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### RESPECT FOR FALLEN FOE

How Scottish Aviator Dropped a Wreath on Funeral Procession of Man He Killed.

A true incident that reveals the respect shown by allied aviators for the memory of a daring enemy flier is told in "Tam of the Scots," by Edgar Wallace, writing in Everybody's. Tam, an intrepid Scot, was told that the man he had brought down the day before was a well-known German aviator named Von Zedlitz, and on behalf of the Royal Flying Corps, Tam was selected to take a wreath to the funeral.

"The wreath in a tin box, firmly corded and attached to a little parachute, was placed in the fuselage of a small Morane—his own machine being in the hands of the mechanics—and Tam climbed into the seat. In five minutes he was pushing up at the steep angle which represented the extreme angle at which a man can fly. Tam never employed a lesser one.

"Evidently the enemy scout realized the business of this lone British flier and must have signaled his views to the earth, for the anti-aircraft batteries suddenly ceased fire, and when, approaching Ludlow, Tam sighted an enemy squadron engaged in a practice flight, they opened out and made way for him, offering no molestation.

"Tam began to plane down. He spotted the big white-speckled cemetery and saw a little procession making its way to the grounds. He came down to a thousand feet and dropped his parachute. He saw it open and sail earthward and then someone on the ground waved a white handkerchief.

"Glad," said Tam.

### RECRUIT HAD OWN METHOD

Showed He Could Do Some Shooting When Sergeant Let Him Do It as He Wanted.

Among a batch of recruits sent up from the recruiting office was a tall, lanky, tow-headed East Tennessean, whose habit stuck out all over him. He took to the training all right enough until the company went to the target range for rifle practice.

The sergeant in charge of the practice showed the recruits the regulation position for firing—left elbow resting against the side and all that. But to his disappointment the Tennessean could not hit the target at a range of 100 yards. Finally in disgust the sergeant blurted out:

"Say, Jim, I thought you told me you used to go out in the mornings and shoot the head off a squirrel for your breakfast, and now you can't even hit that target!"

To which came the drawing response: "Wal, sergeant, we all do do that, an' if you'll let me shoot the way I'm used to I can knock all h—l outen that target."

The amused sergeant agreed and the recruit proceeded to spread his legs wide apart, extended his left arm to its full length—grasping the rifle near the muzzle—and put ten shots through the center of the bull's eye.

"Jim's performance with the rifle was spectacular," added the narrator, "and put an abrupt end to the sergeant's efforts to teach him how to shoot. In after years he carried off the highest shooting honors three years in succession—won the Buffalo medal."

### Made 10,000 Shark Hooks.

The government is going in for shark fishing, but not as a sport, however. It is going after this aquatic monster that the skins of the sharks may be tanned and used as a substitute for leather.

The experiment is now under way, and the man who has given Uncle Sam a leg over the fence, as it were, is J. W. Fordham, a New London, Conn., artisan, whose blacksmith shop is in the vicinity of picturesque Shaw's Cove, for in that little smithery 10,000 shark hooks were made in three sizes for the United States government.

Mr. Fordham signed the contract and was allowed thirty days in which to complete the order. By keeping his force working day and night he was able to ship the entire consignment to the government agents in New York in little more than half the time called for in the contract.—Marine News.

### Hands and Feet.

At a busy crossing in Edinburgh a cabman was stopped by the policeman on point duty in order to allow the cross traffic to proceed.

The man in blue, evidently proud of his authority, kept the cabby waiting longer than was necessary.

The cabman began to proceed, although the hand of the policeman was against him.

"Did ye no' see me handin' up my hand?" roared the angry policeman.

"Well, I did notice that it began to get dark suddenly," said the cabby; "but I didn't know it was your hand. Ye see, it's takin' me all my time to keep my horse frae shyin' at yer feet!"

### Delicate Youth.

Here is a little story made public by the United States Marine corps:

Fearing that the rigors of warfare would be too much for her delicate son, a woman living at Fresno, Cal., wrote to the United States Marine corps headquarters at Washington, asking that the young man be discharged.

"He is too weak and delicate to be in the service," she wrote. "He is a blacksmith's helper by trade, and I would prefer him to stay at his last job."

The mother was informed that, for the time being, her son would remain a marine.

### PIONEER LIFE IN MISSOURI

Was "Fine for Men and Dogs," but Undoubtedly Also Hard on the Women.

"In Pioneer Families of Missouri," is printed a letter written by a woman to her sister in Kentucky, the Kansas City Star says:

"The men and dogs have a fine time, but we poor women have to suffer. We pack water from one-half mile to one mile for cooking and washing. My advice is stay where you are. But if you see anyone coming to this country, send a plank cradle for poor little Patrick. His poor little back is full of hard bumps, lying in a cradle George made out of a hollow log, with a piece of wood for a pillow. George and I attended a wedding last week. The preacher, a hard-shell Baptist, had a long buckskin overcoat. The groom was in his shirt sleeves, with white cotton pants that came just below his knees, and white cotton socks and buckskin slippers on his feet. The girl was dressed in a low-necked, short-waisted, short-sleeved white cotton dress that was monstrous short for a girl like her. She had on buckskin slippers and her hair was tied with a buckskin string, which is all the go here. And when the preacher was spelling and reading the ceremony from the book, the girl commenced sneezing and the buckskin string slipped off her hair, which fell all over her face, and everybody laughed."

An early marriage ceremony in Livingston county took place with the couple on one side of Medicine creek and Squire Jordan on the other side. The creek was booming. The young man swam the stream and brought the squire down from his house. Then the young man swam back and took his place beside the young woman. Squire Jordan couldn't swim. He wanted to postpone the ceremony a few days until the creek went down. The young folks wouldn't have it. They joined hands and told the squire to go ahead. The questions and answers were shouted across the creek and the knot was tied. Medicine creek got its name, according to tradition, because a country doctor in trying to swim it lost his "pill bags," as they were called.

### POTASH ALWAYS IN DEMAND

Hard to Obtain Sufficient Quantity of This Most Important of Fertilizers.

Potash is perhaps the most important of fertilizers. Although potassium, in its combinations, is one of the most widely distributed of the elements, it is found massed in bulk in only a few places. The Saxon deposits at Stassfurt, and the beds in Alsace, are the world's chief sources of supply.

Elsewhere, potash is to be had only by the treatment of great quantities of material with a small resultant yield. The case is not as bad as that of radium, where a ton of ore may give only a fraction of a grain of the precious metal; but it is bad enough to make its extraction an extremely costly process. The farmer's wife has always known how to leach potash from wood ashes in sufficient quantity to make the soft soap for the family washing, but this method does not pay commercially.

### Horse's Jumping Powers.

If the reader will carefully measure out 30 feet an idea of a horse's capacity in this direction will be gathered. Such a distance a steeplechase horse called Old Chandler is reported to have covered at Warwick many years ago; and there is more than one apparently authentic record of a horse clearing over seven feet in height. The scene of such an exploit was at the Phoenix park, Dublin, and the horse was called Turnip. The animal belonged to Sir E. Crofton, and the duke of Richmond, then lord lieutenant of Ireland, wagered £500 that this height could not be cleared. A wall of the requisite dimensions was built, and when finished Turnip was ridden at it. He did what was asked of him in perfect style, but it happened that his grace, not knowing that the feat was ready for performance, was not looking when the jump was made, and Turnip was therefore ridden over it again, not only successfully, but easily.—London Tit-Bits.

### Catching Monkeys.

The well-known habit of monkeys to imitate the actions of man is cleverly utilized by wild-animal catchers in taking the agile, climbing creatures captive, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. The hunters' method is to walk about for some time within sight of the wild monkeys, wearing short boots. Then the boots are taken off and gum is placed in their bottoms, after which the men withdraw from the scene. Before long the curiosity of the imitative watchers in the trees gets the better of their caution and they descend and start to try on the boots, whereupon they discover that the footwear cannot be removed and, being unable to climb, are easily captured.

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