

MILLION BOOKS SENT TO FRANCE

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PREFER DETECTIVE STORIES

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nical Books Great Aid to the
Ambitious Soldier.

Washington.—More than a million books have been shipped abroad by the American Library Association for the use of the American expeditionary force. The total available was 3,000,000, and this will be supplemented by a united war work campaign contribution of \$3,500,000 out of its total of \$170,000,000 for the six allied welfare organizations.

About one-half of the area covered in France by the American expeditionary force has received its first shipment of books. The distribution is proceeding rapidly and next July there will be established in Paris a central reference library of 10,000 volumes, available to any American soldier in France. Upon application of a but secretary any book in the Paris library will be sent anywhere in France free of charge.

At every bookshelf the men find a poster which reads: "These books are loaned on the honor system. If you fail, it fails. America is far away. Foreign scarce and books precious. Play square with the other fellow; he has played square with you."

Fiction Predominates

The books sent to Europe have been of two kinds, those contributed and those purchased by the funds of the association, which have amounted to \$1,000,000. The variety of contributed books is astounding and ranges from mystery stories to theological treatises, from nature yarns to Milton's poems. Fiction, of course, predominates.

No army in history ever read so omnivorously as has the American army in France. The men are greedy for books. In the days when the supply was inadequate the demand was so great that a doughboy who had taken over his barracks had a copy of Henry's "The Four Million" split into pamphlets, each containing one of the author's short stories. He passed the copies, thus abridged, along the line, and they literally were read to pieces.

The most insistent call is for detective thrillers and for tales of the Rocky mountains. Next comes the demand for poetry. Robert W. Service is the soldier's favorite poet, with Rudyard Kipling a close second.

Guide books which describe the famous, picturesque and points of historic interest are in great demand, as well as histories of France. A recent cable message to this country called for 500 copies of "Jeanne d'Arc," showing that the Maid of Orleans is as popular as the modern French maid.

Demand for Serious Reading

The librarians have been surprised at the unexpected demand for serious reading. Many a soldier has evidently chosen war times to get in a life of some books the reading of which he has hitherto postponed to a more convenient season. With a perfectly straight face a doughboy inquired the other day for Huxley's "Life of John."

Of course more than one inappropriate book has found its way overseas. Imagine the emotions of the young giant who stalked into a "Y" hut, settled down for a quiet evening, and found that the first book staring him in the face was one of the greatest and most effervescent of the Elabo books.

Most of the money spent for the 3,000,000 books has gone for technical volumes designed to aid the ambitious soldier in mastering the science of war. Among these are books on the psychology of color for the camouflage corps, the chemistry of high explosives, ballistics, military engineering, hydrostatics, meteorology, applied geology and other subjects on which the modern soldier must be a specialist.

"SOLID IVORY" IN THE ARMY

Recruit Believed That He Should
Carry Out His Orders
Regardless.

C Vancouver, B.C., Wash.—Certainty in regard to but one part of his orders on the part of a recruit sentry here nearly caused the wounding of an officer of the day. The sentry, armed with a loaded rifle, challenged the officer on his approach.

"Halt!" he shouted in best form.

The officer halted and waited for the rest of the challenge.

"Halt!" he shouted the sentry again.

The officer began to exhibit interest.

Especially as the sentry threw up his rifle and took careful aim.

"Hey! What are you blankety-blank are you doing?" shouted the officer.

"I got orders to say 'halt' three times and then fire," said the sentry.

The officer then explained that this drastic action was only to be adopted when the challenged intruder did not answer in proper form, and the sentry was much relieved to learn that he would not have to start killing until he got "over there."

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Two Views of a Seal Cape



There is so much variety in the styles of fur garments that every shopper may go forth to buy with the happy assurance of being pleased. There are short coats and waists, scarfs and muff sets, some long coats and several capes that are part girdle. The short fur coat shows signs of being the best liked of all the assortment, by women who expect to spend the winter in the North, but it must admit rivals when there is likelihood of a southern sojourn. There are several fetching garments that introduce the favor of those who have an eye for novelty and grace. Especially when furs are to be worn more for their beauty and becomingness than for actual warmth.

Some of the new capes are extended at the front, suggesting the union of a cape and scarf, and these betray pockets when you least expect them—in the scarf ends. They will keep the hands warm. The cape shown in two views in the picture has a collar formed of a band of martin which decides to be generous and to perform the duty of a girdle. This is just one more example of the two-in-one-garment idea

which fur designers have enjoyed working with this season. The cape is fastened at the throat and the extension of the collar is fastened at the back, some distance below the waist line, like a sash. A cape of this kind would be effective in some of the rich fur-trimmed having the collar made of genuine fur, with a band to match it.

Of course the scarf and muff sets remain the greatest favorites, the most practical of all furs. Muffs are round and not very large, and in scarf there is a great diversity in styles and lengths.

Julius B. B. B.

Tie Belts.

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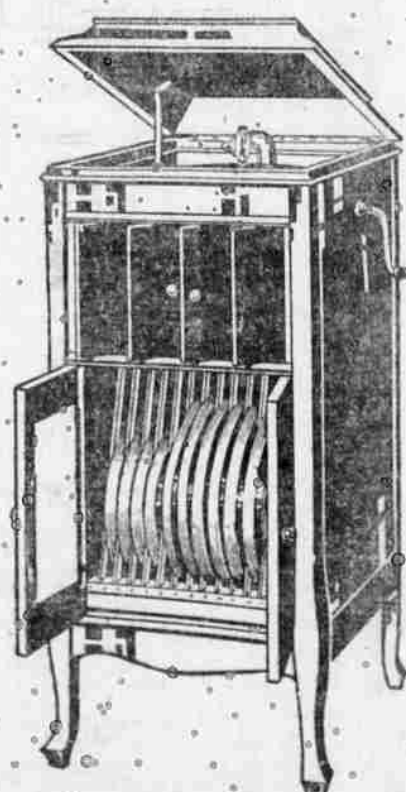
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