

THE WAGWORKER

By W. M. MAUPIN

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

The Right to the Land

The rioting in Roumania, with which the civil war began last month, grew out of the struggle of the peasantry for control of the land, a struggle similar to that now in progress in Russia and Ireland. Until 1864 the peasants of Roumania were serfs. The land was owned by the church, the monasteries and the noblemen. The peasants cultivated it, and paid a tithe of the product to the proprietors. They also had grazing and fuel rights in the pastures and forests of the proprietors. When, in 1864, the law was passed for the emancipation of the serfs by the distribution of the land among them, the fuel and grazing rights were extinguished, and the peasants, although each household received title to from seven to fifteen acres on easy terms of payment, had to continue to work for the old proprietors to get money to pay for their fuel. They were soon at the mercy of money-lenders, who exacted usurious rates of interest. Many attempts to improve their condition have been made, either by increasing the amount of land which they could own, or by the establishment of an agricultural bank to deliver them from the private money lenders, but these attempts have not been wholly successful, says Youth's Companion. Large tracts of land have been leased by syndicates and sublet to tenant farmers at high rates, and the taxes on the peasant owners have been heavy. As a result, great suffering has been caused among the sons and daughters of those who were serfs only a generation ago. The ignorance and improvidence of the peasants, combined with the oppressions of the money-lenders, have led to conditions which the peasants think can be relieved only by resort to violence. They have been wrought upon by designing politicians with disastrous results. The government has announced its purpose to remit some of the heaviest tax and to reform the land system.

Alexander Graham Bell, who one morning when he wasn't very busy invented the telephone, which has saved his fellow mortals thousands of steps and has enabled them to dodge creditors who called up to say they were coming, now asserts that it is only a matter of a very short time until we shall be able to airship to Europe in 20 hours. That has been the dream of man ever since he saw the first balloon ascension, but up to the present time no one has actually shown the world how, unless it is the Wright brothers, and thus far their invention is protected by a patent or a high board fence, which is just as annoying. Of course, if some one will just establish the principle and turn the inventors of the world loose on it, the machine will be here soon, ready to back up to your door and take you to Europe, Africa, Japan and all intermediate points, but as yet you must be content to go over on a liner, unless you get a chance to work your way on a cattle boat.

Through an appeal for funds to complete the restoration and repair of the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, in the parish of Dartmoor, England, an almost forgotten bit of history has been called to light. The church, standing on the rugged heights of that wild country which Blackmore made so familiar through "Lorna Doone," is the most elevated house of worship in all England, as the village in which it stands is the highest inhabited village in England, and the parish, which contains 60,000 acres of moor and heath and stream is the largest in England. But it is in its origin that the church is most interesting, says Youth's Companion. Built in the early years of the nineteenth century, the stones of which it is made were quarried and put in place by the labor of French and American prisoners of war held there in exile while Europe shook with the thunders of the Napoleonic wars. The graves of many of these exiles still cluster round the old church.

If Germany should make war on England, neither the uncle nor the nephew would be hurt. It would be the common people of both nations who would suffer. What a pity it is that those who make the quarrels cannot be made to be the only ones to fight, after the fashion of the old song, which would have no belligerent men abroad or weeping women at home.

It is announced now that Japan, which has just launched the 18,500-ton battleship Ari, is to build two 21,500-ton battleships with a metal discharge from their guns half as heavy again as the Dreadnought. Huh! Who's afraid?

The Irupi dance of the Babaka tribe of the Hood peninsula is performed by seven girls, who walk up and down, gracefully swinging a cord about three feet in length, to which a small netted bag is attached.

Wars That Curse and Wars That Enoble a Nation

By NEWELL DWIGHT HILLIS, D.D.



WARs for territory curse even the victor. Wars for liberty and justice react and ennoble nations. Progress does not ride forward on a powder cart. The leader whose light is a war torch and a blazing town is a devil leader, guiding his nation toward its decline and fall. Selfish wars and rulers create more problems than they solve.

A nation that feeds itself on war and its fruits is like a man who tries to satisfy his hunger by eating red-hot coals. To honor a leader who loves war for its own sake is enthroning a madman in a palace and a legislative hall. It was of an unselfish soldier that Isaiah said "his sword is dipped in heaven."

Two wars there are that ennoble nations. The first of these wars is fought for self-defense. The first law of the individual is the right of self-preservation that inspires the householder to oppose the burglar. Extending that law, many householders in a city have a right to preserve themselves through the police, that oppose a multitude of burglars and thieves of all kinds. Then the militia for the nation is simply the spirit of the republic, preserving itself and guarding the national home against the national assassin and traitor. Thus brave little Holland defended her homes against bloody Alva and that monster Philip the Second of Spain. These Spaniards were mere guerillas, cutthroats, political assassins, who heard that the Dutch burghers had made much money through their looms and trading ships. And the Spanish army went forth against Amsterdam and Leyden as Cortez went with firebrand and sword through the towns and cities of Mexico in his murderous thirst for gold and silver. That war reacted on Spain and ruined her. Beginning as the one first-class nation in the world, lo, Spain is to-day a tenth-rate power; while brave little Holland's war for self-existence reacted and turned her boys into heroes and made her the educator of Europe.

There is another war that ennoble the people that wages it. That is the war waged, not for self, but to secure liberty for the oppressed and downtrodden. The old knight that rode forth to right the wrongs of the poor and the weak returned a hero. He began a crude youth who was willing to lose his own life to secure liberty and happiness for others; he ended a man of oak and iron, all but idolized by the poor whom he had emancipated.

National Honor and Universal Peace

By ANDREW CARNEGIE.

De Bloch has developed impressively the consideration of the ruinous cost of war. It is tending to become so expensive that it will be impossible. But only now are we beginning to take to heart the truth that the part paid by the contestants is far from being the whole cost of war. The derangement and losses entailed upon the "disinterested" and innocent are enormous! We may be disinterested in the issues over which the conflict is joined, but we are vitally interested in the conflict. The rights of neutrals therefore are coming to be recognized as on a par with the rights of belligerents. We might be asked to guarantee a fair field and no favor to two nations who want to fight, if their fighting did not break our own windows and trample down our own gardens. But the world is getting to be like a workshop in which it is an impertinence and an outrage for two men to drop their tools and engage in a fisticuff and a scuffle to the distraction of the whole shop and the destruction of machines and of products upon them.

It is said that "honor" often requires resort to war. "Honor" requires nothing but uprightness.

"Honor" does not constrain a nation to be the judge of the correctness of its own opinion. Rather, it forbids this, and suggests that a disinterested tribunal be asked to pass on the question. Do we not all know how biased our judgment is likely to be by our interest, no matter how honest in intention and pure in desire we strive to be? It is so, by the necessities of nature, in international disputes. History is full of impressive lessons, not only of the fallibility of the arbitrament of war, but of the fact that nations have frequently realized in after years the error of the conviction for which they went to war. They were sure they were right, and in that surety they recklessly brought down upon two lands, and not only so, but upon all men, the sufferings of armed violence—and when it was all over they saw that they had been mistaken.

Painting "Whirlpool" Roosevelt

By BARON ROBERT DE DOBLHOFF, Painter of Portrait for Peace Temple at The Hague.

When the commission for painting a portrait of President Roosevelt for the Peace Temple at The Hague was given to me I did not in the least realize the importance of the undertaking.

The president was able to give me only three sittings. These were sufficient, but of the most unique character. I do not believe the executive head of your country sat still for more than a half hour altogether.

I caught the sketches, as it were, on the fly. Mr. Roosevelt walked up and down the studio, talking and listening every minute. With each change of conversation the change of expression was great. Mr. Roosevelt permitted me to sit in his office for several days while he was receiving guests. It was during this time that I decided on the expression to impart to the countenance, for I discovered that the president of the United States is a man of great force, kindness, shrewdness and tact.

President Roosevelt is by far the most interesting man I ever painted a portrait of. He is a living whirlpool of ideas and action. He is distinctly representative of the great American tenacity of nerve, of the high pressure, ever ready man of business. He is wholly American from head to toe, and had I been looking for a subject typical of the people I could not have found a better one.

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WORN TO A SKELETON.

A Wonderful Restoration Caused a Sensation in a Pennsylvania Town.

Mrs. Charles N. Preston, of Elkland, Pa., says: "Three years ago I found that my housework was becoming a burden. I tired easily, had no ambition and was fading fast. My complexion got yellow and I lost over 50 pounds. My thirst was terrible, and there was sugar in the kidney secretions. My doctor kept me on a strict diet, but as his medicine was not helping me, I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. They helped me at once, and soon all traces of sugar disappeared. I have regained my former weight and am perfectly well." Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.



QUEER KINDS OF CURRENCY.

China and Parts of Russia Have the Most Parts Unique.

Chinese money is traced back three thousand years before Christ. One emperor objected to copper coinage, gathered a whole issue together, buried it deep into the earth, and threw in on top the workmen employed in digging the pit. The pu and tao currencies were struck in the form of scraps of cloth of knives for barter, and were in existence from about the seventh to the second century before Christ. The commonest of Chinese money is the cash, a round metal disk with a square hole in the center; a thousand of these are worth barely 75 cents. One's cook in China goes to market with great strings of this heavy money round neck, shoulders, and waist, but even when weighed with as much as a strong man can carry, very little of our money is represented. On the Russo-Chinese borders green tea pressed into bricks has been the money of the country for a thousand years.—Sunday Magazine.

Yale University Wealthy.

According to the Yale Alumni Weekly, the property of the university in New Haven which is exempt from taxation, is appraised at \$9,431,150, an increase of \$255,000 over the appraised tax exemptions of last year, though this increase does not necessarily represent actual additional values subtracted from the New Haven grand list. Of the total exemptions about \$1,370,000 belongs to the Sheffield Scientific School. The old campus, as land, is valued at \$1,033,400, and the buildings on this campus at \$2,433,500. The appraisals are high on many of the buildings, as compared to actual cost. The valuations are placed, and as they are exemptions there has been no occasion to appeal for their reduction.

An Accommodating Peg.

One of the disadvantages of modern shoe-making machinery is that the peg won't fit itself into the hole. Time was, according to Mayor E. F. Brown, of Marlboro, Mass., when it was much more accommodating. "One day," he recently informed the Boot and Shoe club, "my father, a pioneer in the business, hit the peg and it flew up. What happened? Probably you won't believe me, but it's a fact all the same. The peg hit the ceiling, came down exactly into the hole and was driven in. But, you know," added Mayor Brown, with a smile, "we don't peg shoes that way nowadays."

Chilean Editor in America. Senior Carlos Silva, of Santiago, editor of El Mercurio, the oldest daily newspaper in the republic of Chile, is visiting this country for the first time, and is accompanied by his wife. He is at present in Washington.

Working for Christian Endeavor. Dr. Francis E. Clark, of the Christian Endeavor society, is visiting the West Indies, Panama and South American republics in the interest of that organization.

The people of Colorado are so confident that publicity pays large dividends that they are going to spend a fund in advertising the state's resources.

Some people, after expressing the wish to do unto others as they would have others do unto them, let it go at that.

Pretty Lamp Shade.

A pretty lamp shade can be made with wire net interlaced with gold cord and beads. It is necessary to cut the net in circular shape, making an opening to go over the lamp chimney. The disk must be cut so as to form a funnel shape when fastened together. With gold thread run the threaded needle through the net mesh, placing a bead on each stitch, and form a short fringe of small beads in bright colors around the bottom of the shade. When completed, finish the top with a row of big round beads. It will be necessary to run heavy wires across the top to prevent the shade from touching the chimney.

Apple Omelet.

This makes a nice accompaniment to roast pork or broiled spare-rib. Pare and core six or eight large cooking apples; stew in preserving pan till quite soft. Mash, add one cupful of sugar, an ounce of butter, and seasoning of cinnamon. Let apples cool, put in beaten yolks of four eggs, and stir well together. Beat the whites to a stiff froth, add to the mixture, pour all into a shallow pudding basin, and put into hot oven to brown.

BOY HAD NOT UNDERSTOOD.

Pretty Phrase That Was Most Woefully Misunderstood.

That the effect of a choice and appropriate phrase is sometimes lost and oftentimes woefully misinterpreted is well illustrated in an incident connected with the death of a Virginia lawyer.

During the man's illness the wires were disconnected which attached the bell to the old-fashioned pull knob on the front door.

A messenger boy came to the house one morning and began pulling at the bell. There was no response. He continued to jerk the ancient knob vigorously. A white-haired gentleman finally appeared, who raised his hand warningly and said:

"My boy, the silver cord has been severed."

"Is that so?" exploded the boy. "From the way it acted I thought the whole darn thing was busted."—N. Y. Times.

ITCHING RASH 18 YEARS.

Girl's Rash Spread and Grew Worse Under Specialist's Care—Perfect Cure by Cuticura Remedies.

"When my daughter was a baby she had a breaking out behind the ears. The doctor said that she would outgrow it, and it did get somewhat better until she was about fifteen years old, and after that she could get nothing that would drive it away. She was always applying something in the way of salves. It troubled her behind the knees, opposite the elbows, back of the neck and ears, under the chin, and then it got on the face. That was about three years ago. She took treatment with a specialist and seemed to get worse all the time. We were then advised to try the Cuticura Remedies, and now I don't see any breaking out. M. Curley, 11-19 Sixteenth St., Bay City, Mich., May 20, 1906."

Shoemaker's Last.

The following is taken from a handbill issued by a provincial bootmaker: "The shoemaker is a man of great learning. He is a doctor as well as a surgeon, for he not only heels but performs many cutting operations. He is a fishmonger, for he sells soles and heels. He is a schoolmaster, for he gives good understanding. He is a good speaker, for he always works the thread of his argument, waxes warm to his subject, and holds all to the last."

To improve the general health, take Garfield Tea daily for a time; it purifies the blood, eradicates rheumatism and many chronic ailments, and keeps the health good. Garfield Tea is made of herbs; it is guaranteed under the Pure Food and Drug Law. Garfield Tea Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.

His Classification.

"Oh, I don't intend to be scrupulous about the way I get on," said the young lawyer, who thought himself the greatest ever. "I frankly intend to rent out my head to anybody who wants to make use of it." "Then, if you advertise it," replied his cynical friend, "they'll put you under the heading of Empty Flats."

There are always 4,000,000 people at sea.

Any woman can make a dollar go so far that her husband will never see it again.

Tired Nervous Women Make Unhappy Homes



MRS. NELLIE MAKHAM

A nervous irritable woman, often on the verge of hysterics, is a source of misery to everyone who comes under her influence, and unhappy and miserable herself. Such women not only drive husbands from home but are wholly unfit to govern children.

The ills of women act like a fire brand upon the nerves, consequently seven-tenths of the nervous prostration, nervous despondency, the "blues", sleeplessness, and nervous irritability of women arise from some organic derangement.

Do you experience fits of depression with restlessness alternating with extreme irritability? Do you suffer from pains in the abdominal region, headache, bearing-down pains, nervous dyspepsia, sleeplessness, and almost continually cross and snappy? If so, your nerves are in a shattered condition and you are threatened with nervous prostration.

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When You Want Pure White Lead, Get It

Probably there is no other article of commerce subjected to so much dulteration and misrepresentation as White Lead. Out of 18 brands of "White Lead" recently analyzed by the Government Agricultural Experiment Station of North Dakota, 5 contained absolutely no White Lead, 5 less than 15% of White Lead, and only 3 over 90% of White Lead.

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MRS. GEO. A. JAMES

I suffered so I did not care what became of me, and my family despaired of my recovery. Physicians failed to help me. I was urged to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I want to tell you that it has entirely cured me. I think it is the finest medicine on earth and I am recommending it to all my friends and acquaintances.

Mrs. Geo. A. James, a life long resident of Fredonia, N. Y., writes:—Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—

"I was in a terribly run down condition and had nervous prostration caused by female trouble, in fact I had not been well since my children were born. This condition worked on my nerves and I was irritable and miserable. I had tried many remedies without getting much help but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound brought me back to health and strength. It has also carried me safely through the Change of Life. I cannot too strongly recommend your medicine."

Mrs. Pinkham's Invitation to Women.

Women suffering from any form of female weakness are invited to communicate promptly with Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. From the symptoms given, the trouble may be located and the quickest and surest way of recovery advised. Out of her vast volume of experience in treating female ills Mrs. Pinkham probably has the very knowledge that will help your case. Her advice is free and always helpful.