

of it you blithern idiot! Not a word of this in the 'ouse' mind! not a word of this in the 'ouse! That's my 'ome-brewed ale you're a-washin' in!"

#### NOT IN THE RANKS

An exhorter in a negro camp-meeting in Alabama had just made a great speech, says the New York Times. When he got through he went down among the congregation and asked each one to join the army of the Lord.

One of congregation, when this question was put to him, replied: "I'se done j'in."

"Whar'd yo' j'in?" asked the exhorter.

"In de Baptist church."

"Why, chile," said the exhorter; "you ain't in de army; yo's in de navy."

#### BETWEEN THE LINES

Hamilton Fish, jr., told a war-story at the officers' training-camp in Plattsburg, N. Y., last summer, to illustrate how a person's war views may be tempered by his situation at the time.

"Two brothers," he said, "were captured in the Carpathians and sent to a prison-camp. Their mother heard nothing from them for a long time, and the poor woman was nearly distracted. Then, at last she got a letter, a letter from the elder brother, Peter.

" 'Dear mother,' he wrote, 'here I am in the lovely prison-camp. I have a beautiful room, with use of bath. The bed is comfortable, clean sheets every week, good food and plenty of it. Beer to drink and and cigars to smoke. I am very happy. Peter.'

" 'P. S.—Brother Franz was shot this morning for complaining.'—Philadelphia Bulletin.