stitutes about forty separate shipments

that are made daily-by train, motor truck and horse-drawn vehicles.

The bread is supplemented by bisults and rolls at breakfast and sup-

In the city itself the Americans found one of the largest refrigerating.

and ment storage warehouses in

France, and absorbed it last July,

though it was then many times larger

than their needs. Its capacity is close

to two million pounds, and while it

ply is never permitted to fall below

half a million pounds. There are more

Direct railroad lines lead not only

from the bakery and the refrigerating

plant to the camps but also from the

Several miles westward, at the low-

er apex of the triangle, lies another

French town which has been all but

bodily taken over by the Americans

as a storage center. Here non-perish-

able foods-canned goods, salt, sugar

One of the largest buildings which

seaports and the city.

ARMY SUPPLIES IN CHAIN OF CITIES

Three Towns Behind the Lines German, and having a capacity for in France Hold Great Stores.

BAKERY SYSTEM A FEATURE

Forty Shipments of White Bread Made Daily-All. Facilities Being Enlarged-One Town Is Storage Genter.

Behind the American Front in France.-Less spectacular than the continued arrival of American troops and their occupation of a definite front sector, yet in its way quite as important for their success, has been the steady development of the system of keeping them in the myriad supplies they must have.

Keeping pace with the increasing training camps there has grown up a storage, transportation and distribution system that not only accurately and efficiently supplies the needs of all our soldiers but is continually being enlarged against future needs. Neither troops nor supplies can come too fast for It.

The various functions of the system -bakery, refrigerating plant, warehouses for clothing, non-perishable foods and similar supplies, and the main distributing plant-are located for convenience sake in three towns or cities situated respectively at the three corners of an obtuse triangle, and near enough to the training camps and front so that supplies can reach the furthest points in 24 hours.

Bakery Is Great Industry.

No link in the chain between "a port in France" and the American front is, perhaps, more interesting than the bakeries.

The supplying of the American troops in France with white brend has become a great industry and is growing all the time. The few bakers originally here have grown into companies; the relatively small daily quantity of bread turned out in July has increased to scores of thousands of pounds, and entire shiploads of flour are arriving weekly and are being stored away in the Victoria Cross and he earned it. warehouses with capacity of millions of pounds as a reserve against the arrival of still more troops.

The American army first took pos- and he escaped without a scratch, alsession of a huge bakery in a central though the horses were shot from un-French city, formerly operated by a der him. And furthermore he deliv-

storing 1,500,000 pounds of flour, in addition to a not inconsiderable daily output of bread from its coke ovens.

Those making the arrangements knew that the time would soon come has at times been nearly full, the supwhen the city bakery would be inadequate, so they went outside of the city and leased from the French a tract than 600,000 pounds there now. of land consisting of several thousand acres, upon which the conventional military wooden shacks soon sprang up and where there is room for an indefinite number of additional field bakeries as the need may arise.

By the time the city bakery had reached its capacity the shacks were fully equipped with the very latest in baking machinery.

Spur tracks have been constructed and vegetables other than those bought out to the field from the city, and over fresh from the French peasants-are them carloads of bread leave each morning and afternoon for the training camps and the front.

the Americans have taken over is de-Each baking company has for some voted to equipment. Here are stored time been exceeding the limit of 30,000 many thousands of uniforms and evpounds a day and has been turning ery article of clothing from shoes and out from 33,000 to 35,000 pounds. The caps to buttons and handkerchiefs. men, 101 to a company, work in two 12- The needs of the troops is estimated hour shifts. Their product, chiefly at several pairs of shoes a year and great, round, hard-crusted loaves, con- three or four uniforms.



stored.

capes Without Scratch in Daring Mission.

Saved Battalion of British From

Extermination-Three Horses

Shot Under Him.

He is a Rajput from India and he is a

into what seemed almost certain death

GIVEN VICTORIA

is no prouder Indian in Great Britain or France than Lieutenant Singh. It is nothing unusual to see a soldier salute when he passes-just out of admiration. CROSS

Braves Barrage Fire.

battalion from extermination. There

It was at Cambral that he went through the bullet-swept areas to de-Delivers Messages Which Perhaps liver his precious messages. The officor in command of his battalion felt At imperative to send word to the general staff, and volunteers were asked for. There was no other way to communi-London.-Lieut, Gobind Singh has

services. He mounted a horse and fared forth into No Man's Land. Five others had volunteered and been killed brave man. Three times he dashed in the rain of machine gun bullets from the German lines, but a few hundred yards away. Singh galloped at full speed into the region of death. He is a skillful rider and his charger was experienced. A short distance away his horse fell under him. The Indian fin-

body glued to that animal he plunged



Chicken Thief Had Consideration for His Captor SUITABLE HOUSE FOR FOWLS

FEE

COLD?

WASHINGTON .- Cliff Lanham, chairman of local exemption board No. 5, had an exciting experience the other night, and the thoughts of the parlicipants therein are herewith presented for future examination by psychoenalysts; Lanham was slumbering

seacefully that morning. Awakened he istened with that intentness one usuilly manifests on such occasions. His ceen ear detected sounds out in the ched in his back yard.

Jumping out of bed, Cliff grabbed his trusty 32 howitzer and made downstairs for the kitchen door. It was one of the cold nights, but

"liff plunged forth, regardless, Pajamas and bare feet make for speed. He was into the shed before the thief was

"Hands up!" cried Lanham, addressing his remarks to the dusky figure en in the dusky shed,

- But the dusky figure started to flee instead.

Lanham soon had the fellow at his mercy and haled him out into the light of the moon.

And he marched the chicken thief out of the back yard and down the alley to the corner of Thirteenth and G streets southeast, where he put in a call for a patrol wagon.

While standing there on the corner, Lanham says, he kept thinking all the time just one big thought.

Finally he gave that thought voice. "Are you registered in the draft?" he asked the negro.

- The captive shifted nervously. "No, boss, I is too young," he replied. There was another long silence.
- Now we investigate the train of thought of the colored man. "Say, boss," that Individual said, turning to Lanham,
- "Well?" answered Lanham. "What do you want?"

The colored man looked down at the pavement. And then: "Boss, ain't

yo' feet cold?"

After All, What Was There for the "Jedge" to Do? BIG real estate man-"blg" stands for business-called on an old tenant A sho was behind in her rent. He was welcomed with affable apologies

> all but the las' dollah, an' as soon as I c'n riz it I'm a-comin' righter 'roun-I cert'n'y Is."

"Look here, aunty. I don't want to see you turned out in weather like this. I know how good you used to be to that old man of yours after he got crippled up-and what a lot of honest hard work you have done in your time -I wish I had as clean a record. Suppose I give you that dollar. Will you come to the office and pay up?" Aunty was beamingly sure. So the

"jedge" gave her the money-Lord love-and went his way. The next morning the old lady failed to show up. She was among those absent the day after. And the day after that. And on the morning after that a righteously wrathful "jedge" repeated his visit.

"Thought you were coming to pay that rent?"

Why, good mawnin', jedge! It cert'n'y is curus for you to come heah jes' as I was a steddyin' ti comer roun' t' yoh office wif my rent money-I got it all t'guther cepn' the las' dollah-"Didn't I give you that dollar?" "Deed you dld, jedge, honey. You cert'n'y did gimme that dollah-an' it come in mouty handy, too-iffin I hadn't had it when that ooman comer stawmpin' in on me to pay her the las' dollah I owed her for my ree-gale-yer I could'n't a-turned aut yesty with the Sisters of the Galillean Fishmen an' rid in a hack. You e'n go to pahlor socials, any way you wants to, but when you rides to buryin's you got to weah a pupple silk ap'n boun' 'roun' wif white an' a collah to match. The s'lety I b'longs to pays sick bene-fits an' 'sesses you eve'y time you dies, so you c'n have a chu'ch suvvice wif fo' hacks free an' a wreaf of any kinder flowers yo' mo'ners calls for. But I got mah wash money comin' to me t'night, an' iffin the madam pays me I cert'n'y am gwine take that dollah an' pay mah rent-----It isn't in the story what the "jedge" did, but as the old tenant kept her chip of a house up in Blank alley one might guess.

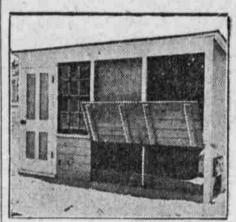


Hens Should Be Comfortable, With Fioor Space of 3 or 4 Square Feet for Each Bird.

(Prepared by the United States Depart-ment of Agriculture.) The poultry flock should be comfort-

ably but not expensively housed. A house which provides a floor space of 3 or 4 square feet per bird is ample forthe purpose, and fowls are often successfully kept with an allowance no greater than 21% to 3 square feet. Houses must be dry and free from draft, but must allow ventilation. Often there is an unused shed or small building on the place which can easily be converted into a chicken house. The tront of the poultry house should be faced toward the south, if possible, so that the sun will shine into it. Perfectly satisfactory houses can be made cheaply from plano boxes or other packing cases. Two plano boxes with the backs removed can be nailed together and a door cut in the end. These boxes should be covered with a roofing paper in order to keep the house dry and to make it wind-proof. A portion of the door should be left open or covered with a piece of muslin, so as to allow ventilation. Similar houses can be constructed of packing cases at a relatively small cost. A small amount of 2 by 4 or 2 by 3 lumber can be purchased for framing. The box boards can be applied for siding or sheathing and then covered with roofing paper. Where there is a board fence it is sometimes possible to take advantage of this by building the poultry house in the corner of the fence, and making the fence itself, with the cracks covered by strips or battened, serve as the back and one side of the house.

A cheap house 8 by 8 feet square can be made by 2 by 4-inch pieces and 12inch boards. The 2 by 4 pieces are used for sills, plates, corner posts, and three rafters. No studding is required except that necessary to frame the





cate. Lieutenant Singh offered his

ished his trip of 600 yards afoot.

The message required a reply and he olunteered to deliver it. He sallied forth on another horse and with his

So Lanham let go his revolver and grappled with the intruder. "Now you come along with me," said Lanham.



LONDON AMBULANCE GIRLS FULLY EQUIPPED

To protect them from any possible danger from air raids the L. C. C. ambulance girls of London have been completely outfitted, even with shrapnel helmets. These energetic war workers can be seen hurrying throughout London during air raids to aid those who might be victims of the deadly Teuton bombs.

ahead with the machine gun fire again playing on him. A second time his horse was killed. He finished this journey also on foot running as swiftly as his trained legs could carry him. His colleagues cheered him as he dropped into the friendly trench and all agreed that he led a charmed life.

Makes Third Trip.

But his task was not finished. His officer found that if one more message could be sent to the staff the battalion might be rescued. Singh said he would go a third time. The officers offered him his choice of horses and he selected a splendid animal, which he caressed before undertaking the last and most dangerous dash of all. The distance he had to ge was a mile and a half. He covered almost half the distance and heard not a shot. But instantly a barrage started from the German guns. A British sentinel in a shell hole warned him to pause, saying no human being could get through the curtain of shell fire allve. But Singh ignored the warning. He spurred his horse to new speed, A shell struck the animal and almost tore it to pieces, Singh dropped to the ground and half crawling and half dragging himself he finished his perilous journey without receiving a bullet wound. To the astonishment of the officers who had watched with breathless excitement his plunge through the shadow of death the Indian asked if he were to make a return trip. He was told it was not necessary. A short time later, due to the order he had delivered, his battalion was rescued from a most dangerous position.

Peculiar Thrill Went With Shopping Expedition

WOMAN in a raincoat was buying gloves. The customer next wore finery which implied a chauffeur at the curb. Both had umbrellas that fraternized, side by side, regardless of the abysmal canyon that divides mercerized rubber from seal-and both were buying gloves.

When her package was tucked under from the weather, Raincoat went outside, raised her gloria, and-

Down showered gloves, sllk stockings, a nifty neckpiece and a silvermeshed bag.

You might suppose a showdown like that would have raised a mob, but there wasn't an Argus-eye in sightthanks to the storm and to the fact that this is a true happening instead

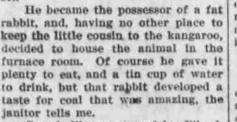
of dramatic fiction. So Raincoat fished up her sloppy loot, waded back to the store with the stuff held at arm-length to avoid the circumstantial-evidence appearance of what a soulless law calls being caught in the act, and went into executive session with a floor walker.

But the loot-lady who had planted her swag in the wrong cache had gone into the unknown and carried her freedom along. And that was all there was to it, except that Raincoat went home excitedly elated because for the first time in all her decades she had come in touch with crime.

Remarkable Appetite Is That of Washington Rabbit

NEW use for coal has been discovered by the janitor of a Washington A apartment house. Whether notice of the discovery should be sent to Secretary McAdoo or to Herbert Hoover I leave to the reader to decide. This

colored man feeds soft coal to his rabblt.



Sounds like a nature fake, I'll admit, but I saw that rabbit, and it sure

did look as if it were eating the coal, and enjoying it. It is the dirtiest rabbit in the world, too. But, irrespective of the coal in its little inside, it is literally playing with fire, and is liable to meet its fate any day.

You see, the furnace is warm, and the rabbit wanders in through the draft door, every now and then, to investigate things.

Little does it know that any moment a cruel coal may drop upon its back I told the janitar about it; but he said:

"Deed, boss, dat rabbit cuts fire, he do."

Good Type of Poultry House.

door and window space. The boards. are run up and down and add sufficient stiffness to the house. They are used also for the roof and covered with roofing paper. The back and sides of the house also can be covered with roofing paper, or the cracks can be covered with wooden' battens or strips 11/2 to 3 inches wide. In the front of the house there should be left a window or opening which can be closed, when desired, by a muslin screen or curtain which serves as a protection. against bad weather but allows ventilation. In the side a door should ba provided which will allow entrance. A shed or single-slope roof is best because easiest to build. A height of 6 feet in front and 4 feet in the rear is" ample. If desired, the house may be built higher, so that it is more convenient to work in; the increase in cost will be slight. The ventiliator in the rear is not needed in the northern part of the country, but is desirable in the South, where summers are very warm. Such a house would be ample for a flock of 20 to 25 hens. It can be built quickly and easily and is cheap in construction.

INSURE CHICKENS AND EGGS

Farmer Who Hatches Early in Spring. Seems to Have Best of Argument -Lay in Winter.

An essential part of the endeavor to insure more chickens and eggs is contained in the maxim-hatch early. The farmer who hatches early in the spring. either by incubation or natural methods, seems to have all the best of the argument. When chickens are hatched early in the spring they mature in the fall and lay eggs in the winter. Then, in the spring, they are ready to hatch early. Late-hatched fowls are late in maturing, do not lay in the winter, and do not sit until late in the following spring.

Don't Breed Slackers.

Do not breed from slackers whether they are poor layers or those which. are inactive, go to roost early, come off the roost late.

Basis of Feed.

Bran and corn should be the basis of poultry feed in consideration of present prices.

Food for Chicks.

In order for chicks to grow the best it is desirable to have food of some kind before thom all the time.

NEW AIRPLANE BULLET

Washington .- The war department | bullet in daylight as well us in darkauthorizes the following:

The present war brought forth a new kind of ammunition for airplane troduced, use in the form of special cartridges containing bullets for armor-plercing, tracing, and incendiary purposes.

With the progress of the war the more vital parts of the airplane were protected with light armor, so that it became necessary to introduce the armor-piercing bullet.

As the gasoline tanks were particularly susceptible to incendiary explosion, it was necessary to procure a bullet containing an inflammable substance, ignited upon discharge, which would carry the spark of flame into the tank upon piercing it.

As the target, the enemy airplane, was within fighting range for only phere and when fired on land. brief moments at a time, and as there were no means of determining the fire effect as on land, a tracer bullet con- cartridges with a performance fully taining a bright-burning composition, which would indicate the path of the abroad.

ness, and thereby allow the aim of the machine gun to be corrected, was in-

At the outbreak of the war, further information was promptly gathered from the alltes and this subject was studied by those responsible for this work in the United States, Of course, on account of the difficulties of the problem, none of the special bullets possessed by any country is entirely satisfactory or what might be termed "perfect" in operation.

The bullets developed by the United States ordnance department have been tested on land and from airplanes to see if there is any difference in their performance when fired from a quickly moving airplane in the upper atmos-

These tests indicate that the United States has developed a class of special equal to or surpassing that attained

AUSTRIAN FOR AMERICA FIRST, LAST-ALWAYS

Greensburg, Pa .--- Peter Dorzuk, an Austrian shoemaker, is for America first, last and all the time. He was sent back from Camp Lee because of physical disability.

Before going to camp Dorzuk invested all his savings, amounting to several thousands of dollars, in Liberty bonds. He also made a will bequeathing "any and all properties or money or whatsoever of value I may have or possess at the time of my death to the United States government."

"2 Helmet der Kaiser." Columbus, O .- A unlque sign has

been tacked above the counting room door in State Auditor Donahey's suite. It bears the numeral "2," then a picture of a helmet, and then the words "der kaiser," reading "2 helmet der kaiser."