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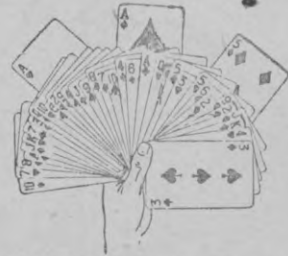
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A Great Educational Institution

Published by arrangement in the hope that someone may benefit.

The story of the origin and growth of the International Correspondence School—known to many hundreds of thousands as "The I.C.S."—reads like a romance. About 60 years ago one Thomas J. Foster was editor of a small newspaper in the Pennsylvania U.S.A. anthracite area. Mine disasters were frequent, and Foster thought that in many cases they were due to plain ignorance. Having decided that something must be done about it, he started a question-and-answer column in his newspaper. The questions were about the elementary facts of engineering, mine gases, and precautions for safety.

The huge volume of correspondence showed Foster the thirst for knowledge amongst the miners, and he decided to organise it separately. There were many difficulties to overcome—at that time "teaching by correspondence" was simply not thought of. In October, 1891, Foster enrolled his first student, Thomas Coates, a miner. It was an auspicious beginning; Coates rose to become superintendent of the mine. Within nine years Foster's students numbered 251,310, he having in the interval arranged for many other technical subjects in addition to mining. Now, over 50 years after the founding of the I.C.S., there are more than 5,000,000 men and women throughout the world who have taken up courses of instruction with the I.C.S. truly the largest educational institution in the world.

One day the instructors received a letter from a man in Central America who explained that his lessons might be somewhat late in arriving, as he spoke Spanish with the aid of a die-spoke Spanish but he had no knowledge of English. Therefore when studying his Mechanical Engineering Course he had not only to follow the technical part but he had to translate it from English to Spanish with the aid of a dictionary. He was learning English at the same time as he was studying mechanical engineering problems! The directors of the I.C.S. felt that there was a great need in the Argentine for technical knowledge, and the courses were translated into Spanish. Now, there are about 150,000 I.C.S. students in the South American countries.

There are instruction centres throughout the world, these including Scranton (U.S.A.), Canada, London, South Africa, India, Spain, Argentina, Sydney (Aust.), Wellington (N.Z.).

The effect of modern war on correspondence-school business is shown by the civil war in Spain. Soon after it broke out, the Loyalists moved into the Madrid office of the I.C.S., collared the manager and shot him. Several former Army engineers, technical members of the staff, were also liquidated. The woman secretary was imprisoned, tortured. When her case came up, this courageous senora argued that the common people were ground under the heel of Facism, had little opportunity for education, none of the better things of life. And wasn't that what they were fighting for?

She pointed out that few soldiers could read orders, understand maps, forecast weather, repair truck engines and airplanes, things that her

school could teach them. So why not use the staff and its texts? She was released, told to carry on. Executions of staff members ceased. Hundreds of army personnel were enrolled. I.C.S. enrolments in Spain in the last two years have numbered over 5,000.

War brought the same experience to the English offices. Enrolment began to soar immediately after Dunkirk. In 1941, it was 50 per cent. greater than in 1940, and it is now at a new peak of 30,000 active students and 850,000 alumni in the British Empire and Far East. This is largely due to the normal demand for training in subjects related to the war, such as aeronautical engineering, munitions production, etc.

There are exceptions, of course, to I.C.S. war booms. The branch offices in Shanghai and Manila have had to close. And the I.C.S. broke relations with Japan long before the British Empire or U.S.A. did. It discovered that the Japanese were buying the texts and examinations for every course, copying them, and then setting up their own schools.

Administrative troubles that war causes are illustrated by the case of a Chinese youth. His first lesson in building a house described how to make the excavation; the second, how to put in the foundation; the third, how to construct the house itself. But the second lesson went to the bottom of the Pacific, and the Chinese, after weeks of puzzling over Lessons 1 and 3, asked Scranton plaintively: "How you build house on hole in ground?"

I.C.S. activities in Latin America have increased greatly in the past two or three years. In certain countries German engineers who were supervising the construction of roads, air ports, and other public works, walked off their jobs at the declaration of war, in the haughty confidence that the work would never be finished without them. But young Latins who had been quietly learning engineering from the I.C.S. stepped into the breach, and these vital war projects are being completed on schedule.

The Lockheed Aircraft Corporation was surprised to learn that many of its engineers were I.C.S. graduates. When the National Association of Manufacturers recently awarded Modern Pioneer medals to some 500 men who had made outstanding contributions to society in the last twenty-five years, it discovered that sixty of them had received their training by mail from the I.C.S.

Numbered amongst I.C.S. students are such men as Guy Vaughan, president of Curtiss-Wright; J. G. Vincent and E. J. Hall, who, in the midst of the last World War, offered their services to the Government, and brought out their famous Liberty motor. J. J. Tynan, who entered the shipbuilding industry as a labourer, took his course on the advice of an I.C.S. man, and became vice-president of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation.

Other I.C.S. students are John G. Garand, inventor of the Garand semi-automatic rifle; Clyde C. Farmer, director of engineering at Westinghouse air brake. Eddie Rickenbacker, and the late Walter Chrysler took I.C.S. courses. In Australia and New Zealand more familiar names are Hinck-



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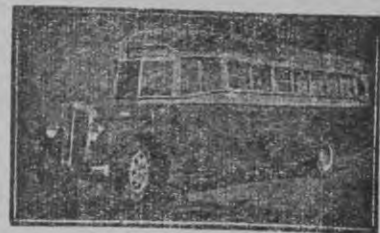


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There's something worrying about the number of people who make up their minds once and for all on some point or other. Not always to their own advantage and certainly not to anyone else's.

You're sure to know of people who "don't dance"; you may even be one. What that means is that they've decided that they can't do it, and they're not going to take any other evidence. Yet you find in the Army that everyone has learnt something he never thought he could do. How many civilians imagined they could sleep in the open with a single blanket, and be none the worse for it?

The thing about the Army, of course, is that they just have to learn new ways. The ordinary civilian learns new ways very slowly—because no one makes him learn them.

And half of it is pure laziness. We get hold of some method of doing a thing, and when someone comes along with a better one we can't make the effort to try it out.

"It was like that in my day."

New mental outlooks ought to be easier to acquire than new physical achievements. They don't seem to be. How many people realise that in any argument there is ALWAYS something to be said on the other side?

How many times have you condemned someone as dead wrong in his views, without taking the trouble to see what possible grounds he can have had for holding them?

We take up our sides in every controversy, and we only look at the arguments that fit in with the side we've taken. People argue that religion is non-sense, that doctors are saints, or quacks, or ruthless, or public-spirited.

They never deliberately decide to argue against their own present beliefs. Yet it's the best mental tonic in the world.

And as for getting a family to alter its opinion of one of its members—that's the hardest thing of all. A man may be thought stupid at 40 because he did badly in his first school at the age of three.

While if John says he wants to join the Navy when he's 8, he's likely to find himself in it at 17, unless he takes a say in it himself.

It's worth trying, a little conscious openmindedness. Next time someone disagrees with you, see what he really does believe. Next time a thing looks impossible, have a shot and see. Next time you're going to turn down someone's suggestion, take it up instead.

No need to vacillate all the time, or to switch too rapidly from one view to another. In fact, you'll find that the more you're open-minded, the more confident and secure your opinions are.

But, however strong they are, be

THE WOMEN'S ARMY

The world was once a peaceful place
Before the days of Eve;
But she ruined poor old Adam
With an apple, I believe.

And ever since that very day
When trouble first began,
The women have kept butting in
Upon the affairs of man.

In almost every walk of life
You'll see the weaker sex
They've even joined the Army
It's no wonder that we're vexed.

They're moving where 'ere they can
Just like a swarm of bees,
To the Air Force and the Army,
These Waacs and V.A.D.'s.

I even hear they're coming to camp,
Toward this we're not looking,
Unless, of course, we can go home
To the housework and the cooking;
They're going to work the clerical side
These mothers and their daughters
How'd you like your mother-in-law
To be working in Headquarters.

We've just moved in to our new block,
Headquarters, Records, Pay;
But now it's very doubtful
If half us lads will stay.

Our office isn't big enough,
We're crowded worse than Hades,
Because they've taken half of it
For a cloakroom for the ladies.

So I think it's time the lads went home,

Just as I said before,
And leave it to the women
To win this flamin' war.

—J.P., Ngaruawahia.

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ready to try out their defences properly. Don't just argue, but see that the other side gets a fair chance.

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The feelings of many of the 400 men of the 2nd N.Z.E.F. who recently returned sick and wounded to New Zealand were aptly expressed by the chairman of the Wellington Harbour Board, Mr. W. H. Price, at the informal welcome given, when he said he believed that glad though they were to be home they would love to be back in the Middle-East to assist in the final exodus of Rommel's army.

Approximately 60 of the men had also served in the Great War, among them an Englishman, now only 42, who, as a trumpeter in a Canadian unit in the last war, had his 14th birthday in camp.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Fraser, told the men of the difficulty Parliamentarians had had to secure pensions 10 to 15 years after the last war for returned soldiers whose war disabilities records were inadequate. He asked the returned men of this war to bear that in mind, and to carry out the instructions given to ensure their cases being properly and fully recorded. The Government and the people wanted to ensure that the best possible was done for the returned servicemen who had done their best for their country. If the men assisted now in having their cases fully recorded they could return to their homes with the knowledge that they would be looked after in the future.

This was the happiest Christmas in New Zealand in the three years of war, said the Minister of Defence, Mr. Jones, who had a special word of commendation for the returning V.A.D.'s and those still on service overseas.

Though little in numbers, New Zealand was great in deeds, said Mr. Hapi Love, father of the late Lieut. Colonel E. T. W. Love, who extended a welcome on behalf of the Native race.

"Welcome back to the best country in the world," said Mr. W. E. Leadley, for the N.Z.R.S.A. to a chorus of warm approval. "Now you are back," he said, "get into the R.S.A. Take it over from us—the whole show—because we of the last war have no one to leave it to but you."

The Adjutant-General, Brigadier A. E. Conway, O.B.E., N.Z.S.C., and Colonel C. W. Salmon, D.C.M., deputy Quartermaster-General, represented the army at the welcome to the men

NEW ZEALANDERS IN ROYAL AIR FORCE

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PERSONAL INTERESTS AND WELFARE

The establishment in London of R.N.Z.A.F. headquarters for the United Kingdom was announced yesterday by the Minister of Defence, Mr. Jones. Air Commodore L. M. Isitt has been appointed Air Officer Commanding the new Headquarters.

Mr. Jones said that the rapid increase in the number of New Zealanders serving with and on loan to the Royal Air Force in the United Kingdom, Middle East, and India, had made

Everyman's Hut

BELLS ACROSS THE SNOW.

O Christmas, merry Christmas,
Is it really come again
With its memories and greetings,
With its joy and with its pain!
There's a minor in the carol
And a shadow in the light,
And a spray of cypress twining
With the holly wreath to-night.
And the hush is never broken
By laughter light and low,
As we listen in the starlight
To the "bells across the snow."

O Christmas, merry Christmas,
'Tis not so very long
Since other voices blended
With the carol and the song!
If we could but hear them singing
As they are singing now,
If we could but see the radiance
Of the crown on each dear brow,
There would be no sigh to smother,
No hidden tear to flow,
As we listen in the starlight,
To the "bells across the snow."

O Christmas, merry Christmas,
This never more can be;
We cannot bring again the days
Of our unshadowed glee,
But Christmas, happy Christmas,
Sweet herald of good will,
With holy songs of glory,
Brings holy gladness still,
For peace and hope may brighten,
And patient love may glow,
As we listen in the starlight
To the "bells across the snow."
—Frances Ridley Havergal.

necessary a more comprehensive organization to look after their welfare and interests in liaison with the Air Ministry, in conformity with the similar headquarters of the Royal Canadian and Royal Australian Air Forces established in London.

"The number of New Zealanders now serving with or loaned to the Royal Air Force," said Mr. Jones, "has reached a substantial figure. New Zealand airmen are serving in the United Kingdom, Middle East, and India, and the task of looking after their welfare and personal interests has now overtaken the capacity of the small liaison staff hitherto maintained within the Air Ministry by the Royal New Zealand Air Force.

"No change of command is involved as the Air Officer, Commanding R.N.Z.A.F. Headquarters, will not exercise direct control over New Zealand airmen serving with the Royal Air Force, but he will, with his staff, be in a position to safeguard their personal interests and welfare.

"It is most gratifying," said Mr. Jones, "that this proposal has met with the warmest approval from the British

Christmas should be season of happy gatherings, when scattered families hope to meet together for a short while before going out again to their individual tasks and responsibilities, when the cares and anxieties of everyday life are cast aside and their place taken by the goodwill and cheer linked with Christmas.

But again Christmas will look upon many vacant chairs and smiling faces will hide many sorrowing hearts. Loved ones far away facing the hard-

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ships and dangers of war—some never to return—that we in this favoured land may celebrate the Christ Mass in peace and safety. Others have loved ones returned broken in body or mind—constant reminders of the horrors from which we have been spared.

To all of these, we, of Everyman's Hut, desire to express our gratitude and sympathy for sacrifices made and being made, and to offer our sincere prayer that, in the mercy of God, the time may not be far distant when He can cause this war to cease, and our loved ones will be able to return home.

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill towards men" was the message of that first Christmas. The world had wandered far from these ideas, but God is still offering the greatest Christmas gift of all time for ". . . unto us a Child is born," "unto us a Son is given"

At the close of this another year, we extend to all our best wishes for a brighter year to come and a speedy return of peace.

Government as expressed in the following message received from the Secretary of State for Air by the Prime Minister, through the High Commissioner for New Zealand in London: "We warmly welcome this proposal, which marks ever-increasing contribution to the war of men of the Royal New Zealand Air Force serving in the Royal Air Force. Provision for establishment of the R.N.Z.A.F. Headquarters in the United Kingdom is accordingly being made in the Empire Air Training Scheme agreement now being negotiated between representatives of the two countries. I would like to take this opportunity to place on record the Air Ministry's deep appreciation of the splendid way in which the New Zealand Government and its representatives have responded to the call which has been made upon them, and to let you know that the proposal to appoint Air Commodore Isitt, who is well known, respected, and liked throughout the Air Ministry and Royal Air Force, as first Air Officer Commanding R.N.Z.A.F. Headquarters has given special pleasure."

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