

Ant Cows.
Ants are frequently noted on roses
and on other ornamental and garden plants, and it is naturally supposed
that they are doing harm to these. As a matter of fact, it is not the plants
that attract the ants, but plant lice.
These tiny creatures excrete a sweet These tiny creatures excrete a sweet
liquid or which ants are very fond
and which they collect without injurIng the plant 11ce. For this reason
plant Hice are frequently termed "ant
cows." The analogy is emphasized by the fact that ants have been known to
take plant lice into their nests take plant lice into their nesta, shel-
ter them through the winter and re.
turn turn them to sultable plants in the
sprig. very much as men are accus-
tomed to feed and shelter tomed to feed and shelter cows
throughout the winter, putting them on pasture with the coming of the spring.

Clearing the Trenches.
Perhaps the hardest thing to learn it
to clear the enemy's trenches after a foothold has been gained in a portton
of it. This is where the hand-to-hand fighting comes in and it is the work of
the grenadiers, seconded by the gren-
ade bearers. They must advance from embrasure to embrasure ten yards
ahead of them into the next section Ahead of them into the next section of
trench and drive the enemy back along
the trench or down into the dugouta As they move forward, they must clear
the dugouts, throwing grenades down yards underground, then descending
into the pltchy blackness to grenadeas searching into every corner
of the dugout, not to leave an effective
enemy behind them.

Wandering Mongeart Arabs Dwell in Pastoral Simplioity.

Chlidron Attend 8ohool Only if Th
Wieh, and Are Nover Correoted-
Youthe May Bo Considered
Vouthe May Bo Conelderes
Men at Vory Early Age.
The Mongearts are a tribe of wan-
dering Arabs which inhabit the Sahate. or Great desert of Africa. Their thme
is wholly occupped by tending thatr
cattle, and becaues they are nittle skiled in the use of arms, Mongeart is
a term of contempt among the people
by whom they are surrounded. The Mahometan priesta are em-
ployed to travelling about the country
to lastruct the chlldren. There to
to nothlag ike force in the education of
a Mongeart boy. The litte fellowa meet
in the morang. of their own accord,
it
$\qquad$ Inscribed with the Arable charactere
and u few maxims of the Koran. The oldest and the best Informed ro-
celve their lessons dircecty from the
prieats and afterward communicate them to thetr companlons. Would be a erime to beat a chlld who,
according to their popular notions, has
not suffelent reason to distiogutah good from evil.
This lenity extends even to the chlldren of Christians, though in a state of
slavery, They are treated in ail re
res spects like the chlldren of Arabs, and
the man who should be rash enough to
strike one of them would endanger his Vife. ${ }^{\text {Very }}$ different is their treatment of all the amusements of the young
Arabs, and even attend the publle ochools, but, if they be gollty of a fault
they are severely punithed. When the chlld of a Mongeart be
comes tired of the places of pubtic thstruction, he quits them at pleasure,
and without feellng constralnt or hearnnd without reeling constraint or hear-
Ing reproach; goes and employs hm-
self in tending his father's focks ; and. accordngly, there are very few among
them who can read. Those who pergevere in the study of the Koran are
made priests. after having passed an examination before the learned elders,
and enjoy the greatest public considand enjoy the greatest pubic of consid
eration. They have no need of catle, for those of the nation belng thelrs.
they find thelr subsistence everywhere. It Is generally at seven or elght years
of age that these chlldren have thelr of age that these children have therr
heads shaved, nothing being let but
four locks of hatin-one of whtch Is cut off in a meeting of the familly at
each remarkable action performed by each remarkabe acton performe it at the age of twelve or
the chld. If
thifteen, he killis a wild boar or other beast of prey that should fall upon his
fiock, he loses one of his locks. If, in the passage of a river, a camel be car-
ried away by the stream and he saves It by swimming to its assistance, an-
other ls cut off. If he k klls a Hion, a
tiger or a warrior of a hostlle nation in a surprise or an attack, he is consid
ered as a man, and his head is entirely
 a camsole or a chemise or any one of
those hundred or more dellcate things on the counter, and recelving three
safety razor blades as change? You can't. And yet, if the United
States treasury department would take
a tip from the Chinese that's about womankind and others, In America.
For practical purposes the Chnnese
"knife cotns" on exhbtiton at the Old National Museum at Washington
can't be beaten. With a perfectiy Ing tendencles would only need a few
cents in "knife" change to be in a Luckily, museum officlals. say. the yerrs old, and there inn't any fear ex-
peased that the anclent style will be pressed that the anclent style
adopted by the government. Only Job That Would suit HIm.
At one of the draft At one of the draft examinations an he did not care for any part of war.
While surgeons were thumping him he
explained explainned that he would not claim ex-
emption but that he wished heartlly that the government had afked him to
do any service except fighting. He hated fighting on any account.
A surgeon looking over his offictal A surgeon looking over his offictal
examination paper, nottced that the
young man was a chauffeur. "Well," the surgeon said. "It 18 a
12 -to-1 "hot an ammunttion wagon or something of
that sort. How would that dor $r^{\prime \prime}$ The
young man looked thoug young man looked thoughtfui. "The
only job rd Mke in war," he sald,
"would be to operate a taxi for a re-

Drawing Closer to France. One of the interesting results of the
war is a proposal to make greater use
of French sclence and leanrning in this of French science and learning in this
country. One of the methods pro-
posed for dotng this is to establish ten or more graduate fellowships for
American students in French universittes. to be awarded compentitiver-
ior ten years. After the revelation sors, a movement toward making
greater use of French universitles
shouta succeeed. And no doubt, after houtt surceeed. And no doubt, after
what Anerica is doing. France would
welcome the Americans.

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