

MAY GIVE UP DRUM

FRENCH MINISTER OF WAR IS OUTSPOKEN.

Thinks Time of Soldiers Can Be More Profitably Employed Than in Beating Stretched Sheepskin, But Public May Differ.

For a generation the French ministry of war has intermittently threatened the drum—the pride, the symbol of glory, the solace and the epitome of the French army. Threatened lives live long and the drum is not dead yet. The latest threat is ominous, because it is indirect. The minister of war explains that the law of 1905 reducing the conscript's term of service to two years makes it more than ever necessary that the whole term should be given to military training proper, and consequently young drummers will not be placed in the hands of the drum majors till a year after they have joined the army, and then their practice must be conducted outside the hours of ordinary drill and training. The minister of war apparently believes that the drum will remain in only a few regiments where enthusiasts make it a point of regimental honor and tradition. And he desires this result quite honestly, because he does not think that even the veneration of the French people for the drum, which has throbbled through and above all the turmoil of their history, justifies its retention at the cost of making thousands of men simply drummers instead of soldiers.

Gibbon in his account of the capture of Constantinople remarks that the mechanical operation of sounds in quickening the circulation of the blood and the spirits has more effect on the human machine than all the eloquence of reason and of honor. The side-drum is not an instrument of music, but a marker of rhythm. But the kettle-drum is a subtle thing which has been more and more studied and employed since Beethoven virtually promoted it to be a solo instrument, and Berlioz wrote in its praise with enthusiasm. One of the inimitable sights of a military procession in London is the traditional flourish of a Life Guards' drummer as he plays the kettle-drums at the head of the regiment. The very action of the horse makes it seem that he, too, understands the dignity and the potent use of the instruments he hears. But here we speak not of kettle-drums, but of the plain, banging foot-soldier's drum, which has been associated with his triumphs and agonies through generations.

It is easy for an official to say that bugle-calls are much easier to distinguish than drum-calls; that learning to play the drum properly is an unconscionable waste of time; and that the French army drums are a Moloch which require the sacrifice of 25,000 good fighting men. Two divisions of infantry—it is a tremendous official argument. On the other hand, there are the exhilarating drum-taps which as they come down the street make the citizen forget argument and remember only that the skin of the French drum passed everywhere over the plains of Europe; that it was parched in Spain and shrunk in the rains of Pomerania, and was covered with snow in Russia; that it was the furious encourager of gallantry and the muffled mourner for the dead; that it was the table for sparse meals in bivouacs and the place of judgment at drum-head courts. The intellectual may say with Bordereau that the drum blisters his ears, or the cynic with Gen. Gallifet that drums at all events do not make so much noise as retired generals. But will the French people, and the French fantassins, part with their venerated symbol, with "The story of two hundred years writ on the parchment of a drum?"

Golden Age to Come.
Our ancestors have traveled the iron age; the golden age is before us.—St. Pierre.

Still Alive.
"And were her suitors desperate when she refused them?"
"Exceedingly. One of them threatened to leave the earth."
"And did he carry out the threat?"
"Yes."
"How sad!"
"Not at all. He simply went up in his airship. The second one told her that he would be beneath the waves in an hour."
"Gracious! And was the poor fellow drowned?"
"No, he was a lieutenant of a submarine boat."

Genius in Cookery.
The late George Gissing, in his "Private Papers of Henry Ryecroft," has an eloquent tribute to the potato. "Think of the said new potatoes. Our cook, when dressing them, puts into the saucepan a sprig of green mint. This is genius! Not otherwise could the flavor of the vegetable be so perfectly yet so delicately emphasized. The mint is there, and we know it, yet our palate knows only the young potato."

Where Much Lace is Made.
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Not for That Kind of Fire.
The Edmonton firemen are complaining about people sending in alarms from the new boxes by trying to post letters in them. A young fellow was noticed the other day gazing lovingly at a letter as he stood on the street corner. After fondling it for a moment, he went up to a fire alarm box and tried to get it inside. A passer-by, who had been watching him, however, intervened: "I know your heart's on fire," he observed, "but I think you had better use the box at the next corner."

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Often the Case.
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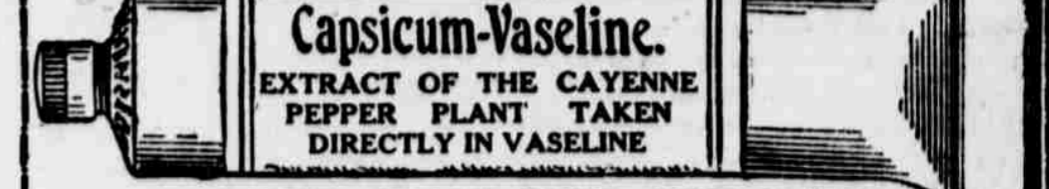
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