

**BRITISH CAVALRY SWORD**

New Pattern Has Straight Blade to Facilitate Thrusting and Better Guard.

The pattern of the new British cavalry sword has been approved for manufacture. It differs from those of previous patterns chiefly in being fitted with a straight, tapering blade to facilitate thrusting. The guard is shaped to afford more protection on the left side, and the grip is formed to fit the hand, a recess for the thumb being cut in the back. The scabbard is a straight taper from end to end and made of steel. The weight of the sword is about two pounds, 14 ounces, and the scabbard one pound six ounces.

Historically the adoption of a thrusting sword is of interest as being a reversal of the sentimental policy of the seventeenth century, the period when, according to some of our most eminent authorities, the qualities of a fighting sword were best understood, arms having practically gone out of use and firearms being still very imperfect.

Such an authority as Capt. Button is understood to object to a sword specialized for thrusting, on the ground that it can cannot fight his way out of a crowd with it. It may, too, be objected that the sword is comparatively heavy, but that may be due to the British trooper's well-known predilection in favor of a certain amount of weight.—Pall Mall Gazette.

**That Treacherous Ice.**

Ice is now listed as "perishable" in the household of one young family man of Philadelphia. During the recent hot spell he arrived home at ten o'clock at night. His wife informed him that the supply of ice had melted and she was thirsty for cold lemonade.

Going to his club a few blocks away, the man got from the steward a fair-sized bit of ice, well wrapped and with a string by which to carry it home. As he turned to leave the bar a friend came along and invited him to have "just one." He did and returned the compliment. On the street he met another friend and had "one more," to which he also responded in kind. They were joined by two more friends and the party discussed the weather and many more "last drinks."

Suddenly remembering his errand he broke a burned candlelight around the house he had set at his feet near the last call and made his way home.

"Get it!" he said as he met his wife, "I told you to go all over town, but I got it," said he handing her the package.

Arriving to the kitchen she got ready the material for the lemonade for which she had waited so long while he cut the cord that held together—just a cushioned wad of paper that held water, the remains of the ice.

Now did he "regale" the story of "all over town," even though he brought more ice in a few minutes.

**America Has No "Pennies."**

Since the loss of the Lincoln mint there the treasury has taken action to remind the public that there is no such coin as the "penny." The "penny" is not, but it is popularly used, however, as the equivalent of "cents" or "dimes" and "quarters." They have decided to do away with the "penny" as the next step, as they are preparing to do away with the "nickel" and the "dime."

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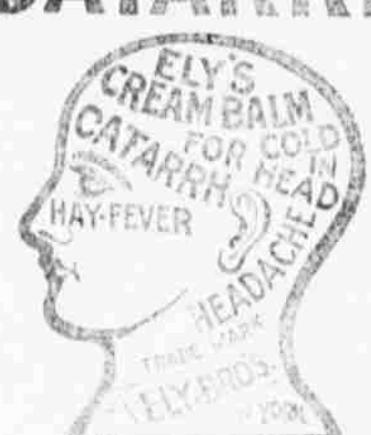
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