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No Belieged City Need Starve—Paris
Has Stored Enormous Quantities of
Them, Enough to Feed the City
Eighteen Months.

HAT greatest ter-
ror of war, a starv-
ing garrison and a
starving town, sur-
rounded by a hos-
tile camp, yet able
to see far-off fields
of grain and plenty,
could not be re-
peated in this age
of canned goods,
meats, vegetables,

puddings and fruits, all incased in tiny
jars or boxes of tin.

It used to be easy to beleague a city
and starve it into submission with
hardly an ounce of shot, for it was a
foregone conclusion that if all avenues
of food supply were shut off only a few
weeks would elapse before both garrison
and citizens would have to capitulate,
though they might eat rattlesnake and
horseflesh first. But now, so cleverly are
provisions compressed and packed
away into tins, and so long will even
the foods that most usually spoil quick-
ly keep—for years in most cases—that
no city or town could be starved out if
it only had a chance to provision itself
properly.

The city of Paris has stored away
hundreds of thousands of packages con-
taining canned and compressed food
enough to supply the entire population
for at least eighteen months. This out-
fit of canned food is not permitted to
be touched, though at times it is tested
to see that it still remains unspoiled.

Other cities in Europe have built up
stores along much the same lines,
though Paris has by far the most im-
portant assortment of canned food held
in reserve.

Outside of these preparations the
manufacture of canned articles has
grown to be something enormous, espe-
cially in meats and vegetables. In
many cases the canned goods seem to
be actually preferred to the original
products. Nearly every wise housekeeper
nowadays emulates Paris in a small
way, for she keeps on her shelves any
number of these little boxes and thus
finds herself always ready for any
emergency should company suddenly
drop in or the butcher or grocer fail to
turn up.

It is really surprising the variety of
things to eat that are put into cans. As
a matter of fact one can live, and live
comfortably, on canned foods alone. "I
can stock your house," said a big whole-
sale grocer to a World reporter, "so
that you need not make another pur-
chase of food for five years, and you
shall have every day a perfect dinner
of soup and fish, entrees, roasts, fruits,
pudding, cheese and coffee, all canned
goods."

Canned goods, though, have proved
themselves of the greatest value to
travelers from the fact that an enor-
mous amount of nourishment can be
carried in an exceedingly small com-
pass. The Arctic explorers first found
out the value of canned meats and vege-
tables, and in this way were able to
travel with less hardship and to do things
which would have been impossible had
it been necessary for them to depend
upon food in its original form.

When the Greely expedition went
away in 1881 a large quantity of pem-
mican was put on board. A large part
of it was not consumed on the trip, and
on the return of the explorers it was
sent back to the firm from which it was
bought. When the Peary expedition
was being fitted out ten years later and
the same firm was doing the providing,
they opened sample cases of this pem-
mican and found it to be in as good
condition as if fresh made. So it was
sent out with Peary, and on that explor-
er's return to New York what was left
proved to be as good and as nourishing
as it had been in 1881.

No expedition of recent date has
plunged into the Dark Continent with-
out being well equipped with tin boxes
of all sizes and varieties. It is said that
there is no desert plateau in any part
of the earth where one is not liable to
run across an empty beef can.

Transatlantic steamers and sailing
ships about to start out on long voy-
ages use these goods in great quantities
because they keep so well and because
they can be stored so easily. When pre-
pared by a skillful cook it is impos-
sible for the diner to distinguish be-
tween fresh meats and vegetables and
those that are canned.

Quarried Woman Tennis Champion.

The woman tennis champion of New
Zealand is one-armed. She is Miss
Hilda Maule Hitchings. Her arm is
the left one. In three fingers she holds
the racquet, and between the remaining
finger and the thumb she grasps the
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sults in a fast, low service, which is
anything but easy to take. Besides her
ability at tennis the New Zealand
champion is noted for her dexterity in
everything she undertakes, and espe-
cially with her needle.

Slang Dictionaries.

There are plenty of dictionaries of
French slang in existence, in which a
slang word is explained in good French,
and the first dictionary in which the
slang equivalents for good French
words are given is to be published in
Paris. It is needed apparently by the
writers of stories.

Faith.

The time has come when a man
must be ready to show reasons for the
faith that is in him if he expects others
to accept it.—Rev. Dr. MacAfee

CANADA'S PHOSPHATE MINES.

A Collapse in the Industry Caused by
the Competition of Florida.

The phosphate mining interests of
Canada are in a state of utter collapse
at present, and to remedy this state of
affairs the Canadian Mining association,
which meets in Quebec, proposes to en-
deavor to induce the Dominion and pro-
vincial governments to introduce the
general use of phosphate fertilizers on
Canadian farms through the agency of
the experimental farms, says a Quebec
special. As an illustration of the stagna-
tion of this branch of mining, it may
be mentioned that three years ago 3,900
men were employed in phosphate min-
ing in Ottawa county alone, while to-
day not three-score men are thus en-
gaged. The cause of the collapse is the
competition in the English markets of
the phosphates of Algiers and the high-
grade product of Florida, which can be
worked and marketed much more
cheaply. The mining men point out
that lands in Georgia have advanced
in price from \$3 to \$30 an acre through
the use of fertilizers. Many, in fact,
most, of the farms of Quebec have been
exhausted by the wasteful and unscien-
tific farming of the habitants, and so
the necessity of doing something to
improve their farming methods, and
thus relieve the phosphate miners, will
be pressed upon the government. Phos-
phate was mined extensively in Canada
until recently. The principal mines
were in Ottawa county, and the output
averaged from 20,000 to 25,000 tons. The
higher grades were shipped to Europe
and the lower found a market in the
United States. The large profits led
to the opening of new mines, and consid-
erably of a boom took place. The excitement
culminated in the formation of the
General Phosphate Corporation, Limited,
with a capital of \$1,000,000, and 2,500
acres were acquired in Ottawa county
at an outlay of \$90,000. High-salaried and inexperienced men
were engaged both in London and at
the mines. Then followed the develop-
ment of high-grade phosphates in Flor-
ida and the flooding of the European
markets, therewith caused a big drop in
the price of Canadian phosphates. The
mines were compelled to suspend or re-
duce operations, and the shipments fell
from 20,000 tons in 1889 to 5,000 tons in
1894. This year there is practically nothing
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