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Harvest is nearly over; then off to the State Fair.

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The boys are pretty good about writing home. Well, we knew they were good boys before they left.

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In some ways the man who makes two smiles appear where only one grew before has a mission in life that should not be overlooked.

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After harvest there is always the Fall ploughing to think about; then the seeding; then the Spring ploughing and seeding; one thing follows another with lightning rapidity; life is just a succession of things to plan, things to do; sometimes we waste more time dreading about doing things than it takes to do them; the pleasant thing is to see things growing, to have the joy of doing something useful; to see kernels go into the granary that are just as precious as little gold nuggets.

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RAISING AN ARMY.

The favorite idea of all Americans used to be that in case the United States ever went to war, there would be a spontaneous uprising of the able-bodied men of the country. They would drop business, drop the plows, go up into the attics and get their trusty rifles, kiss their wives and mothers good-bys, and hike off to the war, to nowhere in particular but just to the front to fight any old enemy that might show his head. And of course the enemy would be so scared when he heard that the ploughshare was going to be melted into bayonets he would just naturally wilt and quit. The present experience we are going through tells us quite a different story. The day of sending men into battle armed with pitchforks and rakes is passed. So is the day of spontaneous uprisings of the citizens to repel the invader as at the battle of Lexington and Concord. War requires preparation and equipment of the most elaborate character. The United States had to start at the ground in order to build an army. We did not even have on the books the legislation prescribing how the Army should be raised. It has taken us six months to draft 340,000 men. In addition we have recruited our Army and Navy to a strength of over 1,200,000 men.

There is something inspiring in the democratic character of the draft; no militarism about our way of raising an Army. The men are chosen by lot; certain men who have dependents or are working in essential industries are excused. All are physically examined and those defective are excused. Their local board tells them to assemble; they board their trains, in charge of one of their own number, and go to their mobilization camps. And they go bravely and cheerfully, with the fatalism that is an underlying element in the American character. After all, we all have to die. Not all who enlist in the Army will go to the trenches. Not all who go to the trenches are killed. Statistics show that only 3 per cent of those in the Army on the front are injured seriously. But the brave young Americans who are going to the front are not thinking of the dark side of the war. They are studying their new duties; they are learning to be soldiers, acquiring the technique of their new life, mastering the mysteries of aviation, machine guns and all the modern implements of warfare, plunging into these things with the enthusiasm of youth. And all the time they are learning new things, learning obedience and discipline, putting their minds and bodies in first-class condition, they are learning to be men. And after all men is what this country needs—men instead of mice.

Observations

There are times when the cheerful folks are mighty glad that the grouch is along to make a kick.

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Duty is never so disagreeable as when it is neglected.

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We know all about our friends; it's our acquaintances that worry us. Every time we bump into one of them we wonder if he's still living with the same wife.

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Adam and Eve brought trouble into the world but there wasn't any happiness here either until they came.

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Misery may love company, but it has a hard time making a date with it.

Letters From The Front

The following letter has been received by W. F. Landrum from Ralph Poston, of the Hospital Unit:

Dear Friend:—I shall write you a few lines as I promised to when I left La Grande. This is the third letter I have written since I started this afternoon, so if you get slighted, don't holler.

We arrived here the morning of September 6, after spending five days and five nights on the train. The trip across the continent was quite a treat for me, and I believe it was for most of the company.

We were allowed about two hours to stopover in Chicago. Of course one cannot see much of a city in that time, but I got a little idea of what the business part of Chicago is like.

Saturday most of the company went to New York City. That was also a treat for me. There are so many things to see, and such a short time to see them in that a person doesn't know where to go. We went to the Hippodrome and to Coney Island. The rest of the time we were in the streets sightseeing. Broadway is torn up now, as a new subway is being put in. Fifth avenue is a busy street and conforms to the pictures one sees of it.

It seems as though the people of New York prefer the subways to surface cars. The subways are always crowded. In fact, they are much nicer to ride upon—if one doesn't stop to think when he is under the Hudson River. I did not get to see the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor.

I am not going to New York again unless I can hear grand opera. I have always wanted to hear it. And a soldier has to make every trip to the city count, for one never knows when the next move is coming.

This is a very large camp. There are over 30,000 soldiers in camp now, and more come in every day. We are camped just next to the aviation field. Watching the airplanes is a favorite pastime with our bunch. I have taken several pictures of them in midair.

We are only a little over a mile from Hempstead, which is a town about the size of La Grande. As we are free to go there after 6 o'clock in the evening it is not hard to pass the time away. However, we must have passes to go to New York.

This morning we received our third and last inoculation for typhoid. Strange to relate, it hasn't affected

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Rippling Rhymes

By WALT MASON

Save Gasoline.

Be sparing with the gasoline, if you approve good sportsmanship; joyride nine miles or seventeen, but shun the long and useless trip. Our Uncle Sam would hate like sin to shut off all our joyride juice, but tricks of that sort he'll begin, if from rank waste we don't cut loose. He's warned us all in tones of brass (and may the warning be not vain), "There'll be sufficiency of gas, if every one is safe and sane. But if the visible supply should shrink too much, you'll have a jar, for in the twinkling of an eye, I'll tie a can to every car." So let us motor here and there, as much as thoughtful people want, and give the folks some evening air, and take a little Sunday jaunt. We still may jog around the town and down the pike and o'er the leas, and journey, when the sun goes down, to rob some farmer's apple trees. So mark the hogs of gasoline, who heed no warning, howe'er kind, who still go scorching o'er the scene, and leave a cloud of smoke behind. They still pursue the wasteful game, and will while they possess the price, and they're the ones who'll bear the blame when all our cars are placed on ice.

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