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## "OVER THE TOP."

Corporal George D. Foster, of the 4th engineers, has sent The Sentinel the following poem, written by "Sergeant Billy," of the 18th infantry as expressing the wishes of the boys who served with the colors relative to the use of the phrase, "over the top":  
To the men who have fought in the battle of home  
In the glorious "this" or "that,"  
Wearing their classy Walk-over shoes  
And beautiful Stetson hat;  
To the men who never have been through hell  
On the Yankee battle line,  
Or have never seen their buddy fall  
Or heard a "G-I" whine;  
To the men who have had warm water to shave,  
Cold cream and a good massage,  
While we went over the bloom-in' top  
'Neath a soissent-quinze barrage.

Do you really comprehend this phrase  
You are using as common "shop,"  
As only an advertising scheme—  
Those three words, "Over the top!"  
You who went over the top at home  
In your splendid Morris chair,  
Do you know what it means to him  
who fought,  
Or the buddy who died out there?  
Do you realize that you cheapen  
The work that we have done,  
And lower the fair standard  
Of the honors they have won?  
We ask you to leave that honored phrase  
To the men who took their chance,  
Who received their wounds and faced  
grim death  
And went over the top in France.

## OVER THE TOP.

Some of the boys who went "over the top" in France seem to feel that the expression "over the top" should not be employed except in reference to the service of those who fought in the recent war.

Corporal George D. Foster has sent from France a copy of a poem written by a soldier boy which advances this idea. Corporal Foster, in his letter, criticizes The Sentinel, The Oregonian and other newspapers which have reached him in France for their use of this phrase.

Most people feel that the soldier boys are entitled to most anything they ask, but it is going to be hard to get them to take the view advanced for discontinuing the use of this phrase. Were there every reason why its use should be discontinued, the phrase has now attained so permanent a place in every-day English that it could not be easily uprooted. It was a part of the language before popularized by the soldier boys.  
Is there a valid reason for objecting to its use?  
Of course, it never should be used in a disrespectful manner, but in the manner in which it has always been used in The Sentinel it has, at least by inference, referred to the great service performed by those who did not hesitate to expose themselves to shot and shell by leaving their protecting embankments and giving the enemy hell.

It would seem to The Sentinel that the use of the phrase would help to keep fresh in the minds of men the great service these boys performed, that the boys were honored in its use and should encourage employment of the phrase instead of discouraging its use.

Death is fully as serious and tragic a thing as was going "over the top," yet we do not hesitate to use the word frequently, often in a joking and facetious way.

It may be that the boys give to going "over the top" much the same feeling that the Christian world gives to the crucifixion. In such case it is no great wonder that the boys object to the indiscriminate use of the phrase, but if that is the case there are many other words and phrases that come in the same category.

The boys may be right but their wishes in this case seem well nigh impossible of performance.

## SOLDIERS ON THE LEAGUE.

If anyone in the world should be heartily in favor of any arrangement that will do away with war forever that person should be one who served on an active battlefield in the recent unpleasantness.

The following are the words of Captain Walter L. Toozie, Jr., upon his return from 26 months of service in France:

"On the league of nations, my experience has been in talking with returned soldiers, sailors and marines, in the east and middle west, on the trains and particularly at Camps Grant and Custer, that they are opposed to it. Most people seem to favor an international understanding of some kind that will promote the cause of peace, but very few of them are in favor of taking a chance upon sacrificing any of our sovereign rights and most of them want us to know what we are doing before we join our fortunes with the fortunes of men everywhere. Most re-

turned soldiers are strongly republican. Personally, I am opposed to the league in its present shape and in any shape at all that will mean the sacrifice of any of our sovereign rights, or that will place the determination of American questions in the hands of aliens. I am not anti-British, anti-French, nor anti-Japanese particularly, but I am intensely pro-American."  
These words are so completely in harmony with ideas previously expressed by The Sentinel that they are offered without comment.

## CHAPMAN'S FIGURES.

C. C. Chapman, who has a name that always reminds one of a popular patent medicine, is inclined to boast of the fact that he lives with figures, has them for breakfast, dinner and supper and sleeps with them at night.  
Everyone to his own taste, as the old woman said when she flirted with the famous osculatory cow, and if Mrs. Chapman raises no objection to her hubby keeping that kind of company, the rest of the world should not worry. Chapman should be so careful of his digestive organs, however, if he wishes to continue on the editorial job. Some of the figures are likely to take hold like a hookworm and put his solar plexus in the hospital. He should use more freely the rotund ciphers which would tend to give him embonpoint, much to the improvement of his own figure.

## TOO LATE.

The squish of the brakes is heard.  
The tires slide over the pavement.  
Crash!  
Bang!  
Scream!  
Two cars and several people to the repair shop.  
A traffic ordinance remembered too late.  
Does Cottage Grove have traffic ordinances or does it not have traffic ordinances?  
There are indications that it has not.

## THINGS WE THINK

Things Others Think and What We Think of the Things Others Think

**In the Hour of Misfortune.**  
It is in the hour of misfortune, when life's pathway is dark and dreary, when we have made some grave mistake that has brought sorrow and distress to ourselves, relatives and friends; when our cup seems running over and we are shunned by those from whom words of encouragement and advice would be of so much worth and so gladly welcomed that we are left to fight our battles alone. The unfairness of it all is that many of those who know the bitterness of the lonely fight are no more guilty than our daily associates and friends, except that they have committed the unpardonable sin of being found out.

Let us bear this in mind when again we see a former associate in distress and remember that to err is human and that to refuse to assist the fallen is not divine.

The end of the world was predicted to come a couple of weeks ago, but the old earth slipped never a cog and Java D. continues to donate a paltry million now and then to educate people foolish enough to look for such a catastrophe.

Compound interest is great fertilizer for the root of all evil.

Sometimes you are judged by the company you don't keep.

The average fish is said to grow four to six inches a year. The fish you almost catch are always of a venerable age.

The only difference between a knocker and a jackass is in favor of the latter.

The world may owe you a living, but there is no court in which you can collect it.

If you want to be a society man, be the presiding officer of your home circle—and don't miss a meeting.

The reason we speak of our rich men leaving so many "cool" millions is because they used the freezing out process in acquiring them.

A Russian editor has died, after 40 years spent in the newspaper business in that country. He must have been prepared for death.

The moon affects the weather to a great extent—so we presume a full moon is a sign of moisture.

Some people waste enough time and energy deploring hard luck to make a success of any business.

The man who hides his light under a bushel is in a large measure responsible for his own failure.

There is more religion in a square meal to a hungry man than in the meatiest sermon ever preached.

When a relative dies and leaves you a million, you can't be blamed for exclaiming, "That's capital!"

Did you ever think you would like to give some poor family a lift and he doesn't have much time left to get four or five mangy curs?

The trouble with college is that it keeps a man there until he's so old he doesn't have much time left to get an education he can use.

A southern gas company has been robbed of several thousand dollars. The theft has not been laid to the gas meters, however.

No more paint, powder, hair puffs, dangling jewelry, fluffy lingerie, etc., just plain black or white shirt waists, black skirts and hair neatly done, is the order of a Chicago store to its female employees. That store must in-

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Are here for you. Also bathing shoes and rubber caps as you like—for the beach, river or lake. Your outing and enjoyment of the golden summer days will not be complete without a swimming suit. We have them in all sizes, for boys, girls, men and women, and the prices will suit every pocketbook.

Bathing suits.....75c to \$6  
Bathing shoes.....75c  
Rubber caps.....50c, 75c



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Suitcases and bags...\$1.25 to \$23  
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For vacation trips, evening walks and sudden changes, a good sweater is a life saver. Here are the very latest. Shown in contrast shades of maize, pink, salmon, kelly, cerise, medium and light blue, etc.

Priced each.....\$4.50, \$5, \$6



## TOWELS AND TOWELING

Plain or Fancy

We show linen towels and cotton towels, ready to use, in any style, or if you want to make them up yourself during vacation days, we show a large stock of toweling by the yard or bolt. Incidentally the prices are lower now than you will see them again for many months—perhaps longer.  
Cot'n towels 25c, 30c, 35c, 50c up  
Towelings by the yard.....18c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c

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They include skirts that launder as well as fabric skirts for dress or sports wear, and you'll find a wide range both of styles and sizes.

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There never was a time when hosiery for women and children was so scarce as now—yet this store is prepared with large stocks in most lines at present but delay, means probability of smaller stocks to choose from in future.

Good hosiery for women and children.....25c, 30c, 35c, 50c, 65c, 75c to \$2.50

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At This Store for Auto or Camping Trip

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U. & M. special coffee (steel cut) per lb.....45c  
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Tinned meats in more than a score of styles including tuna, salmon, clams, shrimp, lobster, dried beef, sardines, deviled meat, liver paste, corned beef, per jar.....15c up  
weenies, etc., at.....8c to 35c  
Best safety tip matches 4 bxs. 25c  
Macaroni in bulk.....3 lbs. 25c  
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## For You Sir! Crisp New Furnishings for Vacation Wear, or Any Time

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tend to build up a business on first principles and cut out flirting by its male customers.

The backward man sometimes experiences trouble in forging ahead.

Don't wait for fortune. Fortune is feminine and you should go to her.

Those who peddle gossip ought to be licensed like any other peddler.

If time is money there are some awful spendthrifts in this old world.

The man best qualified to judge of the value of a dollar is, peculiarly enough, the man who hasn't one.

It is reported that a government civil service man, while investigating a supposed black hand outrage, found a nigger in the woodpile.

When hubby tells wifey about what pretty hair some other woman has it is decidedly improper for her to exclaim "Bats!"

It takes a lot of clothes to court and marry a girl. First you have to pay suit, then you have to suit her, and you have to address her papa in lan-

guage clothed with diplomatic verbiage. Then you have to have a wedding suit, and if you find you are unsuited you get a law suit.

A notable woman says the coming man will be seven feet tall. Here is one woman, at least, who places man in his proper station, above woman.

Money is an awful weight on a man's mind. John D. ought to be sainted for doing such yeoman service in bearing our burdens for us.

Good fortune seems to reach out and help those who have already climbed quite a way up the ladder. That's a way good fortune has.

Somehow or other a woman's figure seems to fit any fashion.

In Turkey the women are so modest they wear veils so people can't see their naked eyes.

The broom trust nearly sweeps us off our feet with the statement that it must double the price of its product or die.

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