

ARMY MASK HAS NEW FEATURES

Makes It Possible for Officers to Give Orders in Battle Without Removal.

Washington.—The chemical warfare service of the army has developed a new gas mask so constructed as to enable the wearer to carry on conversation while using it and thus making it possible for officers to give orders in battle without removing it. Such a mask will be of vital importance in troop operations, and the invention of the speaking device in this new type of mask is regarded by army experts as the greatest improvement in gas masks since the close of the World war. They regard it as the most nearly perfect device of its kind in the world.

Wearer Can Talk.

The new mask has a sort of diaphragm attachment somewhat similar in appearance to that used on phonographs. By means of it the wearer of the mask can carry on conversation with about 80 per cent of the efficiency of the average speaking voice. American experts had been trying to achieve the same result through a telephone attachment, but with the development of the diaphragm idea the attempt to arrange the mask so as to provide for telephone conversation has been abandoned. The diaphragm attachment is less cumbersome, not complex, and experiments conducted by the army have demonstrated that the human voice is reproduced efficiently through use of the new attachment.

The perfection of the new mask has reached the point where orders have been given for its production on a considerable scale at the Edgewood arsenal. The new mask embodies a number of other recent developments. It contains a new canister which, through the addition of new chemicals, not only protects the wearer against the ordinary gases used in chemical warfare but also against ammonia fumes and the deadly carbon monoxide. It is expected that this improvement will make the new mask invaluable to firemen in great cities, as well as to mine workers and those who are employed in the fumigation of vessels.

Other New Features.

There are also features embraced in the construction of the new "all-purpose" canister that lessen air resistance and reduce the distress of breathing to practically a negligible quantity. This improvement includes elimination of the nose and mouth pieces and has resulted in considerable reduction in the amount of charcoal used in the mask. The new mask likewise contains a device for passing dry air from the chemicals over the eyeglasses of the mask. This prevents collection of moisture and considerably improves the vision. A special arrangement also enables the chemical containing case to be carried under the arm instead of on the chest, as in other types of masks, and thus provides greater freedom in body movement of the wearer.

Experiments are also being conducted with chemicals that render cloth impervious to burning gases, but which will at the same time permit moisture from the human body to escape.

Whale Wrecks Big Fish-Pond When Caught

Vineyard Haven.—The fish pond of Allen and Ernest Flanders of Chilmark in Vineyard sound is a strong one, but it wasn't made for the purpose of impounding so big a sea going monster as a whale.

When the Flanders brothers went out to their traps they discovered that one of the animals of the kind that swallowed Jonah had practically wrecked their pond.

The lashing around of the mammal broke off several stakes, tore the netting so badly that it will take several days for repairs, and in addition released probably hundreds of pounds of fish from the pond.

The whale escaped and the brothers came in shore to tell the story and exhibit the torn netting as evidence that the big fellow had wrought the damage. The whale entered the traps through the opening which is eight feet wide.

Find Spectacles More Than 125 Years Old

Piqua, O.—Three pairs of spectacles, over 125 years old, have been discovered in the home of Mrs. O. R. Mullendorn. They were the property of her great-great-grandmother, Mrs. Jane Brown Patterson, who came with her husband, Robert Patterson, from Ireland to Piqua in 1818, where the two settled on a farm.

Two pairs of the eyeglasses are of German silver, while the third is of brass. Unlike most modern glasses, they serve only to magnify the object upon which they are focussed.

Mrs. Mullendorn still is occupying the farm upon which the Pattersons settled in 1818. It was purchased from the government.

Japs Importing Artificial Silk. Yokohama, Japan.—While Japan is the largest exporter of natural silk, she is importing artificial silk for her own purposes. Last year 134,000 pounds of this commodity was brought to this country from England, France and Switzerland.

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Legal Notices

AMOS P. SCRUGGS, Lawyer,
229 South 13th Street.
NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT
To Florence Peat, defendant.
You are hereby notified that on the second day of February, A. D. 1923, Handy Peat, as plaintiff, filed his petition against you in the District Court of Douglas County, Nebraska; the object and prayer of which is to obtain a divorce from you upon the grounds of cruelty and desertion.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 23rd day of July, A. D. 1923.
HANDY PEAT, Plaintiff.
Per A. P. SCRUGGS.
(41-6-5-23)

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION.
To Samuel E. Stacks, Non-resident Defendant:
You are hereby notified that on the 1st day of March, A. D. 1923, Alberta Stacks filed a petition against you in the District Court of Douglas County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which are to obtain divorce from you on the ground that you have been guilty of extreme cruelty toward the plaintiff without any fault on her part. You are required to answer said petition on or before Monday, July 2, 1923.

ALBERTA STACKS, Plaintiff.
Per H. J. PINKETT, Her Attorney.
41-6-5-1

NOAH W. WARE, ATTY. PETITION FOR ADOPTION.
In the County Court of Douglas County, Nebraska, in the Matter of the Adoption of Baby Harry, minor.
To the parents of said minor and all other persons interested in said matter:

You are hereby notified that on the 11th day of June 1923, a petition was filed in said court by Clarence Wilson and Lulu Wilson, husband and wife, residents of Douglas County, Nebraska, praying for the adoption of said minor. That a consent to said adoption was filed by Ada Kelley the legally appointed guardian of said minor. That the whereabouts of said minor's parents is unknown. That a hearing will be had on said petition for adoption before said court on the 18th day of July 1923, at 9 o'clock a. m. in the county court room of Douglas County, Nebraska, and that unless you appear at said time and place and contest said petition, the court may grant the prayer of said petition, whereby said minor shall be adopted by said Clarence Wilson and Lulu Wilson.

BRUCE CRAWFORD,
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EARTH'S SURFACE ADRIFT, BELIEF OF SCIENTISTS

Theories of German Savant Arouse New Controversy.

London.—An interesting controversy has been excited in British scientific circles by the remarkable theories of Prof. Alfred Wegener, a German, who declares that the earth's continents are drifting westward. His thesis is that the earth's continents are of lighter material, and float like icebergs on a heavier plastic material, which reaches its highest level at the bottom of the oceans.

This startling theory has been strongly criticized by P. Lake of the Royal Geographical society. By means of maps he showed the way in which Wegener has reconstructed the land surface of the globe. According to this reconstruction North America was once in physical contact with Europe; India fitted in between Africa and Australia and South America was brought into contact with Africa. Since then the continents have drifted away from one another into their present position.

Among a number of carefully reasoned criticisms, Mr. Lake pointed out that in order to meet his theory Wegener had flattened out the Himalayas in order to lengthen the peninsula of India, but he had not flattened out others of the world's mountains in a similar way. He also declared that the argument based on alleged correspondence in geological formation in the various continents would not hold good, because Wegener's geological facts were not accurate.

As an offset to Mr. Lake's views, a number of other British observers seem inclined to support Wegener's revolutionary theory.

Prof. J. Jolly of Trinity college, Dublin, writing in the current issue of Nature, thinks that Wegener is in error in working out the theory on the basis of a westerly drift of the continents. The theory, he says, grows in probability if an easterly drift is indicated.

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