

War May Revive Making of Armor Such as Was Used in Ancient Times

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shape. On the wall at the back of the shop there hangs a polychrome stone figure of St. Eloi, the patron saint of all those who wield the hammer. Here also is a drawing of a suit of armor—the identical suit which stands in our corner—completed, but for the helmet. There are a diploma of award and a silver medal given Mr. Tachaux at the Exposition Universelle at Paris in 1889; some books of armorer's designs, and large racks of tools—an armorer's vise, a great shears, and numerous pieces of metal and parts of armor.

ed in elaborate detail by the old-time makers. Indeed, with the adoption of such equipment by the modern soldier fighting on the old battle-grounds of the Middle Ages the medieval knight would not find himself embarrassingly misadventured, as might be imagined, should he suddenly reincarnated.

Of even more primitive origin than the modern soldier's armor are the new shields for soldiers now in use, to a greater or less extent, by all the armies. Their development has been marked particularly in the past year. Says the Tribune writer:

ROLLING IT UP



But the turn of events has lifted Mr. Tachaux's romantic industry out of the realm of the historical quaint and interesting into a foremost place in the history that is in the making today. The Tribune explains: Now, thanks to him who has kept alive an art long considered dead, this country is able to benefit by the advice of an expert in metals, and no longer does Mr. Tachaux labor over ancient pieces, but bends all his efforts, all his cunning, and all his knowledge, to the making of armor that can be worn by the modern soldier—armor heavy enough to be invulnerable, light enough to carry.

They were small at first, and provided with a slot of just sufficient size to accommodate a rifle or machine gun. Later, shields were provided for sappers, whose duty it is to creep along cutting barbed-wire entanglements, lying behind a small portable shield, they are protected from the fire of enemy sharpshooters.

One British surgeon reported that motor goggles are often sufficient to save the eyes of a soldier, and a stiff linen collar may prevent the cutting of the carotid artery. The helmet, part of the defensive armor to disappear and the first to come back, has so thoroughly proved its efficiency as to be a good argument for further arming of fighting men. Cases in point are given:

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