

**Becomes American To Save Fortune**

In more ways than one it is a tough thing these days to be a German citizen. Doubly in Britain, France, and the United States. Apart from the traditional guarantees, to be a German now may prove an extremely costly business. Such is the sad experience of Mrs. Mumm, a name famous enough in the days before this craze for water set in. A few days ago Mrs. Mumm was a German citizen. Today she is in process of being made an American, which she was before her marriage. The difference in money may run close to the million or more, and since there are likely to be other cases like that of Mrs. Mumm, it is interesting to retrace her experience as presented in a recent debate in Congress, to which body she had applied for restoration of her rights of American citizenship. It appears that Mrs. Mumm was formerly Miss Frances Scoville, of Kansas birth. She was described by a member from Kansas as a "young woman of rare charm and unusual graces," who had travelled much. In the course of her travel she met Mr. Walter Mumm. He was also young, extremely wealthy and handsome. They fell in love. All the ingredients for a happy international marriage, what is known as a "true love match," were present. They were married in London.

**Unfaithful Mr. Mumm.**

Now, Mr. Mumm was a member of that family that had for many years produced the Mumm line of champagne, a substance that contradicted the name on the bottle every time it was opened, as a result of the garrulity it excited. Mr. Mumm was the French representative of the firm, and made his home in France. But he was a German by birth, and, it may be, a German revisionist. For two or three years preceding the war the Mums lived more or less happily in France. As time went on the happiness decreased, for Mrs. Mumm discovered that her husband no longer honored the sacred oath he had made at the altar. He also turned himself into one of his own best customers, and abandoned himself to singing as well. Nevertheless his wife, then about to have a baby, refrained from an open break, and for the sake of keeping the home together she did not leave. Nevertheless the couple were estranged. Then came the war. Mumm as a known German had to leave the country. His wife, after a brief struggle, left also. They set up an establishment in Germany. Shortly afterward, Mrs. Mumm, finding herself in a hostile environment, left her husband and proceeded to France.

**They Separate.**

Or it many have been to Switzerland. The New York Tribune says France, and that she engaged in war work for the Allies, her heart being in the cause. Mrs. Mumm's champions in the House of Representatives make no mention of France, but said the young wife and mother went to Switzerland where they remained until the war ended. In this matter one is inclined to give the benefit of the doubt to the politicians, for it is highly improbable that however Mrs. Mumm might have sympathized with France, and despite her American birth, she would not have been a welcome resident in France when her husband was such a well known German. At any rate before the couple separated, they had come to an agreement that so far as Mrs. Mumm is concerned appears not to have been ungenerous. Mrs. Mumm was to have an allowance of \$1,000 a month and two-fifths interest in the estate of her husband. She, of course, had not gone to him penniless, and may have been only getting some of her own wealth back under the terms of the document. Before it, Mrs. Mumm went to France. When the war came to an end, if not there she found the Government in possession of whatever Mumm property there was in the country.

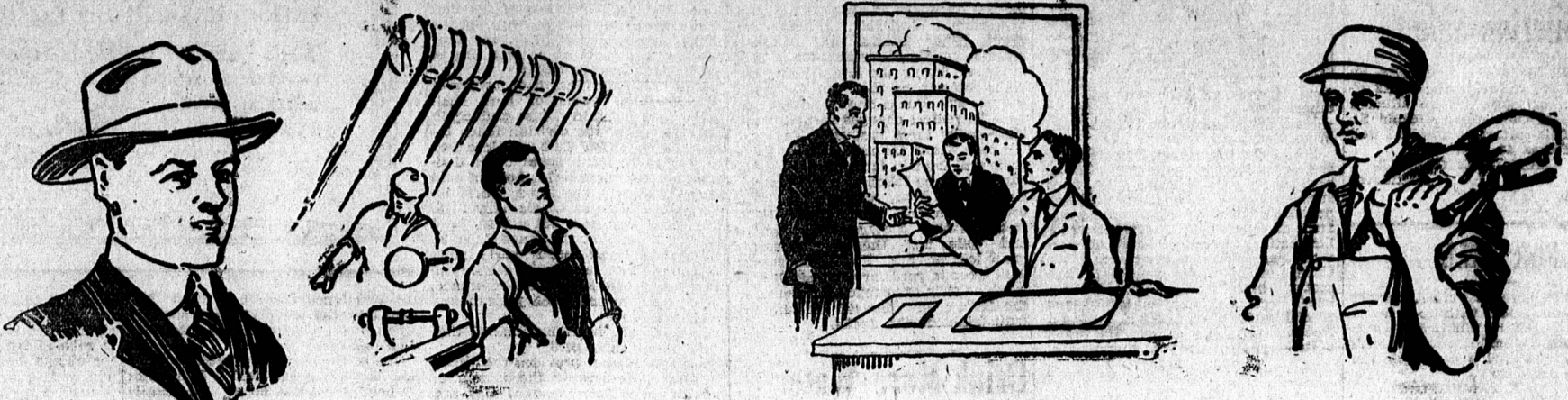
**Her Property in Peril.**

Mrs. Mumm, having a deed setting forth her ownership of two-fifths of her husband's property, asked the French Government not to seize her portion. The French Government replied that although she was an American by birth, she became a German citizen when she took a German husband, and that therefore she could claim no Mrs. Mumm appealed in vain to the facts of her birth, her sympathies, and her approaching divorce. The French Government remained obdurate. Then she was advised that if she could have her American citizenship restored, she could apply to the courts as an ally or associate citizen and might claim two-fifths of her husband's French property. There followed her appeal to the Congress, and the discussion which is faithfully reported in the Congressional Record. The fact was brought out that after the armistice, when she desired to go back to Germany on divorce business, she was refused on the ground that she was an allied sympathizer and had contributed her mite to bring about the downfall of the Fatherland.

**Alien Property Confiscated.**

In the course of the debate some of the honorable members seemed to think that Mrs. Mumm in asking for the restoration of her citizenship was animated by motives mercenary rather than by motives patriotic. They pointed out that until the matter of property entered the question she had made no effort to become American again. It was also brought out that there is an American law to the effect that five years' uninterrupted residence abroad, except in the case of those in the service of the Government, deprives a naturalized American of citizenship. To this it was proposed that Mrs. Mumm was not a naturalized citizen, and that in any event she became a German when Mumm married her. So Mrs. Mumm's petition was granted by a

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point resolution. The case calls attention to the fact that in the present war, whether in other wars or not, when property of an alien enemy is seized it is absolutely forfeited and is not returned to the enemy national at the conclusion of peace. It may be that the Goman Government is expected to recompense Mumm. One gathers, too, that the war will not make international marriages more popular, except in the case of nationals of the countries that fought side by side.

**RAILWAY TIES BUILT OF STEEL.**

The attention has been called to the waning supply of timber and to the advisability of using steel ties. There is no denying the fact that as a nation we are rapidly exhausting our birthright of wonderful forests, says the Railway Age. According to officers of the forest service, the consumption is now three times the production. However, the scarcity will unquestionably result in such advances in prices that there will be a natural decrease in consumption in all lines where substitutes for lumber may be applied. While the relation of lumber consumption to lumber production is a matter of real concern, the scarcity of ties experienced during the war period cannot be interpreted in terms of ultimate depletion. On the contrary, the shortage of ties in 1918 was the result of the temporary cessation in production, brought about by war conditions and other circumstances. This condition has now largely been overcome, as witnessed by the production of about 10,000,000 ties per month. If we take cognizance of our rapidly disappearing forests, it would seem to be a matter of national concern as affecting all forests and all users of lumber.

With any undertaking involving the use of private capital, the question resolves itself into one of cost. As long as the cost of a wooden tie, distributed over the year, of its natural life, is less than the cost of some substitute considered in a like manner, the railroads cannot well be deterred from using the wooden tie in the absence of some general restriction on the use of

**use of dolls as an assistance to the operations of the young mind dates from the most remote times.**

Among the native tribes of Africa it was the custom of married women to carry a doll with them until they had a child, when the doll was discarded. Kings were wont to play with dolls, and talking and walking dolls, which even today are regarded as novelties, date back a century. At the French exhibition held in 1823 dolls which could say "Papa" and "Mamma" were exhibited, and three years later dolls which could walk were shown in the shops. It was about the same time that dolls added to their many accomplishments the power to open and close their eyes.—Tit-Bits.

**DOLLS USED BY CHILDREN OF THE ANCIENT ROMANS.**

There is a pretty legend to the effect that dolls were first recognized in the branches of the trees of the Garden of Eden. The earliest authentic records, however, seem to go back to the days of the Romans, when they made quaint, sphinxlike, jointed dolls from patterns which modern doll-makers have since copied. That the Roman children had their dolls, which they offered up to Venus when they grew older, was vouched for on one occasion by the historian Macaulay. There is ample evidence that the

ther, and plans have been made for greatly increasing this output during the next year. Each hide contains from 10 to 40 sq. ft. of exceptionally strong leather, and is sold at a price depending upon the quality. Valuable by-products are obtained from the flayed bodies of the fish, including fertilizer, glue, oil, and musical-instrument strings. The skins of certain whales, porpoises, rays and devil-fish also can be utilized. Formerly these inhabitants of the sea were regarded as worthless. Now they are expected to become important factors in the leather market.—Popular Mechanics.

**GREAT SEINES DEvised FOR CAPTURE OF SHARKS**

Faced with an alarming scarcity of hides, the world for some time has turned to the sea for a supply, with the result that a new industry is developing at various points on our coasts. Recently immense seines have been devised and used for the capture of sharks and other fish whose skins can be converted into leather. One of the nets that has proved very successful in this unusual fishing is 600 ft. long and 18 ft. deep, with a 44-in. mesh of heavy twine. It is operated from small boats, and as many as 200 sharks have been taken with it in a single day. Experiments conducted under Government supervision have disclosed the fact that tanned shark skins are suitable for shoe uppers and others articles. Five hundred fish skins are treated weekly at one tannery devoted to the production of marine lea-

**Potato Soup**  
Six good-sized potatoes, one-quarter pound of salt pork, two onions, a few sprigs of parsley, two cupsful of milk, one heaping tablespoonful of butter, salt and pepper to taste. Peel and quarter the potatoes and put them into a saucepan. Add the pork, the onions sliced, and the parsley. Cover liberally with cold water and allow to boil gently for one hour. Remove the pork and rub the remainder through a colander. Return to the pot; add the milk, butter and seasonings. Allow to boil up once, to become thoroughly hot, and serve in a hot tureen.

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