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### MEET SUFFERING WITH SMILE

Brave Men in France Set Example Which We in Safety at Home Might Well Follow.

They love to laugh, those boys in France. Of course, they reserve the right to grumble, too. "Grousing" is what Tommy calls it, and he grouses to his heart's content when there's nothing serious the matter. But when it comes to real things, like suffering and dying, he meets them with a smile.

There are more smiles in the hospitals of France and of England than—well, than in an appalling lot of our "happy homes" here in America. There is more brave smiling in those pitiful lines of the walking wounded, on their way to the dressing station, than in any Easter "church parade" that ever strolled up Fifth avenue.

I wish I could make every man and every woman in the United States see those smiles. They are rather difficult, rather grotesque, for the faces are stiff with mud and blood and are drawn with pain. But there they are! The suffering lips, which make no murmur, can somehow manage to smile.

If they can do that, it seems to me that we ought to be able to pack up our troubles in our old kit bag; we ought to manage to hide them away in our hearts somewhere, and to smile, too.—Charles W. Whitehair, in the American Magazine.

### ONLY TWO ENJOY PRIVILEGE

High Church Official and Prussian Ambassador Accorded Freedom From Strict Vatican Etiquette.

Only two persons enjoy the privilege of driving to the Vatican with a one-horse vehicle. One of them is the commissary general of the holy inquisition, and the other the Prussian ambassador accredited to the holy see.

The latter's privilege owes its origin to a rather curious circumstance. A Prussian ambassador some years ago drove up one day in a single-horse carriage, and presented himself for admission at the gates of the Vatican leading into the courtyard; but, in pursuance of their orders, he was refused admission, except on foot, by the guard. Being forced to yield, he complained with some bitterness to Cardinal Antonelli, secretary of state to Pius IX, who said he would refer the matter to his holiness. Pius IX, upon hearing of the incident, immediately gave orders that henceforth his excellency the Prussian ambassador was to be allowed admittance however he came.

### TURNIP SOUP A LA HUN.

"Dump a basket of woody, dirty turnips on the ground outside the cookhouse door, set a prisoner at work peeling them, with no water for washing his hands or the turnips, gather the peeled, mud-coated turnips from the ground, dump them in a kettle of water, boil and mash them, mud and all, add more water and serve! That's what we were fed on until some of the men actually went crazy at the sight of turnip soup," says Private Jack Evans of the Fourth Canadian Mounted Rifles, who tells, in the Forum, of the horrors of 16 months' imprisonment in the "Black Hole of Germany" and how, after four attempts, he managed to escape.

### YOU BET SHE KNEW.

Mrs. Flatbush—I hear your husband's in the war?  
 Mrs. Bensonhurst—He is.  
 "And I understand he's the commanding officer of his company?"  
 "Well, you can be pretty certain that that is more than he ever was in my company."

### MARK OF DISTINCTION.

"You seem to have a great opinion about this man's wealth and influence. Have you made inquiries about him?"  
 "Didn't have to. I saw a ton of coal lying in front of his house."

### MORE TO THE PURPOSE.

Daughter—I tell you, mother, you are prejudiced against Reginald, but he is a coming man.  
 Mother—Perhaps so, but I wish he had more "go" in him.

### IT DIDN'T WORK.

"Ever try your hand at farming?"  
 "Yes, but he wouldn't do it."  
 "Who wouldn't do it?"  
 "The farmhand."

### CELEBRATED COMING OF MAY

Since the Days of Ancient Rome its Advent Has Been Occasion for All Sorts of Festivities.

In ancient Rome May day was a signal for celebration of the goddess Floralia, the deity pervading all the flowery kingdom, which ever at this time had a new inspiration in the flight of pollen for fresh beauty in color and form. In the legend of Robin Hood, embalmed by Sir Walter Scott and others, the characters, Maid Marian, Little John, Tom the Piper, Hobby Horse, the Lord and Lady of May, danced around the Maypole.

In Germany and other continental European countries, flowers were strewn in the streets as the celebrants danced, and in the dead of night frolicsome youths would go to the forests and select the most stalwart saplings, fetch them to the center of the town, strip them of branches and reclothe them with wreaths and garlands, and in England a similar ceremony gave rise to homely songs for the children, such as "Here Oats, Beans, Peas and Barley Grow," suggestive of the new birth of homely as well as ornamental things. And the delver in these mysteries may be interested to be told that the sweet folk tale of Robin Hood and Maid Marian had a forerunner in a pretty pastoral play written by Adam de la Halle in the thirteenth century entitled: "Le Jeu de Robin et de Marian."

### PROVED PAPA WRONG



"I hope you won't encourage young Swift in his attentions. I fear he is too easygoing."  
 "Oh, father, he isn't easygoing at all. I yawned a dozen times last night before he took the hint."

### CHEERFUL PHILOSOPHER.

A retired business man, who now lives in a soldiers' home, recently sent to a friend in the dry goods trade a letter that is refreshing because of its homely philosophy in the wise acceptance of fortune's reverses. Reproduced in the New York Journal of Commerce, it runs as follows:  
 "Since I saw you, I have entered on my seventy-seventh year. My experience has taught me the folly of worrying over events that I cannot control. I have much reason for gratitude, for I have been allowed to live long. My lines are cast in pleasant places, and that is more than many a millionaire can truly say. I have little sympathy for persons who mourn their former prosperity, making themselves miserable and their hearers uncomfortable.  
 "My five months' captivity in a Confederate prison showed me how little, after all, a person needs to be perfectly happy and contented. One good, square meal for the prisoners would have converted the prison into a picnic grove."

### WILL HAVE TO GET A HUMP ON.

Mother (reading aloud from letter from son Bill, in France)—I have been transferred to the camouflage department. Pa, what is camouflage?  
 Father—That is—why, er that is a kind of feller who flags the—er—camel trains.—Cartoons Magazine.

### SHIFTING EXIGENCIES.

"What do you understand by Socialism?"  
 "My ideas on the subject are not clear. As near as I can get it a Socialist is a man who is willing to try almost any kind of a government once."

### THE REAL MAN.

"He's an optimist."  
 "Yes, that's all right in its way, but what I want to find is a man who realizes fully the dangers we are facing and is willing to do something more than hope that everything will turn out right."

### Age No Drawback to Service.

"There is no such thing as a 'retired patriot.' One is never too old to render some service to one's country."

This sentiment of Mrs. Richard Flower, ninety-four years old, has impelled her to become one of the leading Red Cross workers of New Orleans. Since the declaration of war she has knitted a dozen sweaters, eight pairs of socks and many helmets, mufflers and washcloths. The Red Cross authorities highly praise Mrs. Flower's industry and say that her example has been invaluable. She not only works every day at the production of Red Cross articles, but also keeps abreast of the war news in the papers. She has assisted in several entertainments for the benefit of the Red Cross.

Mrs. Flower has reared a family of five sons and three daughters. One of her sons was the late Mayor Flower of New Orleans.

### Foreign Demand for Our Chemicals.

There is every indication that permanent markets are being steadily gained by American manufacturers of chemical products in all parts of the world, remarks Popular Mechanics Magazine. In the first nine months of 1917 the total exports in this line were \$141,000,000, as compared with \$121,000,000 in the corresponding period in 1916, and \$54,000,000 in the first three quarters of 1915. In connection with this rapid expansion, students of foreign commerce are pointing out the necessity of making our export goods absolutely reliable in purity and strength. Even slight carelessness in these particulars would do incalculable harm at this time.

### No Back Door.

A crowded elevator stopped with a shudder at the ninth floor of one of the large office buildings in the city. The operator called "Out nine!" No one volunteered to follow his suggestion, however, and a crowd was waiting to get on. "Step back in the car, please," said the operator as the crowd on nine started to push its way in. When all but one had squeezed in, and the operator had repeated his request, a small boy piped up in a complaining voice, "Say, mister, there ain't no back door to this car."—Indianapolis News.

### MERITS OF TWO ORATORS.

When Roosevelt was campaigning in the West a few years ago two negroes who were in one of his Los Angeles street audiences fell to discussing the relative merits of our great stump speakers.  
 "Ah shore do like to listen to Mr. Rosenfelt talk," gurgled the big ebony hod carrier. "Reason Ah likes to listen to him am becase he hal such good goverment ober the English langwidge."  
 "Well, sah, thars whare you and me differs," put in the little chocolate-coated janitor. "Ah'd sooner hear Mr. Bryan than Mr. Rosenfelt. Ah'd sooner hear him than anybody Ah knows of. Reason Ah likes his speakin' is becase he don't use a great many of them thar unfrequented words!"

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