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## THE WONDROUS HILL

It was near sunset, I repeat, and we were crossing the Bay of Gibraltar. I stood on the prow of the vessel with my eyes intently fixed on the mountain fortress, which, though I had seen it several times before, filled my mind with admiration and interest. Viewed from this vantage point, certainly, it resembled any and every object in nature, has something of the appearance of a terrible couchant lion, whose stupendous head menaces Spain. Had I been dreaming, I should almost have concluded it to be the genius of Africa in the shape of its most puissant monster, who had bounded over the sea from the clime of sand and sun, bent on the destruction of the rival continent, means momentarily as the head of its stony sides, its crest and chin, is tawny even as that of the hide of the desert king.

It was near sunset—I say it for the third time—and we were crossing the Bay of Gibraltar! Bay! It seemed no bay, but an inland sea, surrounded on all sides by enchanted barriers, so strange, so wonderful was the aspect of its coast. Before us lay the impregnable hill; on our right the African continent, with its gray Gibil Muza and the crag of Ceuta, to which last a solitary bark seemed steering its way; behind us the town we had just quitted, with its mountain wall; on our left the coast of Spain. The surface of the water was unrippled by a wave, and as we rapidly glided on, the strange objects which we were approaching became momentarily more distinct and visible. There at the base of the mountain, and covering a small portion of its side, lay the city, with its ramparts garnished with black guns pointing significantly at its moles and harbors; above, seemingly on every crag which could be made available for the purpose of defense or destruction, peered batteries, . . . as if ominous of the fate which awaited any intrusive foe; whilst east and west, toward Africa and Spain, on the extreme points, rose castles, towers, or atalayas which overpowered the whole and all the circumjacent region whether land or sea. Mighty and threatening appeared the fortifications and doubtless, viewed in any other situation, would have alone occupied the mind and engrossed its wonder; but the hill, the wondrous hill, was everywhere about them, beneath them, or above them, overpowering their effect as a spectacle.—From "The Bible in Spain," by George Borrow.

it back into the two or three places in South America where it was endemic, and was preparing to move on the outer works and exterminate the last remaining vestige of the disease when the Great War broke out and the experts were called to a more pressing campaign. Sentinels were left on guard, however, and as soon as Dr. Gorgas was relieved from military service, he took up again the fight on yellow fever. Now, according to a dispatch from Panama, Dr. Gorgas reports that the fight is won. The last remaining plague spot was Guayaquil, Ecuador. Dr. Gorgas, returning from this West Coast port, announces that he believes the last trace of the disease has been eradicated, bringing about the definite end of the yellow fever menace, the first of the great diseases to suffer extirpation.—Literary Digest.

## THE ABSENT

The banners wave in the sunshine, Or droop in the still, soft air; Dawn vistas of roses and laurels The conquering legions fare: And the heavens re-echo the shouting, The hymns and the trumpets blare. And the eyes of a thousand thousands Are bent on the stately show, And the hearts of a world enfranchised. At its message throb and glow — But what of the eyes that see not, And the hearts that may never know? The eyes that in battle brightened, The hearts that no fear could quell; The spirits that snatched our triumph From the reeking jaws of hell: The lads with all life before them, That put it behind them — and fell? Do they sleep 'neath the soil they rescued In Flanders and Picardy, By Jordan or old Euphrates, Or deep in the antiseptic sea? Or here in the glow, do they see and know, Better perchance, than we? —W. A. in London Daily News.

## NO TRACE NOW LEFT OF YELLOW FEVER

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Was the Last Plague Spot.

America, which gave the world a new and terrible plague, has wiped it out, according to word received from Major General William C. Gorgas. The New York "Times" in commenting editorially on this news, notes that yellow fever was unknown to the rest of the world before Columbus discovered America. The voyagers to the new land quickly carried the pestilence to their home ports, and soon it was creating havoc in Europe and Asia. Spain, as the home port of most of the early navigators to the New World naturally suffered most, and there was wave after wave of the plague, which claimed thousands of lives. He goes on:

"With the settlement of the colonies the fever, always present in the tropical section, made periodical invasions of the more northern latitudes. New York and Boston suffered severely, even up to comparatively recent years. A disease unknown until the end of the fifteenth century had become one of the world's most deadly plagues. It was the period immediately following the close of the Spanish-American War that saw the beginning of the end of yellow fever. In 1900 Dr. Walter Reed, heading a commission of doctors, went to Cuba to investigate the plague. First demonstrating the fallacy of the theory that yellow fever was caused by the bite of stegomyia, which had first become infected by biting an infected person. The experiments proved only in this way. Since that discovery the terrors of yellow fever have waned rapidly. By exterminating the guilty insect, the disease has been driven from stronghold after stronghold. The final extermination of this plague was one of the tasks undertaken by the Rockefeller Foundation. A commission, headed by Dr. Gorgas, had just succeeded in driving

## STRINGENT RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF COAL PUT INTO EFFECT MONDAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—War-time restrictions on the nation's use of coal, more stringent even than those applied during the war, were ordered into effect today to stave off a fuel famine.

Moved by reports of diminishing coal stocks and growing danger of distress in numerous sections, the government sought no compromise with striking mine workers whose walk-out forced the emergency, but asked for national determination to endure privation and discomfort until coal mining was resumed on its terms.

Fuel Administrator Garfield, acting in conjunction with the railroad administration, gave notice that hereafter only the essential consumers including in the first five classes of the war priorities list would be supplied with coal, and asked the help of all state and municipal authorities to make rationing effective.

The order, which made those restrictions already put into local effect by regional coal companies where the pinch of coal shortage has been felt, cuts off supplies from all but transportation agencies, which includes inland and coastwise shipping, as well as railroads; federal and local government institutions and establishments, including concerns working on government contracts; public utilities including newspapers; and retail dealers.

Railroad administration officials conceded that it meant widespread cessation of industrial operations, only justified by the gravity of the situation. Officials were hopeful that the advance of fourteen per cent in mine workers' wages would result in getting some of the men back to work, especially in view of the fact that coal operators generally were backing up the offer. But at the same time, it was said that a period of several days would be required before the effect of this could be determined.

Any man who says he is satisfied with his lot is either a shiftless individual or a liar.

## THE COOK SAYS

Cooks, as a rule do not examine cans of food before opening, to see whether or not they are right to eat. There is a simple sign on a can, before it is opened, that tells whether or not it is sound and good. One should examine the can for puffed or bulged out edges or ends. If these are found it is better not to open the can but to return it to the dealer.

The cans on which the ends are flat or slightly drawn in speak for themselves, and tell one that the contents are perfectly sound and may be eaten without danger. In opening avoid making a jagged cut in the top by which the fingers are easily wounded. Remove enough of the upper part of the label so that the side seam of the can may be seen. Lay the can on its side and insert the can opener next to the seam, about a quarter of an inch from the top of the can. Now place the can in an upright position on the table, hold firmly and work the opener away from the seam until you have cut entirely around the can. You will then be able to turn back the entire top without danger, or injuring the hands.

Sardine toast is a nice luncheon dish. Carefully remove the skin and bones from six sardines, flaking the fish in minute particles with a silver fork. Place in a chafing dish a tablespoon of butter, adding when melted a teaspoonful of fine minced onion, half a chopped pepper, a few drops of Worcestershire sauce and a pinch of celery salt. Fry until the ingredients are nicely browned and then stir in the



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sardines, together with two tablespoons of rich brown stock or two teaspoon of meat glaze diluted with a little water. Season with salt and a dash of tabasco sauce. Place over the hot water pan to simmer for about five minutes. Serve very hot on toasted pilot biscuit, garnishing with a little grated hard-boiled egg. To make a nice oyster rarebit, remove the tongue muscle from such oysters to make a cup, parboil in their own liquor and drain. Melt two tablespoons of butter, add half a pound of mild cheese grated, salt and pepper, and as the cheese melts add the oyster liquor, then the eggs slightly beaten. When the mixture becomes smooth, add the soft parts of the oyster and serve at once.

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