7). David seems to see that in order to be cleansed there is need of applying atoning blood. His prayer soars aloft on the wings of faith to the supreme sin offering, Christ.

3. Restoration (vv. 8, 9). He not only wants pardon, but restoration to the divine favor in Jesus Christ.

IV. David's Cry for Purity of Heart (vv. 10-12). He realized that if his life was to be different, God must dispose his heart toward the right, so he cried for the Holy Spirit to not be taken away from him.

V. David's Vows (vv. 13-17). 1. To tell God's mercies to others (v. 13). The one who has experienced God's forgiveness at once desires to tell it to others.

2. To sing aloud of God's righteousness (v. 14). He saw that the application of God's mercy and loving kindness was on the ground of righteousness and justice. He had vowed to preach, now he vows to sing.

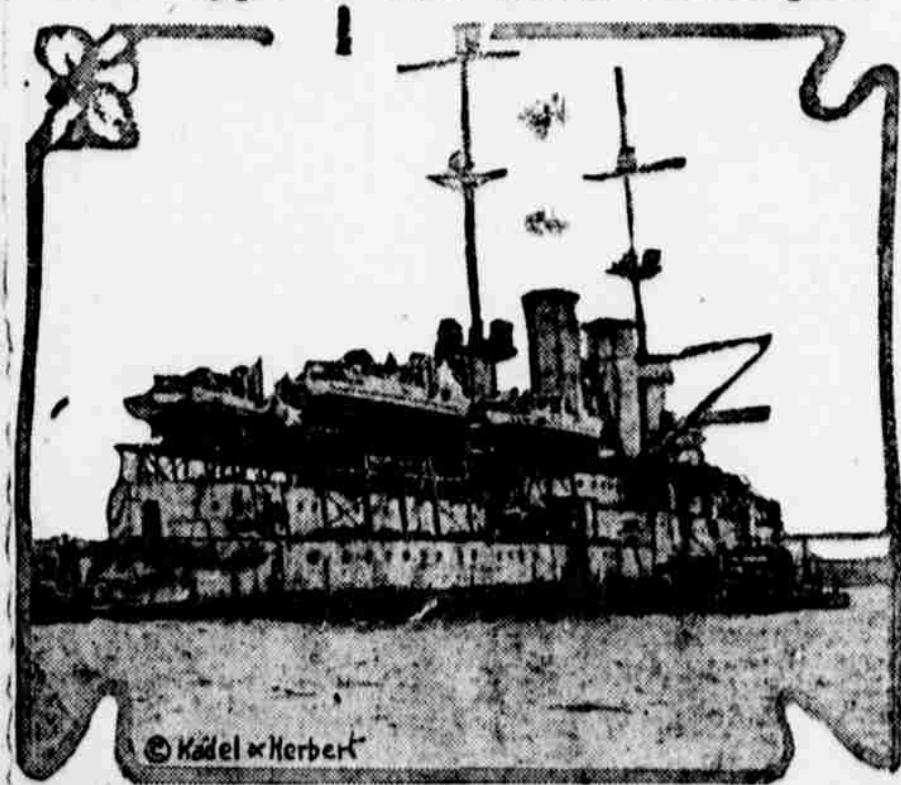
3. To show forth God's praise (v. 15). When the Lord opens a man's lips, then his lips shall sing his praises.

4. The reason assigned (vv. 16, 17). It is because the sinner has seen the supreme sacrifice, Christ, and with a contrite heart presents the merits of Christ Jesus, God's remedy for sin.

Mission of Every Christian. The nearer we approach to God in our spiritual life and fellowship, the larger our sympathies for humanity, and the more universal our ministry in the world. The mission of Christ is the mission of every Christian. He came and lived and died to save the world. The disciple is not better than his Master.—Anon.

An Invincible Armor. A habit of prayer and a sense of humor forge invincible armor.—Beth Bradford Gilchrist.

New Type of War Craft Developed



The latest development in war craft is that of a mother ship for mine layers that is also a battleship. It carries 12 small mine layers on specially-constructed steel beds. Huge cranes which lift the mine layers bodily out of the water are on both sides of the vessel.