PATRIA
THE GREAT ROMANCE of PREPAREDNESS
by LOUIS JOSEPH VANCE

Novelization of the Motion Picture Play of the Same Name Produced for the International Film Service, Inc., Under the Direction of Wharton, Inc. Copyright Star Company.

THE CAST.

MRS. VERNON CASTLE as Patria Channing.
MILTON SILLS as Donald Parr.
WARNER OLAND as Baron Huroki.
DOROTHY GREEN as Fanny Adair.

SYNOPSIS.

Baron Huroki of Tokyo, conspiring to embroil the United States and Mexico in order to pave the way for the Japanese invasion of the Pacific coast, is hunted from the country by Patria Channing, sole executrix of the $100,000,000 trust secretly created by patriotic progenitors to combat the national perils inherent in "unpreparedness." Establishing himself just across the Mexican border, Huroki schemes to be revenged upon Patria, who owns vast properties just north of the border.

TWELFTH EPISODE

"Peace" Which Passeth All Understanding!

BEFORE THE STORM.

The punishment administered by the Channing ranch hands to the raiding party which, under the leadership of that redoubtable scoundrel, Pancho Zelaya, had descended—literally like wolves upon a sheepfold—upon Patria's hacienda in the quiet of early morning, seemed to work with salutary effect upon the understanding of Senor Zelaya and his Japanese confrere, Baron Huroki.

Days of complete peace followed that abortive raid, lengthening into weeks.

Scouts sent out by Captain Donald Parr, acting for Patria, reported that Zelaya and Huroki had apparently never again ventured forth from the mountain fastnesses to which they had been driven by the Channing people, after their rescue of Patria and Donald.

Nor was there perceptible any indication of concentration of Mexican soldiery in the country south of the border—whether troops of the de facto government or followers of Zelaya's outlaw fortunes.

In natural consequence that vigilance which had been excited among border landowners by the raid insensibly relaxed. The stronger guards which they had established against further attempts ...

... these had been going on for weeks before her arrival at the ranch.

Occasionally their reconnaissances carried these swift sentries of the air lanes south of the border; but the reports of their observers were invariably destitute of alarming information. Apparently the Mexican population was apathetic, resigned to the pursuits of peace. There was no more gun-running that could be discovered. There was no movement of troops perceptible. There were no raids. There was not even a lonely case of sniping to keep the patrols on the qui vive.

For all that, Patria's preparations were pushed forward with unbated energy.

There came a day, several weeks after Zelaya's futile raid, when this young woman rode out to review her modest but wonderfully efficient forces.

She returned to the hacienda in the quiet of evening, weary but exhilarated.

"I'm not afraid," she told Donald with a nod of her head indicating the Mexican mountains in the south—their ragged ramparts looming in purple shades against the silvered skies of a perfect moonlight night. "Let them come!"

He laughed sympathetically, but shook a reproving head.

"Let us not fall into the pit of over-confidence," he said. "I know how you feel. It's wonderful to know that we have all these fine fellows to rally to our defense in case of need. But after all, they're only a handful; and what I fear is that the next act of aggression, when it comes, will be invasion in overwhelming forces. We have gone as far as we can in the matter of making these men the toughest kind of hard-hitting fighters; but there aren't enough of them to withstand an army's advance. From now on we must devote all our energies to the planning of means to equalize superior numbers with superior intelligence. We must be prepared to deliver a staggering blow before the enemy can find out how insignificant our forces are."

They sat in silence for a little, both gazing out over the shadowed distances beyond the border.

"It is too quiet—too quiet altogether," Parr mused aloud. "I can't forget that Huroki is somewhere out there—hiding, planning, restlessly scheming to serve his country's purposes and at the same time to gain his revenge for the setbacks he has re...

In that presence the blustering, valiant Zelaya diminished to his right stature, that of a rowdyish braggart, not lacking in courage and initiative, conspicuously deficient in education, wisdom, judgment.

Only less dwarfed was the representative of the Carranza interests, General Torreon, a trim and intelligent Mexican, well grounded in the fundamentals of his trade—which was simply and exclusively war.

Baron Huroki alone seemed able to address Nogi in terms of equality—if without once suggesting any reluctance to accord the commander in chief the deference that was his due.

This, perhaps, was quite natural, in view of the authority with which Baron Huroki had been clothed by the imperial government at Tokyo—an authority only second to that of General Nogi, who was Huroki's only ranking officer in the allied camp.

The occasion which had brought about this conference was the failure of the Mexican system of espionage to secure any accurate information as to conditions immediately north of the border.

This was due to the uncommonly thoroughgoing and tireless system of patrols organized by Donald Parr and maintained by Patria and her neighbors.

For several weeks spy after spy had sought to penetrate the lines—and invariably had been obliged to give up the attempt. No less than three, through unchronicled mischance, had vanished utterly and inexplicably. And no information of any real value had been reported back to headquarters by those who, acting under instruction, had confined their efforts to long-distance observation with the aid of powerful binoculars. They saw Patria's biplanes hanging in the skies or swiftly coursing through them; but that was all.

And hour by hour it was believed by all those present at this conference, the moment drew nearer when the word to advance would be given out by Tokyo.

"It is not only humiliating," Huroki was declaring, "it is madness, downright madness, to contemplate a movement in force without first-hand information as to what this accursed girl is up to. It is insensate folly to underestimate her ability and anxiety to hinder and embarrass us. It is all very well for you gentlemen"—he addressed himself superficially to Zelaya and Torreon—"to point to our forces and say the United States can muster nothing to withstand it. That is true—as far as we know. But you make the mistake of thinking you have only the regular army and the National Guard to reckon with. You have something else—this puny slip of a girl, this insignificant Patria Channing. I know her, as you do not; and I tell you she is like a living flame of patriotism; she is intelligent, to imagine she is taking no steps to prepare a trap for us? . . . I tell you, we must know! Your spies have thus far failed; we can employ none of ours, for it would be fatal to have a Japanese caught in an act of espionage."

"What would you suggest, then?" Torreon asked thoughtfully.

"Find some way to stimulate the efficiency of your system. Get us some trustworthy information—no matter how."

"If I may make a suggestion—" Zelaya ventured. At a nod from Nogi he proceeded, pulling at his mustache to mask the smile of relish with which he anticipated permission to commit yet another atrocity on American soil. "It is a long time since we have broken the peace of the border hereabouts. And these Americans have short memories. Let me send a few—a mere handful—of my men to execute a flying raid on the Channing ranch. I will guarantee results."

"How so?" Nogi demanded.

Zelaya bent over the map and with the blunt end of a greasy forefinger indicated a certain point.

"Here is a house fully twenty miles from the hacienda," he said. "It is the home of the man named Morgan, ranch foreman. He lives there with his son, his sister and his mother—his wife is dead. Both Morgan and his sister are deep in the confidence of the Senorita Channing. Let my men bring in either of these . . ."

He paused and showed his teeth in a smile of gruesome significance. "And I will promise to induce him—or her—to tell us everything we want to know."

Eagerly Huroki's eyes sought the face of his commander in chief. It told him, however, nothing. Impassively General Nogi deliberated; it was nearly two minutes later when he delivered his verdict.

"Let this thing be done," he said; and rose, ending the conference.

"PEACE WITH HONOR."

Gomez was the name of the man chosen by Zelaya to do the work he had suggested—"Gomez the Killer" was the sobriquet by which he was known to his fellows; a quiet-mannered, sad-faced Mexican of something a little under the average build of his breed.

Listening gravely to the instructions of his superior, he nodded gentle comprehension, and sallied forth to execute Zelaya's will with no more compassion in his heart than he would have felt if ordered to exterminate all but one or two of a nest of rattlesnakes.

He journeyed northward that night by motorcycle, and spent the following day in what appeared to be desultory riding about the country just south of the border, pausing at the dwelling of his friend and that to pass the time of day.

In all he made just twenty such ...

The Fight Was in Deadly Earnest.

Within Bess Morgan Was Fighting for Her Life.

... into the night as silently as they had come. The hinterland of the ranch swallowed them up; in its remoter stretches they lived and wrought sedulously at their tasks, all ready for that summons which might come at any hour. Meantime they drilled quietly, as cavalry, as artillerymen, and as machine-gun crews. Within a period of time surprisingly brief, Patria had at her command a secret legion of trained fighting men, ready for any emergency, inured to hardship, familiar with the border country, resolute and willing.

Only the drills of her flying corps could not be kept under cover; but ...

... a large room, brightly lighted and furnished with soldierly severity, an informal council of war was in progress, General Nogi himself presiding.

He was a man of nearly sixty, yet carried his compact and athletic body with the ease of twenty-five. His heavy-lidded eyes were as bright as any youth's; the network of wrinkles that inclosed them, with the whiteness of his hair, alone betrayed his age. And the habit of incontestable authority was distinctively his. A man who measured his words before uttering them, who spoke seldom, having once spoken, was to be obeyed to the letter, he dominated the conference absolutely.

... spread out on the table between them.

"Have you forgotten that our chosen line of march strikes directly through the Channing ranch property? And what are we going to find there? What is this girl doing there, all this time while we sit here twiddling our thumbs? She isn't idle—I promise you that. She can purchase, if need be, the best military intelligence in the United States. Is it sensible to suppose that her advisers have overlooked the fact that via the Channing ranch is the shortest and quickest route toward our goal?—that, if we strike at all from this quarter, it will naturally and surely be along that line? And, such being the probable case, is it wise ...

Conducting his command to a point where they could skulk under cover of wooded ground, secure from spying eyes, he scouted on foot to a spot whence, lying at length on the crest of a little hill, he could spy through the undergrowth that concealed him.

Below him, just beyond a shallow arroyo, lay the Morgan homestead.

It was a Sunday morning, very quiet and warm. The peace of unaccustomed indolence enveloped the homestead. By convention it was a morning for a late breakfast—late, that is, in the esteem of folk in the habit of rising with the sun. So it was all of two hours after sun-up when the smoke began to ascend from the chim...

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

RABBITS FOR MEAT

Elaborate Lists of Foods Recommended for Animals.

CRUSHED OATS ARE FAVORED

Cornmeal, Barley and Other Grains May Be Given by Way of Change—Green Feeds Are Highly Important in Winter.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The rabbit thrives well on a diversity of vegetable foods. Many writers on the care of this animal prescribe elaborate lists of foods to be followed week in and out. The fact is that a few staple foods are sufficient, but no animal is more adaptable to sudden changes of diet; so that one can feed what is available or cheap, the idea being to produce weight with the least possible outlay of money.

Grain and Hay.

The best grain for rabbits is oats, either whole or crushed, though cornmeal, barley, or other grain may often be fed by way of change. The crushed oats are best when freshly broken, and a hand mill for preparing them is a valuable adjunct to a rabbitry.

Hay is a necessary part of the rabbit's diet, and if possible that of the very best quality should be used. It should be entirely free from moldness, and the unsweated is always preferable. If one has small grounds where suitable grass grows, the mowing may be done at short intervals and the hay thoroughly cured in such small quantities that no sweating takes place. However, if sweet hay is not available the sweated may be fed to the rabbits without injury, unless it be moldy.

Green Foods.

Rabbits require some green foods for winter. Cabbages, kale, spinach, and rape leaves are recommended. Turnips, beets, and mangels are often fed and have been recommended by many rabbit breeders, but they do not keep so well as the foods just named.

Female Flemish Giant.

Turnips, unless kept in the ground, wilt by midwinter and are then of little use. Beets and mangels keep better, and the latter are the main dependence of some English rabbitries; but, on the whole, cabbages are more economical, as well as more satisfactory in every way. They are usually available until green stuff grows in the ...

... defer mating a young doe until March. She then has young in April, when there is abundant green food to induce a good flow of milk. This lacteal development once well established, she is likely always to give abundance of milk for her young. If pairing begins in February each doe may be expected to produce four litters a year, the young coming at intervals of about twelve weeks, with a longer rest in midwinter.

Preparing for the Young.

The gestation period of the rabbit is about thirty days. When the doe is nearly ready to bear young, her hutch should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected, after which a good supply of soft hay or straw (oat straw is best) should be placed in the body of the hutch to enable her to arrange her nest. If the hutch is without a nesting compartment, a box should be placed in a corner. It should be 18 to 20 inches long, about a foot deep, or 10 inches wide, and without a lid. Make a hole in one end large enough for the doe to pass through easily, and turn the box upside down. The doe will arrange her nest a day or two before the young are born. At this time extra attention should be given to her food. She should have milk and warm water regularly, and a pan of clean water should be kept constantly in the hutch. While a doe is heavy with young and for a few days after their birth, extreme care should be taken to see that she is not frightened by cats or dogs or even by strange visitors in the rabbitry. Avoid touching the nest or handling the young, unless it is absolutely necessary.

Diet While Nursing.

During the first week or two after having young the doe may be fed almost entirely on warm milk and bread. This is recommended for the bulk of the morning and evening meals, with a small supply of green food. Green food may be given also in the middle of the day, and the daily proportion gradually increased. Boiled mush made of cornmeal is also an excellent food for suckling does, but most other pasty or watery foods should be avoided as likely to derange the bowels. Milk, and indeed any soft food, should be fed in a separate earthenware dish, especially in warm weather, when it sours quickly. The dish should be washed and scalded often.

Weaning.

The young may be weaned when a month old, but it is better to leave them with the doe two or three weeks longer. Remove two each day until all are transferred to another hutch, which may be large enough to accommodate any number. They do well together until they are three or four months old, when their development will compel separation of the sexes. After this any number of does may occupy the same hutch, but unless thoroughly accustomed to each other, will fight.

Ailments of Rabbits.

If properly cared for, rabbits are remarkably free from diseases. The more common ailments results from insanitary surroundings, lack of care ...

MATCHED HORSES IN DEMAND

DON'T BURN ASPARAGUS BED

SOME POSTSCRIPTS

WONDERS HAVE SHORT LEASE

Magazine Writer Shows How Rapidly Remarkable Inventions Tread on Each Other's Heels.

"Not a great many years ago a spectacled and skeptical old scientist wrote a long thesis in which he claimed that the world's great discoveries all lay in the past, that the future had no new wonders to disclose, and that all the really fundamental inventions, discoveries and researches had already been made," says J. S. Newman, in the February St. Nicholas.

"'For,' said the pessimistic philosopher, 'there are no more strange lands to explore, no more conceivable inventions for the benefit of mankind. The telegraph, electric light, telephone and electric motor are already here. The camera and microscope, telescope and linotype, printing press and sewing machine, airship and steamboat are already discovered. What else is there left that is really new?'

"But Mother Nature seemed to have kept her most wonderful secrets for just such an occasion. As if deliberately to disprove the foolish scientist, the next ten years brought out the most astounding collection of new inventions and discoveries the world has ever known. For in the period immediately following the bold claim of this doubting Thomas, Hertz discovered electric waves, Marconi invented wireless telegraphy, Roentgen stumbled upon the X-ray, Madame Curie isolated radium, Sir William Ramsay found five new chemical elements, Edison made his first moving picture machine, the Wright brothers conquered the air and countless greater or lesser discoveries astounded the scientific world.

"So the seven great wonders of today will become the commonplaces of tomorrow!"

Press Agents.

It is said that every man who ever succeeded recognized early the necessity of working with nature and not trying to do what is physically impossible. Yet an interested society sends us, in an envelope marked ... find the matter inclosed ... attention," copies of fo... concerned with a policy ... The number of pages is ... this is remarkable for b... than length. This partic... tion bombards us with ... more at intervals probab... than two months, and it ... hundreds. If this is o... hobby, we probably rea... inclosures. If not, we n... of these gentlemen who ...

QUANTITY OF OIL IN SIGHT

United States Geological Survey Makes Important Report on Fields in Colorado and Utah.

Twenty billion barrels of crude oil and 2,000,000,000 barrels of gasoline is the estimated yield from Colorado shale beds, according to the United States geological survey. In anticipation of the day when, on account of the advancing cost of gasoline and other products obtained from petroleum, it might be found commercially profitable to utilize some of the enormous supply of petroleum to be derived from the distillation of the vast deposits of so-called hydrocarbon shales of the Green river formation of northwestern Colorado and northeastern Utah, the United States geological survey has for three years been making field investigations of these deposits.

The examinations have been accompanied by mapping of the areas of hydrocarbon shales and by such field measurements of the thickness of the shales in workable beds and such rude field distillation tests as will afford primary information concerning the amount and richness of the shales in different parts of the region.

Very rough but cautious calculations of the contents of the shale in parts of the area examined indicate that the distillation of shale from beds over three feet thick in Colorado alone will yield more than 20,000,000,000 barrels of crude oil, from which more than 2,000,000,000 barrels of gasoline can be extracted by ordinary methods. A report giving the results of these explorations and tests and an account of experiments as to possible gasoline production, both by the ordinary commercial processes and by the Rittman process, is now in press.

Spokane Sees Curios Go.

The Smithsonian Institution has given the city of Spokane such a scare that its citizens are starting a museum of natural history says the Spokane Chronicle.

Representatives of th... have been shipping rare ... and pieces of handiwork ... ington, D. C., and New ... the carload. All the ... grounds and present vi... Indians are being scoure... mens, and the city has co... that soon it may be ... send back East to ... tion concerning its own ... men.

The Spokane Historical ... do some rapid hoarding ...

ASTHMA
There is no "cure" but relief is often brought by—
VICK'S VAPORUB

Lacks Appreciation.

Somehow or other a man never appreciates what he has acquired with little effort or cost.

Don't attempt to swindle a mule; he is apt to get back at you.

YOU NEED NOT SUFFER WITH BACKACHE AND RHEUMATISM

For centuries GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil has been a standard household remedy for kidney, liver, bladder and stomach trouble, and all diseases connected with the urinary organs. The kidneys and bladder are the most important organs of the body. They are the filters, the purifiers of your blood. If the poisons which enter your system through the blood and stomach are not entirely thrown out by the kidneys and bladder you are doomed.

Weariness, sleeplessness, nervousness, despondency, backache, stomach trouble, headache, pain in loins, and lower abdomen, gall-stones, gravel, difficulty when urinating, cloudy and bloody urine, rheumatism, sciatica, lumbago, all warn you to look after your kidneys and bladder. GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil Capsules are what you need.

They are not a "patent medicine" nor a "new discovery." For 200 years they have been a standard household remedy. They are the pure, original imported Haarlem Oil your great-grandmother used, and are perfectly harmless. The healing, soothing oil soaks into the cells and lining of the kidneys and through the bladder, driving out the poisonous germs. New life, fresh strength and health will come as you continue this treatment. When completely restored to your usual vigor, continue taking a capsule or two each day. They will keep you in condition and prevent a return of the disease.

Do not delay a minute. Delays are especially dangerous in kidney and bladder trouble. All reliable druggists sell GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil Capsules. They will refund the money if not as represented.—In three sizes, sealed packages. Ask for the original imported GOLD MEDAL. Accept no substitutes.

You Look As YOU FEEL
You know well enough when your liver is loafing.
CONSTIPATION is the first warning; then you begin to "feel mean all over."
Your skin soon gets the bad news, it grows dull, yellow, muddy and unsightly.
Violent purgatives are not what you need—just the gentle help of this old-time standard remedy.
CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS
CARTER'S IRON PILLS

American Beet Sugar of Vital Aid in Food Problem

by Robert H. Moulton

Not only does cultivation of vegetable increase supply, but it adds greatly to land's fertility—Increasing area throughout country devoted to sugar beets successfully

STRICTLY speaking, America has no reason to fear a sugar famine. That is to say, domestic refineries and their sources of raw materials are ample to meet all requirements. But local consumption and native production are not going to determine entirely the factor of sufficiency. We have pledged ourselves to help our allies in the matter of food, and in the opinion of persons qualified to judge sugar is a necessary part of a balanced diet. Indeed, the harder the body is worked ...

That sugar, so it is stated, will be found very satisfactory for home use for many purposes, as, for instance, in the baking of pies, puddings, dark colored cake, etc. The beet sirup otherwise is said to be good for buckwheat cakes and the like, and the making of some candies, and it would probably lend itself admirably to the putting up of certain fruits.

It is said that sugar beets can be grown in any locality which has a soil capable of producing good crops of vegetables. Anyone having a small piece of fertile, tillable ground and the usual garden implements is equipped to grow the beets necessary for the production of a home supply of sirup.

Of course the beets raised in some soils will be richer in sugar than when grown in others, but all sugar beets if properly handled are capable of yielding sirup. A few rows of sugar beets will generally suffice for an ample supply of sirup for home use. That is to say, a bushel of beets will produce anywhere from three to five quarts of sirup.

Should the amateur farmer raise more beets than he needs for sirup making the rest of them can be served ...

... no humus and not having been aerated it was not fertile.

Being a deep rooter, a prerequisite to ideal sugar beet culture is that the soil be stirred to a depth of 8 to 14 inches. The tender beetlet having to undergo the shock of thinning as soon as it comes up, in order to leave only one beet in a place, demanded a well-prepared mellow seedbed.

Gathering the sugar in its leaves from the atmosphere by the aid of the light and storing it up in the root, the sugar beet would not thrive if the light were cut off through being shaded by weeds and the eradication of the weeds before going to seed meant not only further stirring of the soil by cultivation and hoeing, but weedless fields for succeeding crops. Being plowed out in the autumn gave an extra fall plowing, which left the land in condition to absorb, instead of shed the fall and winter rains, storing up the moisture for the following season's crops.

With the removal of the main root myriads of fibrous roots were broken off and left in the soil to an estimated average of a ton to the acre, and in rotting they not only deposited humus in the lower strata of the soil but they left minute channels through which it became aerated and hence fertile. The roots of subsequent crops followed these interstices and drew nutriment from two and three times the depth of the soil formerly reached, and hence ...

Housekeepers Can Save $200,000,000 on Food

CUTICURA STOPS ITCHING

OCEAN SAILORS FEAR SUBS

"Blue" and Worried?

An Ohio Case

Russian Brotherly Love.

FLIES JOHN PAUL JONES FLAG

Royal Baking Powder
saves eggs in baking

In many recipes only half as many eggs are required, in some none at all, if an additional quantity of Royal Baking Powder is used, about a teaspoon, in place of each egg omitted.

Try the following recipes which *also conserve white flour as urged by the government.*

Corn Meal Griddle Cakes
1½ cups corn meal
1½ cups boiling water
½ cup milk
1 tablespoon shortening
1 tablespoon molasses
½ cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
4 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder
NO EGGS
Scald corn meal in bowl with boiling water; add milk, melted shortening and molasses; add flour, salt and baking powder which have been sifted together; mix well. Bake on hot greased griddle until brown.
(The Old Method called for 2 eggs)

Eggless, Milkless, Butterless Cake
1 cup brown sugar
1¼ cups water
1 cup seeded raisins
2 ounces citron, cut fine
⅓ cup shortening
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup flour
1 cup rye flour
5 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder
Boil sugar, water, fruit, shortening, salt and spices together in saucepan 3 minutes. When cool, add flour and baking powder which have been sifted together. Mix well; bake in loaf pan in moderate oven about 45 minutes.
(The Old Method [Fruit Cake] called for 2 eggs)

Send for our new booklet "55 Ways to Save Eggs." Mailed free on request. Address Royal Baking Powder Co., Dept. W., 135 William Street, New York

Remunerative Bits.

The old soldier was showing how fields are won.

"The worst time I ever had," he said, "was when we were besieged. We only had one bite a day for a fortnight, and that was horse flesh."

The young soldier sitting at the other side of the taproom chipped in:

"I remember living for a month on one bite, and that was out of my own leg."

The old soldier flushed.

"I don't believe it!" he said, angrily.

"Believe it or not, it's true!" said the young man. "A dog took a mouthful out of my leg and the compensation kept me like a lord for four weeks."

Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills contain nothing but vegetable ingredients, which act gently as a tonic and purgative. Adv.

Tests Gas on Dogs.

Stray dogs are being used by a professor in Yale medical school to test out a new gas, which he believes to be more deadly than the chlorine combination used by the Germans. He admits he is working on the poison gas problem, but says all further information must come from the war department, with which he is in daily communication. Because of the widespread epidemic of rabies in the state of Connecticut, notes an exchange, the commissioner on domestic animals has placed a quarantine in all the towns west of the Connecticut river and ordered that all stray dogs be impounded, and if no claim of ownership is made within 72 hours they are to be ...

Through and Through.

The two men in blue were exchanging confidences on the veranda of a big military hospital in France.

"Did you go to the big society party they gave for us crocked fellows yesterday?"

"Yes," said the other and shuddered.

"What did you think of it?"

"Believe me, old bloke, I'd rather have another ball go through me than go through another ball."

Important to Mothers
Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, that famous old remedy for infants and children, and see that it
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher
In Use for Over 30 Years.
Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

Wireless to Africa.

By the erection of a chain of stations for a distance of 1,800 miles up the Congo river it will be possible to send wireless messages all the way across Africa.

A. H. Keppiin has completed 50 years as pastor of a church in Green Bay, Wis.

GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER
has been a household panacea all over the civilized world for more than half a century for constipation, intestinal troubles, torpid liver and the generally depressed feeling that accompanies such disorders. It is a most valuable remedy for indigestion or nervous dyspepsia and liver trouble ...

Gray Matter Counts.

"The author of this story is a clever chap." "That so?" "Yes, it takes brains to sell such rot."—Judge.

With the Kings.

Punctuality is the politeness of kings.

Nothing hurts quite so much as the wrong that is done to us unintentionally.

Madras in 1916 exported $440,906 worth of sandalwood.

Brazil in June exported 4,364,979 pounds of crude rubber.

BAKER'S COCOA is pure
Purity in cocoa means carefully selected, scrupulously cleaned cocoa beans, scientifically blended, skilfully roasted, and with the excess of fat removed, reduced to an extremely fine powder by a strictly mechanical process, no chemicals being used, ...

Never Heard of It.

"Have fishermen a patron saint?"

"Dunno. Never heard of Ananias being canonized."—Browning's Magazine.

A woman is never more beautiful to a man than when he sees her passing out of his life.

Raise High Priced Wheat on Fertile Canadian Soil

160 ACRE FARMS IN WESTERN CANADA FREE

... yields also of Oats, Barley and Flax. Mixed farming in Western Canada is as profitable an industry as grain growing.

The Government this year is asking farmers to put increased acreage into grain. There is a great demand for farm labor to replace the many young men who have volunteered for service. The climate is healthful and agreeable, railway facilities excellent, good schools and churches convenient. Write for literature as to reduced railway rates to Supt. of Immigration, Ottawa, Can., or to

W. S. NETHERY, Room 82, Interurban Sta. Bldg., Columbus, O.
Canadian Government Agent

Middle Aged Women
Are Here Told the Best Remedy for Their Troubles.

Fremont, O.—"I was passing through the critical period of life, being forty-six years of age and had all the symptoms incident to that change—heat flashes, nervousness, and was in a general run down condition, so it was hard for me to do my work. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was recommended to me as the best remedy for my troubles, which it surely proved to be. I feel better and stronger in every way since taking it, and the annoying symptoms have disappeared."—Mrs. M. Godden, 935 Napoleon St., Fremont, Ohio.

North Haven, Conn.—"Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound restored my health after everything else had failed when passing through change of life. There is nothing like it to overcome the trying symptoms."—Mrs. Florence Isella, Box 197, North Haven, Conn.

In Such Cases
LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND
has the greatest record for the greatest good
LYDIA E. PINKHAM MEDICINE CO. LYNN, MASS.