

NO DOUBTING HIS MEANING

Corporal's Words Must Have Contained Full Information Even to the Most Unintelligent.

This week's story from the front: A certain company sergeant major was not popular with his men. They accused him of having cold feet.

One day the company went into a rest camp 20 miles behind the firing line, where it was an impossibility any shells could reach them. The ground, however, was very waterlogged, and a fatigues party was detailed to dig a drainage trench.

Presently a sergeant happened to pass that way.

"What are you digging there?" he shouted to the corporal in charge of the job.

A grimy face, from which the sweat was pouring, popped up from the trench. It belonged to one of the sergeant major's most persistent and relentless adversaries.

"Diggin' a communication trench from the sergeants' mess to the sergeant major's dugout," he shouted, in a voice well within hearing of the mess tent, at the entrance to which the N. C. O. in question was standing.—Pearson's Weekly.

POSTAL SYSTEM IN DISARRAY

German Government at Its Wit's End to Stop Thievery From the Goods in Transit.

Extraordinary steps have been taken by the German government to call a halt to the thievery within the postal system. It was claimed that out of ten parcels sent three would disappear. Packages to soldiers at the front containing food, delicacies and clothing would disappear more frequently than any other shipments. All appeals to the patriotic spirit of the thieves were of no avail. The percentage of thefts increased steadily. Finally the government was compelled to take drastic and systematic measures. The military branch was called in and stations of control manned by non-commissioned officers and soldiers were planted at principal railroad points in the empire. The employment of mere youths is blamed for the deterioration of the postal service. Practically all the employees of military age had to join the army and their places were filled by boys and girls. Besides, the scarcity of food tempts many to steal.

Remember.

When the war is over, no excuse will be.

Either you were in it or you were not.

Either you shouldered your gun, served in the trenches, or the Young Men's Christian association, the Red Cross or in some place where the door was opened, or else you did nothing.

If you could not serve, you could send your boys with a Godspeed, as they marched out to the front. To hold them back stamped them as slackers.

Either you strained your resources to buy Liberty bonds or you forgot your obligation to those who fought and died for your flag.

Disqualification for active service is no justification for forgetting the boys behind the guns who sacrificed all thought of gain and were willing to sacrifice their lives at their country's call.—Leslie's.

"Orion" Type of Stars.

The youngest stars of which we have knowledge are the "Orion" type of stars. The constellation of Orion is composed mainly of them, as well as parts of Taurus, the Pleiades, and parts of Perseus. In color, they are much like the Sirius type, bluish white, and brilliant, but a spectroscopic at once detects the difference between them. Stars like Sirius and Vega are surrounded by hydrogen gas, but the Orion stars have no hydrogen, and are made of helium and nebula. They often have great volumes of fine nebula dust about them, showing that they are still in the process of condensing out of the primitive star matter.

Drop in Irish Birthrate.

The Irish registrar general's return for the first quarter of this year shows a drop in the Irish birth rate of 3.6 below the average for the previous ten years. The marriage rate is practically stationary. The death rate is 8.3 below the average.

The general prosperity of Ireland is reflected by the fact that the returns on Irish pauperism show a decrease of 3,122 in the average number of workhouse inmates.

You Do Say, Mr. Fisherman!

J. W. Partridge, federal fisheries commissioner, is trying to encourage housewives to buy sea fish.

He was discussing the virtues of the sea fish the other day.

"Do you believe, Mr. Partridge," asked a bystander, "that the sea trout is as good a pan fish as the lake or stream trout?"

"Well, I wouldn't say for sure," says J. W. P., "that's all a matter of taste."

—Indianapolis News.

Ask the Thief.

The lawyer was trying hard for his client and was setting the points out in a logical manner. There was one thing he was not quite clear about and he accordingly said:

"Now, sir, you state my client knocked you down and then disappeared in the darkness. What time of night was this?"

"I can't say exactly," the complainant answered dryly. "Your client had my watch."

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS



America the Old World.

It has been observed that, although this continent is the new world in relation to its discovery, it is an old world, much older than Europe, in relation to the types of its animals and plants. For example, the big trees of California are of older stock than any trees now growing in Europe. The question has been raised whether some of the races of Siberia and eastern Asia have not sprung from American aborigines, rather than that our Indians have come from that quarter.

People Speak Well of Chamberlain's Tablets.

"I have been selling Chamberlain's Tablets for about two years and heard such good reports from customers that I concluded to give them a trial myself, and can say that I do not believe there is another preparation of the kind equal to them," writes G. A. McBride, Headford, Ont. If you are troubled with indigestion or constipation give them a trial. They will do you good. —Adv.

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PAULINE LEDERLE

BY ALLMAN

SOLDIER KILLED BY TRAIN.

BAKER, Or., Sept. 6.—Eldon Louis Haller, of Baker, was killed by a train at Camp Meade, Maryland, according to a telegram received here yesterday. No particulars were given. He was a member of the infantry. Mrs. Haller left yesterday for Andrews, Ind., to which place the body was shipped for burial.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our thanks to the many friends who helped so kindly during the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother, and also for the many beautiful floral offerings.

Signed C. J. EATON AND FAMILY.

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A FIGHT FOR MILLIONS

9-9-18

Has a High Opinion of Chamberlain's Tablets.

"I have a high opinion of Chamberlain's Tablets for biliousness and as a laxative," writes Mrs. C. A. Barnes, Charleston, Ill.: "I have never found anything so mild and pleasant to use. My brother has also used these tablets with satisfactory results." —Adv.

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Five head horses

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