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#### CHAPTER V

Meanwhile the German airplane has been shot down. Like a comet it bursts into a streamer of smoke and falls headlong. Kropp has lost his bottle of beer. Disgruntled he counts out the money from his wallet.

"Surely Himmelstoss was a very different fellow as a postman." say I, after Albert's disappointment has subsided. "Then a bully as a drill sergeant?"

The question revives Kropp, more particularly as he hears as though they'd swallowed concrete."

"That's the uniform," I suggest.

"Roughly speaking it is." says "True," growls Kat, "they al-Kat, and prepares for a long ways do. And it may be so: still speech; "but the root of the matit oughtn't to become an abuse. ter lies elsewhere. For instance, But you try to explain that to a if you train a dog to eat potablacksmith, or a laborer or a toes and then afterward put a workman, you try to make that piece of meat in front of him, clear to a simple soldier-and he'll snap at it, it's his nature. that's what most of them are And if you give a man a little bit here. All he understands is that of authority he behaves just the he has been properly trained so same way, he snaps at it too. The things are precisely the same. In front he thinks he knows exactly that when he comes up to the what he should do in every cirbeast, only he butters it over like cumstance and what not. a slice of bread with a little de-It's simply amazing, I tell you, that corum. The army is based on the ordinary soldier survives so that one man must always have long up here in the front line. power over the other. The mis-Simply amazing!" chief is merely that each one has much too much power. A non-No one protests. Everyone knows that drill ceases only in com. can torment a private, a the frontline and begins again a lieutenant a non-com., a captain a lieutenant, until he goes mad. few miles behind, with all the absurdities of saluting and par-And because they know they can. ade. It is an iron law that the they all soon acquire the habit more or less. Take a simple case: soldier must be employed under We are marching back from the every circumstance. parade ground dog tired. Then Here Tjaden comes up with a comes the order to sing. We are flushed face. He is so excited that glad enough to be able to trail he stutters. Beaming with satisarms, but we sing spiritlessly. At faction he stammers out: "Himonce the company is turned about melstoss is on his way. He's comand has to do another hour's ing to the front!" drill as punishment. On the Tjaden has a special grudge march back the order to sing is against Himmelstors, because of given again, and once more we the way he abused him in the start. barracks.

## down, he rolled five yards and

"Now what's the use of all

that? It's simply that the company commander's head has been turned by having so much power. And nobody blames him. On the contrary, he is praised for being you like in peace-time, what occupation is there in which he can

behave like that without getting there's no more beer in the can- a crack on the nose? He can only teen. "It's not only Himmelstors, do that in the army. It goes to, there are lots of them. As sure the heads of them all, you see. as they get a stripe or a star And the more insignificant a they become different men, just man has been in civil life the POLLY AND HER PALS worse it makes him."

"They say, of course, there must be discipline," ventures Kropp meditatively.

### Himmelstoss was thrown Meanwhile Haie sits down beside us. He winks at me and rubs

started to yell. his paws thoughtfully. We once

spent the finest day of our armylife together-the day before we left for the front. We had been alloted to one of the recently strict. That, of course, is only a reinforcement depot, of course, Himmelstoss's head was and you were dropped?" trifling instance, but it holds also, but to another barracks. We were how does it come that he's such ask you; let a man be whatever In the evening we prepared ourselves to square accounts with Himmelstoss.

We had sworn for weeks past to mediately hushed. do this. Kropp had even gone so

meantime in his teeth. Then he for when he became a postman stood up and set to work. again. He reveled in the thought It was a wonderful picture: of how he would grind him. It Himmelstoss on the ground, Haie was this that made it impossible bending over him with a flendish

for him to crush us altogether\_\_\_ we always reckoned that later, at the end of the war, we would have our revenge on him.

vulsed, striped drawers, the cross-In the meantime we decided to | ed legs, executing at every blow give him a good hiding. What most original movements in the could he do to us, anyhow, if he lowered breeches, and towering didn't recognize us and left early over them like a woodcutter the the next morning.

indefatigable Tjaden. In the end We knew each pub he used to we had to drag him away to get visit every evening. Returning to our turn.

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grin and his mouth wide open

head on his knees; then the con-

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**GOOD-NIGHT** 

STORIES

By Max Trell >

The Shadow-Children Listen

to the Sad Tale of a

the barracks, he had to go along Finally Hale stood Himmela dark, uninhabited road. There stoss on his feet again and gave we waited for him behind a pile one last personal remonstrance. of stones, I had a cover with me. As he stretched out his right arm We trembled with suspense, preparatory to giving him a box hoping he would be alone. At on the ear he looked as if he last we heard his footsteps, which were going to reach down a star. we recognized easily, so often Himmelstoss staggered. Hale had we heard it in the mornings

as the door flew open and he bawled: "Get up!" "Alone?" whispered Kropp. "Alone."

I slipped around the pile of stones with Tjaden. Himmelstoss seemed a little

elevated; he was singing. His belt buckle gleamed. He came on unsuspectingly.

We seized the bed cover, made Broken Heart. quick leap, threw it over his Inda, the housemaid, was behead from behind and pulled it around him so that he stood two days in succession she had ers and sisters, the cups, and all there in a white sack unable to raise his arms. The singing then, for no reason at all, the we were of so many different sizes stopped. The next moment Hale Westhus was there, and spreadcracked down the side. ing out his arms he shoved us back in order to be first in. He put himself in position with evident satisfaction, raised his hand

like a signal mast and his hand by itself, on the edge of the pan- a counter in the china shop. Each would have felled an ox. Himmelstoss was thrown down:

to yell. But we were prepared for shadow-children came up. formed regiments, but were first that and had brought a cushion. to be sent back for equipment Haie squatted down, laid the to the garrison, not to the cushion on his kness, felt where pressed it down on the pillow. Immediately his voice was muffled.

"It's a long story," it continued, "a long sad story. I can't tell it to you-no, no, I can't at all."

"Please tell it to us. We want so much to hear it." And they begged so earnestly that at length the cup seeing that they did not with bloodlust, Himmelstoss's mean to make fun of it, consented to tell its story.

> "I first saw the light of day," it began, "many years ago in a china shop. I belonged to a din-

#### "My Heart Is Broken!"

ner set. Oh, we were a large family. There was Father Platter and Mother Tureen and my aunts and coming very, very careless. For uncles, the plates, and my brothdropped and broken saucers. And my cousins, the saucers. Although large coffee cup was found broken, and shapes, we all bore the family mark, which was a gold band Mij, Flor, Hanid, Yam and with little blue dots. You can still Knarf-the five little shadow-chil- see it on me, though now alas, it dren with the turned-about names is faint and worn. -found it standing forlornly all For many weeks we stayed on

like a coal shovel and fetched try shelf, waiting to be thrown morning we were carefully rubsuch a blow on the white sack as out. For, as it was cracked and bed with a soft cloth until our could no longer be trusted to hold white sides and gold bands gliscoffee, it was considered useless. tened. Then one day a lady saw he rolled five yards and started It was sobbing softly when the us. 'What a beautiful set!' she exclaimed. 'It's just what I need "How and I am." it sobbed. for a wedding present.

"Then we were packed away in a large box full of straw to keep us from knocking against each other. After a long trip we finally came to rest. The box was opened and we found ourselves in this very house. The real-children's

light to look at us. We were only

used on special occasions, such as guests, we were used every morn-Thanksgiving and Christmas, and ing by the housemaid. when very important guests stay-"Oh. myself and the saucersed to dinner. How proud of ourwhat fast friends we were. Never

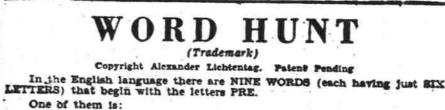
selves we were then. did I go anywhere without one or "Months passed, bringing us the other. We were inseparable.

only happiness. Then, one eve- We were the last of a great famning, our misfortune began. The ily, 'What will become of us if we maid was carrying an armful of should lose each other?' we us into the kitchen, when my fa- would say. It was too terrible to ther the platter, who was on the think about. How could I get bottom, slipped and we all crash- along without at least one of ed to the floor. I, of all escaped

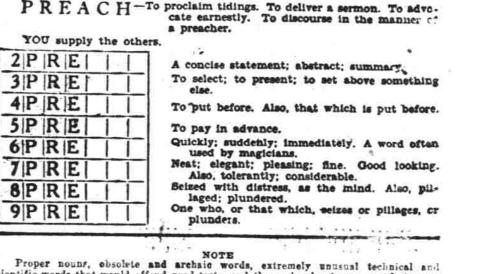
them? How could they get along unharmed. My dear relatives without me? broke into a thousand pieces and "Then two days ago, the first were swept into the dust bin. of my dear cousins was dropped.

"We were never the same after And the next day the second was that. It was a terrible blow. And dropped too. I was left all aloneour misfortune continued. By all alone. You do not know what it ones and twos we kept on breaking is to be left all alone-all aloneuntil at last there was nothing left | the last of a great family-with of us but two saucers and my- no more friends-only strangers. self. No longer did we stand "And so my heart broke."

proudly in the china closet. We And the shadow-children felt were removed to the pantry, and very sorry for the poor cup that instead of being used only on spehad been the last of a great famcial occasions or by important ily.



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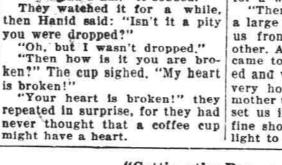
scientific words that would offend good taste, and these plurals of nouns, and singular verbs, that are formed by the addition of s or es are purposely excluded from Word Hunts.

The solution for today's Word Hunt will be found on the **Classified** page

## By CLIFF STERRETT







# **INSURING THE BABY'S** BIRTH-RIGHT-HEALTH

Dr. Copeland, Advising the Expectant Mother, Stresses the Importance of Diet and Contentment to Assure the Newcomer a Good Start in Life.

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TE talk a great deal about the kind of food people eat. We advise the fat, the thin, the undernourished and all the others affected by food.

The expectant mother too may need advice. Many women, or I should say, most women, go about having a famfly with thought only for the expectant child. She should give serious thought too, to her own precious self.

The foods eaten during pregnancy have a marked effect on the entire life of the child. From the beginning of pregnancy the mother should eat the same nourishing food that would keep any other woman in health and vigor. After the fourth month the food intake should be increased. By the end of the pregnancy, the intake

should be 20 per cent more than normal. If the mother's diet is lacking in certain elements the child suffers. Lime, iron and phosphorus are important. Unless the diet supplies these, the mother must use up her own reserve. This results in her developing decayed teeth. some weakness of the bones, or other serious changes. Milk, salads, green vegetables, oranges DR COPELAND and other fruit supply these elements.

Meats, eggs and milk will give protein, as will also butter, cream, alive oil, cheese and buttermilk. These, too, are rich in vitamins which are so essential to proper development of the teeth and bony struc-

Without the yitamins and these poor elimination and drink water besther food elements, the child will tween meals. Sleep as many hours have soft, crumbly teeth, bowlegs, save sort. crumbly teeth, bowlegs, flat feet and improper posture due to phoor muscles. Give the child the benefit of being well-borh. There are hazards enough to be overcome, without adding to the burdens of D. G. L. Q .- How can I gain weight? A.-Proper dieting and deep preathing is the secret. You should eat nourishing foods and have in addition to proper food, careful attention should be given the general plenty of sleep and rest. For full particulars send a self-addressed health of the mother. Pleasant reading. congenial company. and, stamped envelope and repeat your above all, a happy place to live, will insure the baby's birthright. Everyquestion. Mrs. J. M. Q .- What causes the left side of my face to be numb? thing that gives strength and vigor to the mother will go just that far in giving the baby strength and A .- This is due to a circulatory condition and you should consult your doctor. Poor circulation is Answers to Health Queries caused by a run-down state of health. Try to build up your entire system and you will benefit generally. P. Q .- How can I gain A.-Proper dieting and deep eathing is the secret. You should . . . Q .-- What causes varicose ng foods and have plenty A .- This condition is casued by in-







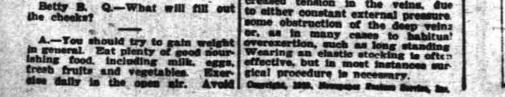


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