

WITH THE WORLD'S BEST WRITERS

CARLYLE'S CONTEMPT OF MAN.

Carlyle's opinion of Herbert Spencer as "the most unending ass in Christendom" must, of course, be read in conjunction with Carlyle's derision for mankind in general. "Mostly fools," he cheerfully thought of us all. Darwin, we know, he would not have at any price—not a word of him. Cardinal Newman, he estimated, had "the brain of a medium-sized rabbit." Ruskin was a bottle of soda-water. "A bad young man" was his sum-up of another eminent writer, whom we need not name, for he is still living. But these hostile phrases were subject to considerable modification if the man against whom they were aimed came near enough to Carlyle to do him a personal favor, even to pay him a personal compliment. Disraeli, whom he had described as a mountebank dancing upon John Bull's stomach, offered Carlyle a baronetcy, and elicited from him, together with a refusal of the title, many tributes to his magnanimity. He said very little about Disraeli henceforth in print, and in private he spoke of him only as "a very tragical comical fellow."—London Chronicle.

BEST FRIENDS OF HEALTH.

The sea and the soil are so far from the office of the professional man or the counting room of the man of business that it requires time to reach them, but the experience of those who have tried these friends of health, these soothers of the nerves, is that they not only prolong life, but maintain strength and health. There are vitality and healing in the waters and winds of the sea and in close contact with the soil rich with all growing things. The closer men of any age get to nature the more contented and the more humble they are likely to be, and, says Shakespeare, "content is rich."—Philadelphia Ledger.

NOT SO MUCH OF A SUCCESS.

You will hear of the fortune that is paid annually to George Odom, the best American jockey for his services in the saddle. The figures will startle you and at first you will be much inclined to wonder. Then, as you look at his attenuated figure and the old, old face, and note the heaviness of his speech and the sometimes pathos of his voice, then it is thrust in upon you that, after all, at 21, it is hardly worth while, and that George Odom, jockey, earning more each year than directors of great human events, is underpaid. There is brilliancy, acclaim, praise in extravagance, sycophantic following—all of that for the little old man-boy who rides. But he has lost so much.—Everybody's Magazine.

INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS.

Every war brings to the front new questions of an international character to be passed upon by the different governments and to add new chapters to international law. Already two such questions have been brought out by the war between Russia and Japan. One of these involves the treatment of the wireless system of telegraphy, the other the use of floating mines at sea. These are two of the new problems which the present war has brought to the front. There may be others. In any event, there will be something for the international lawyers of the foreign departments to busy themselves about after hostilities have been concluded, if not before.—Atlanta Constitution

OUR BAD COLLEGE SPELLING.

Much is said in the papers about college English. The people within and without college walls declare that students write badly. But there is a thing more fundamental than their poor English style; it is the matter of their spelling. Many college men, as proved by their essays, can not spell. They frequently make the mistake of transforming writing into wringing, and of dining into dinning—an echo probably of the noise of a college dining-room.

But poor spelling is not confined to college students. College professors are not free from the blame. A letter lies before the writer in which the distinguished head of a most important department in an American college declares that a certain candidate, whom he has recommended as "competent." A New England college professor has recently said that in making applications for a place in English several candidates wrote of the salary. Of course, also, a man may lack culture and spell correctly. Spelling is more or less a matter of an arbitrary bit of knowledge. But whatever may be the psychological relations of the art, the schools should teach boys and girls to spell. By incorrect spelling the higher ranges of learning are rendered less impressive.—Leslie's Weekly.

EUROPE'S MILITARY BURDEN.

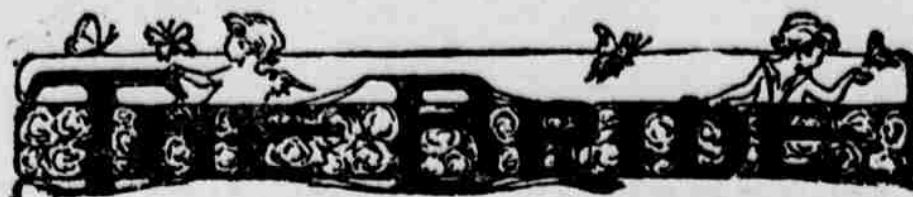
Conscription as it is now practiced in Europe is a modern development of the Roman military system, and while it has been adopted in one or another form by all, it has reached its most drastic shape in France and Germany. It was the terrible power of conscription that enabled Napoleon to carry on the gigantic wars which placed all Europe at his feet. Prussia's ingenuity in evading the hard conditions imposed upon her in the treaty of Tilsit, by adopting the "short term and reserve system," was the foundation of the practice by which entire populations pass under military training, and by which Europe has been turned into "an armed camp."—Philadelphia Ledger.

CURBING LAWYER'S VERBOSITY.

The supreme court of Pennsylvania, in an opinion just sent to Schuylkill county, notifies the lawyers that they can profitably edit their too verbose arguments. The court warns attorneys that the court's judgment of the importance of a case is not at all influenced by the enormous size of the paper books submitted to it. "Tis a warning pertinent wherever law is practiced. The infinitude of words which the law sanctions, if it does not require, as lawyers so often insist, is a source of infinite weariness to laymen. To them this broad hint given by the supreme court of Pennsylvania seems well worthy of being passed along down the line of states. It is not so impossible to make a compact, clear, yet comprehensive statement, as some of the lawyers train themselves into believing.—Springfield, Mass., Republican.

FEWER PARTY ORGANS.

How many party organs are there left among the great newspapers of the country? They can be counted on one's fingers, and the few that are left are not always to be relied upon as truly loyal. The most marked change in American journalism of late years has been its development of independence.—Boston Herald.



Sunshine, fragrance, everywhere;
Tender green of fluttering leaves
above;

And the heart of maiden fair
Raised in silent, tender prayer.
As she consecrates her life to love.

Half in hope and half in fear,
Love, to give, is such a mighty thing.
While her voice is calm and clear,
Through her smile there gleams a
tear
As the vow is sealed with wedding
ring.

Roses kiss the altar rail.
Where she kneels with strangely beat-
ing heart.
Under ripping bridal veil
Tremble lips that dare not fail
In the sacred, "Until death do part."



PURE BLOOD—GOOD HEALTH.

No Disease Exists Where There is Good Blood.

Keep your vitality above the negative condition, and you will never know disease of any kind. No disease can exist where there is an abundance of pure blood. To get the necessary amount eat nutritious food; to circulate it perfectly take proper exercise; to purify it get fresh air and sunlight. If a perfectly healthy condition of the skin exists and an even temperature of the surface of the body is maintained it is impossible to catch cold. Cold water baths taken every day will do much toward producing the former; proper food and exercise the latter. Nature gives you an alarm in the first chilly feeling. Heed it at once or pay the penalty. Take a brisk walk or run, breathe deeply and keep the mouth closed.

If you are so situated that you can do neither, as in a church, lecture room or street car, breathe deeply, rapidly and noiselessly until you are satisfied that your body has passed from a negative to a positive condition.—Exchange.

Bloodless Surgery.

The statistics of ninety-four operations for the bloodless replacement of congenitally dislocated hips performed by Dr. Lorenz and himself are reported by Dr. Ridlon of Chicago. In but ten cases does the anatomical replacement seem to be perfect; in sixty-one cases there are "good results," and seventeen were complete failures. The others are still in splints, and, therefore, have not yet been radiographed.

SUGAR IN SOUP—THEN LIES.

Quick Wit Enables Man to Crawl Out of Dilemma.

There had been a glorious game of golf, followed by a jolly dinner at the clubhouse.

Sometimes it is not the correct thing to tell even a truthful story with real names, hence it happens that it was the Joneses who gave the spread and the person that happened in was Smith.

Smith is really a man of parts, wealthy, intelligent and genial, and usually knows "what's what," but he is not given to swell affairs and is not dressy, withal.

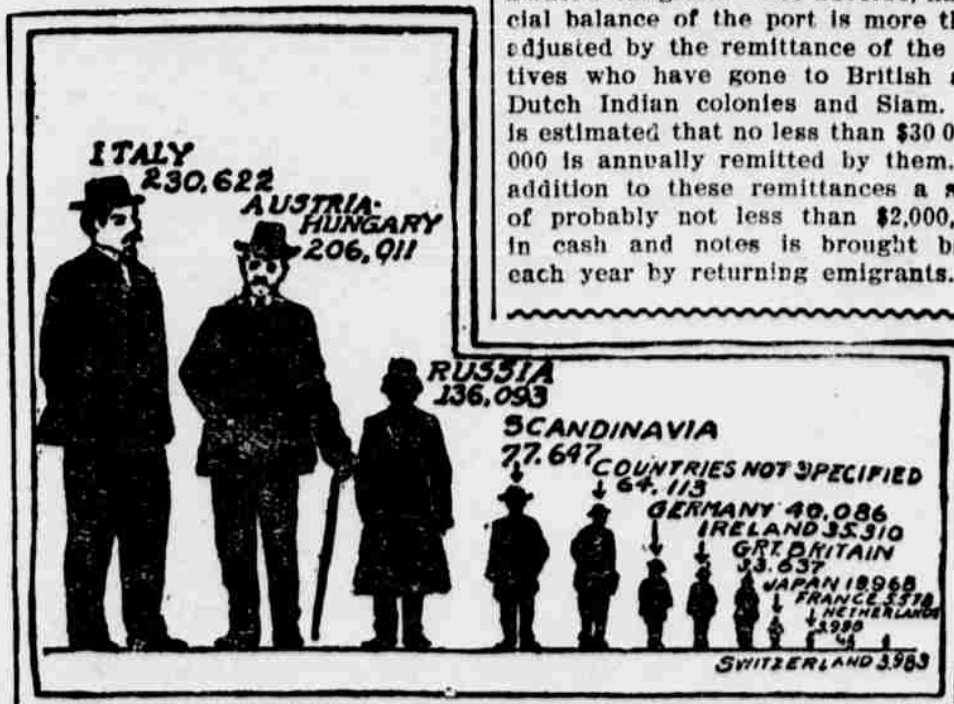
A business call had taken Smith to the clubhouse and Jones, seeing him, called him to the table after the others had begun. Soon as he was seated, being preoccupied by salutations from other persons at the table that he knew, he was absently sweetening the cup at his elbow, when Mrs. Jones, hoping to make the matter quite plain to this plain man, said shrilly:

"Ah—Mr. Smith—er—that is the soup."

"Yes, thank you," Smith nonchalantly replied, "Yes'm, I understand. But I always sweeten by bouillon," with the slightest emphasis on "bouillon." But Smith was at that moment a prevaricator, to put it mildly. He really thought the cup was tea and probably never tasted sweetened bouillon in his life.

Chinese Send Money Home.

According to a recent British consular report the most valuable export of Swatow, one of the Chinese ports under the treaty of Tientsin, is the Swatow emigrant. The adverse financial balance of the port is more than adjusted by the remittance of the natives who have gone to British and Dutch Indian colonies and Siam. It is estimated that no less than \$30,000,000 is annually remitted by them. In addition to these remittances a sum of probably not less than \$2,000,000 in cash and notes is brought back each year by returning emigrants.



In 1903 the relative proportions of emigrants coming to the United States from the various European countries were distributed in this manner.