



"AY," replied Mr. Weller, "there was three quarters water rates own, and Stiggins hadn't paid a farden, not he—perhaps it might be on account that the water warn't o' much use to him, for it's very little o' that tap he drinks; he knows a trick worth a good half dozen of that, he does."

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JIM RICE OF COLUMBIA ONE OF THE GREATEST OF ROWING COACHES.



NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The merits of the Jim Rice controversy, now causing widespread interest at Columbia and in collegiate rowing circles, cannot be passed upon, for the outsider cannot possibly be in close enough touch with conditions to pass judgment. But one thing is certain. Jim Rice has given Columbia some mighty fine crews since he was placed in charge of rowing there, and Columbia's rowing history for some years prior to that time was not replete with any outstanding collection of victories. It has been asserted that Rice has discouraged rowing candidates from further effort before some of these candidates have been actually tried out to furnish a decisive line on their ability. Yet Rice has fairly, consistently molded together a crew that has been capable of rendering a pretty fair account of itself in the annual intercollegiate regatta at Poughkeepsie. If Rice has been overlooking or turning down any promising material it will be a surprise to those who know him and know him to be a competent rowing coach to find it out.

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MOSQUITOES MORE DEADLY THAN BULLETS LOCAL NEWS OF INTEREST TO OUR FRENCH READERS

BUG POWDER AND SETTING ARE IN GREAT DEMAND IN SERBIA WHERE FRENCH AND MOSQUITOES WHOSE BITE IS CERTAIN DEATH.

By WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD (United Press Staff Correspondent). NAPLES, Oct. 25.—(By Mail)—You get your first news from the Balkan front here in Naples, second step in the four jumps from Paris to Belgrade.

It isn't news of soldiers or cannon; it's far more important to you than that, and it comes from five American Red Cross men who have been here six weeks and wait now in Naples for a boat to take them back to the United States.

"Bug powder is what you fellows are most ready to buy here. And mosquitoes—why, they are unquestionable in Serbia whose bite is certain death. "Well, what's the answer?" "Very mosquito nets. "We don't mind them any more because we've got home, thank God," said one of them. "Want to buy them?"

We make a dinner for three dollars and a suit for a net and buy three of them. Also we increase our baggage with four pounds of insect powder.

There are five hours left in Naples for sightseeing and we choose the ancient city of Pompeii. When old Vesuvius belched out fire 19 years after Christ, it nearly emptied the city, but this year, 1915 years after Christ has done just as thorough. Joe, James Hanson, being couldn't get away from Pompeii when the volcano broke out and you can still see their bones lying in the volcano's foot.

This new volcano of war has also broken out. They are guided; and said one of them. "Want to buy them?" We make a dinner for three dollars and a suit for a net and buy three of them. Also we increase our baggage with four pounds of insect powder.

One hundred and fifty thousand persons used to visit Pompeii every year before the year 79 when Vesuvius struck it, but you are the first tourists that have seen it for a week and—so they tell you—the first rich American tourists that have appeared in the last two months.

All of the great steepest streets; the miles and miles of ancient houses and boulevards and the hundreds of public buildings have seen it for a week and—so they tell you—the first rich American tourists that have appeared in the last two months.

"Why do you say 25 years?" asks Hark. "Because all the tourists will go to see the ruins of Rhodes and Constantinople," McCutcheon explains.

Here withdraws his black and we go back to Naples to pack our mosquito netting and our bug powder for the third jump in our dash from Paris to the Balkan front.

The third jump—by the way—it will take us to Messina.

Ribbons for Gynarchy. If you are getting used to the military uniforms at work on fashions. We no more the hat modeled on a One military headgear and we have the Italian military hat. Braided in colors have passed us.

Some of the shops sell striped and aid ribbons with the colors of the forest regiments in the British Army. There is the ribbon with the stars of the army medical corps, and the ribbon with the colors of the Scotch fusiliers and many, many other things.

These ribbons are in the width for hat bands and hats and can also be used for many other sorts of trimming.

Sport Vests Attractive. The sport vest is an innovation. Time was when vests were barred with sport costumes, but this year no costume is quite what it should be without a vest, either one of the big manilla vests that float gracefully from the wide-brimmed hat down to a neat, closely-placed black veil, which protects the hair from blowing about. Sport vests are of white mesh in flared, octagon of the white tulle mesh, and it must be admitted they add greatly to the smartness of a good-looking white sport costume.

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