

Mr. Dooley on Secretary Alger's Letter.

"I mean to know," said Mr. Dooley, "what me friend Giral Sherman meant when he said that thing about war. I've been through two in this, not to speak of my own 'prim' rise, an' 'divvy' the bit he has come to me no more than if I was settin' in a roof playin' a scorpion. But I know now what th' ol' la'ad meant. He meant war was hell who twas over."

"If an' I heard any more in th' 'ell'ions that went into th'ere an' 'punged' th' villainous Spaniard. Most in th' is too weak to kick. But th' peccol an' fearless patriots who restrat'ed th'inselves an' didn't go to th' 'ell'ion, th' la'ads that struggled hard with th' warlike tendencies an' finally drownded tain an' stayed at home an' practiced upon th' typewriter, they're raggin' an' tearin' an' despoilin' their loes."

"Did ye see what me friend Alger wrote to Chanay Dupes? Well, sir, Alger has been mistreated. There's a good man. I say he's a good man. An' he is, too. At any th'ink fr'm shingles to two-ben' fours he's as good as th' best. But I o' wan appreciated Alger. No wan understood him. No wan even th'ried to. Day by day he published th' private letters iv other people, an' that didn't throw any light on his character. Day by day he had his pitchers took, an' still th' people didn't get onto the cur-rer iv him. Day by day he chattered iv th' terrors iv war, an' still people only said: 'An' Alger does r-r-r-r-r.' But th' time come when Alger had con-tain himself no longer, an' he set down an' wrote to Chanay Dupes."

"Mr. Chanay Dupes, care iv Grand Central Depot, New York, Esquire, Dear Chanay: I've in n' expectin' a letter fr'm ye fr' three or four days. In reply to same will say th' Chanay, ye don't know how I suffer. I'm that I'm in my mind I feel like a branch iv larch. Oh, dear, to think iv what I've gone through. I went into th' war un-prepared. I had only so many r-rounds iv cartridges an' a cross-out saw, an' I failed to provide meself with th' ord'nary necessities iv life. But in spite iv me deficiencies I went bravely ahead. Th' strain was something tur-rible on me. Me mind give out repeat-edly. I could not think at times, but I never faltered. In two months I had enough supplies piled up in Maine to feed ivy reg' in Cuba. They were thousands iv r-rounds iv cartridges fr' ivy regiment, an' all th' right had to do was to write fr' them. Th' navy had taken Manila an' Cervera's feet an' th' army had taken Sanda-gan' th' yellow fever. Th' war is over and peace want more ways iv wings over th' country. Fine scantling is quoted th'rough. I've where is peace an' coa'nt. Me photographs are on sale at all first class news dealers. Yet there is no ca'm fr'm me. On th'inkin' I want to see ye. They tell me a sojer can't see g'ral ord'ers. They want me to say sign an' go to me humble home in Michigan. Disgustin' men that've done nawthin' but get themselves shot ask fr' milk an' quinine. They'll be askin' me to carry food to th'ir nex'. Oh, Chanay, oh, liveves, ye can't know how grieved I am. Rather wud I have perished in a log jam th' in deared this ingratichood. But in lookin' back over me past life I can think iv no wrong I've done. If me min'y is at fault, please note. Me career is an open book. I've held nawthin' back fr'm th' public, not even when 'twas n'ar-ched private. I can say with th' pole that I done my footy. But oh, Chanay! don't ever as-pire to my job. Be s'cretly iv war if you will, but never be s'cretly iv a war. Do not offer this letter to th' newspapers. Make th'ir take it. How's things goin' with ye, ol' pal? I hope to see ye at th' seaside. Tili th' in ye, sick at heart, but 'atin' reg'lar, Russ."

"Well," said Mr. Hennessy, "th' poor man must've had a hard time iv it."

"He did," said Mr. Dooley, "Niver laid his head to a pillow before eight, up with the moon, he's suffered as no man can tell. But he'll be all right with his mind's at rest—Chicago Journal."

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The crop is practically out of the way. Some threshing is still to be done, but the bulk of the crop is in storage. Work in now centered in hay-fields and orchards. The harvest year crop has been gathered, and it is reported to be very large. Prune drying has continued and is being actively pushed in all sections. The prune crop is so large, that there are not sufficient dryers to handle it; some are making prune bran-ly. The apple crop is maturing, it, likewise, is very large. Melons of all kinds are plentiful. Beans are being harvested. Some fine sweet potatoes continue growing. C'ra is not filling well. Percentage of corn and cattle are in fine condition.

Fall planting has commenced in a few localities. The farm is an' rapidly clearing up th'ir orchards, etc., and are now preparing for th' fall, exposition, etc. The season has been brutal and successful.

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