His Magic Bank Account.

At one time the famous author Rudyard Kipling always used to pay his bills, no matter how small they happened to be, by check. After awhile he discovered, to his amazement, that his banking account showed a much bigger balance than the counterfoils of his check book warranted. In fact, although he was drawing checks for small amounts almost daily, his money at the bank did not seem to dwindle in the least.

For a long time he was at a loss to account for this astonishing fact until one day, happening to visit an office where the principal was an enthusiastic autograph collector, he saw one of his own checks framed and hanging on the wall.

Then it was that the mystery was solved. It appeared that the local shopkeepers found that they could get more for Kipling's checks by selling them to autograph hunters than they could by cashing them at the bank, and thus it was that, although the author kept on

drawing money, his capital remained almost stationary.

The Wounded Foes.

Here is a beautiful hospital story recorded by the Rev. William Sellers in his book "With Our Fighting Men." An English colonel's wife was making the round of a military ward when she noticed a wounded soldier toying with a German belmet.

"Well," said she, "I suppose you killed your man?"

"Well, naw," quietly responded the soldier. "You see it was like this. He lay on the field pretty near me with an awful bad wound an' bleedin' away somethin' terrible. I was losin' a lot of blood, too, fra my leg, but I managed to crawl up to him an' bound him up as well as I could, an' he did the same for me. Nawthin', o' coorse, was said between us. I knew no German an' the ither man not a word o' English, so when he'd dun, not seein' hoo else tae thank him, I just smiled an' by way o' token handed him my Glen-

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