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HOW MOUNTAINS ARE FORMED

Earth Crumples Up and Makes Great Hills Where Plains Once Lay.
In the region now occupied by the Wasatch mountains a number of parallel faults were developed close together and the broken pieces of the earth's crust between them were pushed up, the rocks on one side of each crack riding up over those on the other side until a great mountain range was formed where once lay a plain. During the long period of slow earth movement which made these mountains, flat-lying parallel beds of rock were locally turned on edge, crumpled up and folded in a wonderfully intricate manner. These upturned and crumpled rocks are well exposed in Ogden canyon. The west face of the Wasatch range is believed to mark a plain of a normal fault at a nearly vertical crack in the earth's crust. The rocks on the east side of which went down. The forces which have raised these mountains are still active, for movement along this fault has disturbed the surface recently.—United States Geological Survey.

Method of Locating Guns.
Science has discovered that gunfire affects the earth's surface much as an earthquake, so it is not surprising to learn that guns are being located by the seismograph—the delicate little instrument which records terrestrial tremors. An Austrian authority on the subject of earthquake disturbances announces that the seismograph can record the position of hostile artillery as well as the caliber of the guns.

In a fairly recent engagement between Italian and Austrian troops on the Isonzo, the tremors induced by the heavy cannonade were only registered by the apparatus, and the operator was able to detect, by means of diagrams of artificial movements of the ground, the difference between the shocks produced by the fall of projectiles and those caused by the recoil of the guns. Moreover, the form of the tracings revealed to the practiced eye the number as well as the caliber of the latter.—Popular Science Monthly.

The Test.
Mrs. Gungg (with a reputation)—Doctor, I fear my husband's mind is affected. Is there any sure test?
Doctor—Tell him that you'll never speak to him again. If he laughs he's sane.—Boston Transcript.

Does Coffee Disagree?

Many are not aware of the ill effects of coffee drinking until a bilious attack, frequent headaches, nervousness, or some other ailment starts them thinking.

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Small Bank vs. Branch Bank.

By H. V. Cann In August Century.
Years ago there used to be discussions of the relative merits of single independent banks and branch banks. The uninformed contended that a community bank was better than the branch of a large institution. Those who are experienced in both kinds of banking do not doubt the superiority of the branch system that for more than 200 years has been tried under every conceivable condition. It grows in usefulness and strength everywhere. In fact, in every important country except the United States the day of the small bank is almost ended. During this generation the private bankers and small banks in Great Britain have gradually merged with large institutions until there are now only about half as many as there were 20 years ago. The present number is 73, with 9,100 branches. The branches have doubled in number during the same period, and there is one for about every 600 people. One bank operates 1,000 branches, several have over 500 branches, and all except the Bank of England have over 100. The same tendency is observed on the continent and in Canada; the process of amalgamation, the gradual decline of the small banks, has left only about half the number that were doing business 25 years ago. The 22 head offices in the dominion operate 3,000 branches there and 75 elsewhere. Competition has given the Canadians a bank office for about each 2,000 people. Here the national and state institutions combine, showing an average of one for each 4,000 inhabitants. The state banks furnish some examples in a small way of efficient branch bank service.

Sir Douglas Haig.
Alfred Gardiner in Century.
"I have seen Sir Douglas Haig described as 'a rough hewn soldier,' who, like Kleber, makes you feel brave to look at him. If you meet him with that picture in your mind you have a shock of surprise. It is true that his bearing is gallant and soldierly, and that he conveys the sense of a man entirely master of himself and of his task. He is one of the youngest generals in the British army, but he is young looking even for his years. This suggestion of youth is due not only to the rapid movements of the head, broad forehead, but more definitely to the smooth, untroubled face. In profile it slants forward from the retreating brow to the adventurous nose and the big, strong chin. Seen in front the face is square and massive, the mouth broad and decisive, the blue gray eyes are calm and direct.

"But in his manner, speech and habit of mind there is no trace of the 'rough hewn soldier.' He is as remote as anything that can be imagined from suggesting the hard, merciless features of the typical Prussian, Mackensen or Falkenhayn, for example. Despite his uniform, he suggested Oxford more than the barracks room, and one feels that he would be charming and reassuring by the bedside, whether the doctor or the doctor's friend. He irradiates a certain atmosphere of what I may call benevolent alertness. He wins one's confidence by the obvious sincerity and candor of his speech, is tolerant of a contrary opinion and listens with respect to anything that deserves respect.

"But overemphasis, cocksureness, dogmatism have short shrift from him. It is not that he rebukes them by word, but that he makes them seem false and crude by contrast with his own serene and governed manner. He is like the skilful horseman who rules his steed, not by the whip and spur, but by the subtle authority of a superior will conveyed through hints that are at once definite and indisputable. In the hands of his staff his mastery is obvious without being demonstrative. It has the art of evoking the maximum of thought and directing it into the right channels without surrendering any element of respect. It is the art of the judge who encourages the counsel to enlighten him, but preserves his right of judgment."

Uncle Sam and the Sleeping Princess.
From the Wichita Beacon.
Thirty per cent of our exports to Russia and 20 per cent of our imports from Russia were handled by German commission houses before the war.
The indirect method of doing business was expensive but our manufacturers ignored the losses, incidental to the commission system. Dealing through Germany was a habit.
This was quite in line with our general ignorance of all things Russian.
How many persons ever stop to think that the immigrants from whom we get most of our ideas of Russia are not Slavs at all? That they in no way are representative of the 75 per cent of Russia's population which is the real Russian people?
Most intelligent persons know more about the literature of Russia, and the immigration problem she has sent us, than they know about the commercial opportunities she offers.
Few realize how enormous is Russia's natural wealth in minerals, timber and agricultural lands, or remember the figures of her population—170,000,000—a population which furnishes the labor which she requires for the development of her riches.
We have ignored Russia because we thought her asleep.
But now an "awakened Russia" has astonished the world.
Russia has discovered herself, economically, as a result of the war, very much as Uncle Sam has discovered himself commercially.
Uncle Sam is now the banker for the world. His export trade exceeds the vision of the optimists. But the big question which is now bothering him is how he can keep his foreign markets—after the war.
"By going after them," says the economist who are making a study of after the war trade possibilities. And the general impression seems to be that Russia is the country which presents the greatest trade opportunity which has ever come Uncle Sam's way.
Before the war Germany controlled half of Russia's trade.
After the war, it will be a long time before Germany can re-establish any kind of friendly commerce with Russia. She has, however, aroused new desires and new needs in the Russian masses. The abolition of the vodka tax has given the people a savings fund with which to gratify their needs.
But Germany will not provide for them. Students of international commercial conditions believe that the United States can do so.
Economists point out that trade between two nations can not endure unless buying and selling are reciprocal. Ships which carry our exports abroad must return with imports.
The foundation for the exchange of materials and products already exists between the United States and Russia. She has hides, carpet wool, vegetable fiber, flax, furs and aluminum which we need. Russia now takes locomotives, cars, agricultural implements and machinery of all kinds which we desire to sell.
Russia is ready to take a mighty forward leap in civilization and she needs modern scientific tools to help her. The United States has everything she wants.

Some Military Information.
To the Editor of the Milwaukee Journal: At a time like this, when the news reports are filled with army terms, think it would be of general interest to know what they mean. I am confused by reading of corporal, sergeant, first lieutenant, second lieutenant and so on, without knowing the relative rank also as to how many men in a platoon, brigade, regiment, company, etc. What is a commissioned and what a non-commissioned officer? If all these terms could be made clear it would help in understanding the

Largest Gold Dredge.
What is said to be the largest ladder dredging unit ever constructed has recently been launched at Hammond, Cal. As described in the current number of the Engineering Record, it is equipped with an endless chain of 100 buckets and excavates, washes and stacks 300,000 cubic yards of gravel per month. It will be operated by the Yuba consolidated gold fields along the Yuba river.

Along the Cornwall Coast many miners earn a living by washing tin out of the sands, the sea shattering the metal bearing rocks.
In Hawaii grows the world's rarest plant called the silver sword. Its very name is odd and appropriate to the cactus like growth and the long, silky gray leaves which give it its peculiar name. The reason for its rarity is that it is found only on the most inaccessible slopes of the volcanoes of this group of islands. From the earliest times it has been greatly admired by the natives, who call it "ahinahina," gray haired, because they had never before the coming of the white man seen silver and therefore could not apply to the plant a name which well describes it. Climbers who have found specimens prize them more highly than do Alpine climbers the cacti, since it is far more beautiful and difficult to obtain than the famous flower of the Swiss Alps.
To enable travelers to launder small articles of clothing there has been invented a pocket kit that contains a small clothes line, push pins to hang it up and a half a dozen tiny clothes pins.
The price of coal is said to have reached \$30 a ton at Rome, and steps are being taken to bring it from Japan where the cost is just one-tenth as great.

NINE SOLDIERS CAPTURE 113

Frenchmen Trick the Defenders of a German Field Fort on the Somme.
One of the most striking episodes of the great Somme offensive was the recent taking of the field fort at Blinches and its garrison of 113 men by nine French soldiers.
All attempts to storm the position had been checked by murderous machine-gun fire until a French officer discovered a vulnerable point. Selecting a second lieutenant, two sergeants, a corporal and four men, he led them on hands and knees through the long grass to the spot where he knew there was a breach in the defenses. Then three of the French officers abruptly leaped into the work, shouting in stentorian tones: "Forward with the bayonet!" and throwing bombs which exploded in the dugout.
The Germans, believing a large force was with the Frenchmen, had no time to get their weapons and surrendered. But now the three French captors began to feel nervous, as they saw no reason why the Germans should not fall upon them and exterminate them. They were saved by the six comrades, who came rushing in just at this moment. Again fooled, the entire German garrison was marched to the French rear, escorted by the nine "poilus," who had not lost a man.

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SLAVERY IN EARLY DAYS

African Slave Trade Was Once Openly Tolerated by the British Government.

Slavery existed in nearly all of the English colonies from an early period until shortly before or soon after the Revolutionary war, and the African slave trade was openly tolerated by the British government. In 1756 there were 292,000 African slaves in the colonies, scattered from New England to Georgia. It was not prohibited in Massachusetts until 1780, nor in Vermont until 1777. The United States census of 1810 showed 310 slaves in Connecticut, 10,851 in New Jersey, 15,017 in New York, 795 in Pennsylvania, and 108 in Rhode Island. Slavery was gradually abolished in the northern states, but in 1820 there were still 97 slaves in Connecticut, 7,557 in New Jersey, 10,088 in New York, 211 in Pennsylvania, and 18 in Rhode Island. The census of 1850 showed the disappearance of slavery in all the northern states except New Jersey, which still had a surviving remnant of 236.

Musical?
Bacon—I understand your new neighbors are musical.
Egbert—Are what?
"Musical."
"Who said that?"
"Oh, I heard it. Is it not so?"
"Well, I reckon he likes to fiddle, and the wife likes to yell, if that's what you mean."
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The Too-Good.
Rev. J. H. Jovett, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church, once said at a dinner:
"Deliver me from the too-good, from the straight-faced, from the bigoted."
"The too-good become hard, narrow and cruel. I know a too-good Sunday school superintendent who said one Sunday in the course of his usual address:
"Our attendance is very, very good today. In fact, we are all here but little Catherine Simmons. All here but little Catherine! What obstacle has kept our little friend away? Let us hope that she is not well."—Washington Star.

Fell Some.
Redd—How are you getting along in the Aviation school?
Greene—Not very well.
"Head of the class yet?"
"No. I was up near the head yesterday but I fell, and went to the foot."

A Conscript.
Judge—Are you a regular?
Casey—Phaix, do Oi look like a volunteer?

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