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WORSE THAN SLAUGHTER

William G. Shepherd, in a letter from Europe makes it plain that as slaughter is there is something worse, and that is making mere fighting machines out of human beings. He puts it in the following very graphic way:

There are worse things in war than slaughter. In the current issue of Every Week I have told what those things are; and a summarized quotation from that story may interest you: "Isn't the slaughter terrible?"

Everybody who returns to the United States from the war in Europe is asked this question, trite as it seems.

My answer must always be:

"Dying or killing are not the most terrible things that war brings to a man, woman or child. In Europe you see worse things than dying or killing. Worse things happen to European folk than being killed or crippled."

The first dead men I saw in the war, back in those early and old-time days in Belgium, struck me as having been uselessly murdered, and the sight left a baleful impression on my mind, for a time. To my surprise, however, I soon beheld such sights without emotion. But there was one sight—one manifestation of the horrors of war—that I could not accustom myself to view without a mental shudder. This was the sight of vast bodies of men marching or camping.

These they were, men of family, of business, of ideals, or religion, all brought down to the same level—all alike. Like barrels whose hoops have been removed, those men individually, in their lives and in their characters have fallen apart since the binding support of their home environment has been taken away from round about them. The impression that at night in my sleep, instead of seeing dead and mangled bodies, I saw in my dreams vast bodies of soldiers passing before me, each man wearing the head of some beast instead of his own. They were not brutal, leonine men-animals I saw only patient, dumb, obedient, long-suffering, kindly ones, such as cattle, deer, horses, dogs.

To be turned into such a man is worse than death, and among thinking men in the six armies that I saw at close range I often found soldiers and officers who realized what sort of beings they had become. There are mentalities just short of death for men in the various armies who sickens of being unthinking men-animals and try to find a way out of their plight by suicide—who stick their heads above the trenches or wound themselves with their own rifles.

The moral and mental disintegration that is caused by the surroundings of military service in individual cases is shocking. This applies to all armies that I have seen.

"That fellow would be better dead," said a friend of mine, as an Englishman we had known in peace times walked away from us after a chance meeting in the Strand. "Everything that was good in him was dead already."

Only a year before, this man had been a star of Fleet Street. He wrote with a sympathy and understanding of human nature that made his work stand out. But as we saw him, after a year in the army as an uncommissioned officer, the grime of war was on his soul as well as on his body.

"I've quit writing," he said, with a weak grin that displayed the absence of two front teeth. "Something's happened to me. I can't even write again. I don't even try to do it. Anyhow, what's the use. It's all war."

The man that he had been a year before would have killed himself with his own gun rather than become the

man we saw and talked with that afternoon in the Strand. "No more books or music and no more women. I'm simply rotting mentally." I have had officers make this confession to me in five different languages in five different armies. "I'm rotting, and I can't help it."

Not all the bad things of war happen to human bodies.

MISCELLANEOUS

In one of the movie pictures a Sunday school scene was shown. The teacher asked: "Who led the children of Israel into Canaan. No one knowing a little boy finally said, upon the teacher eyeing him: "Please maam, it wasn't me, I only moved here last week."

That is very humorous; but in the state examination of school Bible students some of the answers were as far as that one.

This is a wonderful, economic age. At Austin, Tex., the city gathers up all the garbage, which is made into fuel blocks, a mixture of tar adding to the combustibility, and sold at \$6.30 a ton. It is said to be fully as good a substitute for coal.

In the meantime think of the enormous number of wats of electricity going to waste, enough to heat the world when harnessed, which man has failed to do at a cost within the reach of common people.

An attempt was made in the legislature to have the salary of President Kerr of the O. A. C. reduced to \$5000 a year. He is worth double that to the college. There are not many Kerrs in the U. S.

Sugar has again got mixed with yeast.

Now the Portland women are going to live without spuds. That will be like a dress shirt without starch.

Life would be a chippy affair without potatoes and bread and butter.

Garden seeds ought to be popular this year, with things soaring.

The following is going the rounds of the papers and so we help kick it along:

A thin, sickly little man entered one of our stores recently and quietly seated himself on a convenient chair. One of the clerks approached and asked if he wished to purchase anything. "Oh, no," said the man, "I just dropped in for a few minutes." After half an hour had passed the manager of the store becoming curious, approached the stranger and asked what he could do for him. "Why nothing that I know of," said the man. "You see I have nervous prostration, and the doctor told me to stay in a quiet place. Noticing that you do not advertise I thought this would be about the quietest place I could find."

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