

WOMEN FOR SERVICE In The Army

England's Matrons and Daughters, While Preferring Peace, Prepare Against Invasion—They Mean to Show Mere Man He Is Not the Only Warrior—Suffragette of Military Breed Urges Training of Girls for "the Accidents of War"—Country Divided Into Districts With 15,000 Trained Nurses.



GOING INTO CAMP.—ENGLAND'S VOLUNTEER WOMEN'S RED CROSS CORPS JOINING THE SUMMER MANEUVERS



READY FOR INVASION.—INSPECTION OF THE HAMPSHIRE WOMEN, ORGANISED AS RED CROSS AUXILIARIES.



SOME BRITISH GIRL GUIDES ORGANISED BY GENERAL BADEN-POWELL, THE BOY SCOUTS' FOUNDER



WOMEN'S SICK AND WOUNDED CONVOY CORPS.

LONDON, Oct. 1.—Though peace is popular in England today, defense measures on the martial side are extending to new spheres of activity. For the fair sex are joining with their fathers and brothers in a demonstration of practical patriotism. For the first time a volunteer women's corps has been under arms on Salisbury Plain for the summer maneuvers of British troops.

Very likely part of this enthusiasm for feminine uniforms is due to the suffragette movement. It is frequently urged against that movement that as men alone can enforce laws, they alone should make them. Women, according to this argument, are unfitted by nature, except in abnormal cases, for the rigors of camp life. That has put the women on their mettle. They are out to show mere man how far he is wrong when he thinks he alone is the guardian of his country.

Like to see boys and girls trained so as to be able to meet any accidental demand that arises. By accident I mean a war, though at the same time they should learn that it is not inevitably necessary for wars to take place. Mrs. Despard firmly believes that in the case of an invasion of England, women would play a more practical part near the line of battle than they have hitherto done.

portunities of service a year or two ago, with the result that the Women's Sick and Wounded Convoy Corps was started by Organizing Commandant Mrs. St. Clair Stobart. When a uniform had been designed, and the aims of the corps made known, women of all grades of society, from the elementary school teacher to the woman of wealth and leisure, became recruits. The object of this corps is to supplement the work carried out on the battlefield by the nurses of the Red Cross Society. As 70 per cent of the deaths which occur in a modern war are due to delay between the clearance hospital behind the lines and the general hospitals at the base, it is the object of the women volunteers to help in the removal of the wounded over this space, to save time and thereby life.

canvas, including the Winchester division of the British Red Cross Society. These amateur nurses who shared the life of a training camp were not numerous, but they created as much stir as any Army corps, while they were as carefully guarded as the crown jewels. Their tents were surrounded by a ring fence and the only break in it was guarded day and night by special police, who had the strictest orders not to allow man to pass. For, so far, that has been the only drawback about this initial attempt to include women in the Salisbury Plain maneuvers—the men have shown a general tendency to gravitate to that corner of the camp. The camp routine for the women was by no means severe, for a chef cooked for them, and a maid waited on them. Their only deprivation was in the banning of filtration.

something to break down the wall that divides class from class. Women of title are expressing their enthusiasm in practical terms. Lady Willoughby de Broke, whose husband figured prominently in the conflict between Lords and Commons, has co-operated in the scheme by planning out her country residence in the form of a temporary hospital, for ready use if the occasion ever arose. The Duchess of Norfolk and Lady Amptill have followed suit, and their palatial residences are now added to the list of available hospitals. When this organization is complete there will not be a county in England without its ancestral homes that could be made into hospitals in 24 hours.

missioner Dr. Mary B. Davies; the aim of instruction in all cases being "efficiency and development of character along the right lines." Some of the more robust members of the Girl Guides are keen to be real soldiers and not mere "angels of the Red Cross." They want to handle the rifle and bayonet like the regular Tommy Atkins. Whatever aspirations they have in that direction are discouraged. But it may be they will have their way in one or two cases, for there are some famous precedents of the British and American wars. In the Crimean war one Mrs. Christian Davies served as a man till a wound from a splinter of shell gave away her secret to the army surgeons. She had an adventurous career, with female sweethearts in many localities. When she died she was buried with military honors in London. Again, in the recent South African war, several girls tried to gain admission to various regiments, and one at least succeeded so far as to be drafted to Capetown. But sickness gave her plan away and she was shipped home. On every ground the authorities frown on such ambitions, but they welcome the willingness of all women to take a hand in territorial nursing schemes.

Ten Minutes With The Family Men.

SOME OF THE QUIPS AND JESTS FROM PENS OF THE NEWSPAPER HUMORISTS.

Terse Tales From Humorous Pens

THE PARSON'S MISTAKE.

An amusing incident was witnessed at a big railway station recently. An old gentleman who was waiting for a train, and at the same time interested in the surroundings, did not notice the approach of a porter struggling with a large traveling trunk, with the result that he was knocked off the platform on to the rails.

PRESENCE OF MIND.

There are symptoms of a panic in the theater, says Judge.

RICHARD IN HIS ELEMENT.

The late Thomas Wentworth Higginson, said a Harvard instructor, "loved music, but not the extremely technical music of Richard Strauss, Ravel and others of that type. Colonel Higginson used to tell a story. He said that Strauss went one Summer on a hunting trip in the mountains. It chanced that on a certain afternoon a terrific thunder storm descended on a hunting party. Amid ear-splitting thunder and blinding

BEYOND HER DEPTH AT TABLE.

They were seated around the table partaking of watermelon, so the talk naturally turned to the luscious fruit.

DIDN'T WANT ANY.

Representatives Hughes and Kinkead, of New Jersey, and Cravens, of Arkansas, three of the Irish wits of the House, when just returned from the funeral of a colleague and were discussing the pomp and publicity of a Congressional funeral.

THE RURAL UPLIFT.

"Has your family been of much assistance to you in running the place?"

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Quips and Flings

"When I was a young man," said Mr. Cumrox, "I thought nothing of working 12 or 14 hours a day."

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Among the Poets of the Daily Press

GODS OF OLD.

When shall we be freed from the symphonies of Beethoven—Gaston Carraud.

EVERYBODY'S BOSS.

Who is it bosses all the staff? Who makes us swear and makes us laugh? Who's too intelligent by half? The office boy.

THE GRASS IN THE PAVEMENT.

"God," cried the grass in the pavement, "Am I not worthy of living. Who am grown in the waterless places And subsist in the clefts of the stone?"

RESOURCEFUL.

The hungry shipwrecked seaman did not grumble at his fate; He merely took a calendar and bit him off a date.—Dallas News.