#### REPARTEE THAT HAD STING

Barber Made Some Little Mistake When He Started to "Kid" the Youngster in Khaki.

It was all the barber's fault. He had no business kidding the young boy. Goodness knows, the man in uniform never said anything to the barber before. This was the way it was:

The young soldier was a frequent visitor at the barber shop on the avenue. He didn't have so much of a beard, but yet it demanded shaving once in a while. The barber had noticed that the boy only came in on Saturday evenings.

So he said: "Say, son, how's it come you step in here only on Saturday nights? Don't you need a shave oftener; can't you get leave, or won't you pay union prices?"

The boy blushed. "I get the leave all right, and Uncle Sam pays me about as often as any boss barber, but you see. I shave myself once a week, and let you shave me once a week,

"So you're just on semi-friendly terms with the safety, eh?" urged the

barber. "Oh, I wouldn't say that," replied the soldier. "You see, I have two girls in this town. One I see every Wednesday. Then I shave myself. The other I see every Saturday. Then I pay you the fifteen cents. Mary likes the movie soldier type, clean-cut, clean-shaven, handsome fellow. I see her on Wednesdays. Ruth thinks she cares for the bloody, scratched-up son of battle. I see her on Saturdays. Now you understand?"

"Maybe," laughed the barber, as he sharpened his never-ready razor. "You'il give Mary my regards tonight?"

"Mary!" said the soldier. "Mary! Bless you, man, did you think I was going to see Mary! Nope, I see Ruth every Saturday night."—Indianapolis

#### DIDN'T WANT TO BE LEFT OUT

Doughboy Had Good Job Behind the Lines, But He Hated to Miss the Blg Show.

He was an American in France in a uniform trudging along toward the front, a husky chap wearing a worried look on his face.

"Say, do you know where the Nthtyntth is?" he asked. "Right on the road going straight

toward Germany." "Not through fighting yet, are they?" he queried anxiously.

"Nope; they're never through." "You've said it, Bo. You see, I kind of batted out of luck. They sent me off to school, and I've missed a lot of the show. I'm on permission now, but I figured I'd come up and fight awhile with the old crowd instead. Got six days more before I report for the new

"What kind of school did you go

"Horseshoeing school. I graduated but too far back to get any Boches That's the reason I'm spending permission with the old outfit. I heard they're going right after the Heinles, so I came out to get in on the party. I gotta beat it along, So long."

He trudged along the dusty road. speeding up in spite of his pack, to catch up with the "outfit" before the show was all over.

Misused Donkey. The British transport to Buku and

accomplished by donkeys, writes Norman Hapgood in Leslie's. In Mesopotamia the donkey does nearly everything. He delivers the drinking water to the houses of Bagdad. He transports vegetables, fruit, marble, brick for ordinary life. In war he carries the soldier, his kit, and the donkey's own meal of barley. Where did the being stupid? He is amiable, industrious, sure footed. It was on a donkey that Mahomet went to heaven to learn Sunday entered Jerusalem on a donand his intellect sound. That the writers of fables and the concocters of sayings have contrived to ruin his fame there is nothing in history to justify.

Triumph of American Dyes. The latest official reports for the fiscal year which ended with June show that the American exports of aniline dyes for 1918 amounted to \$7,298,080. This, when compared with our imports of aniline dyes in 1914, is significant of the strides made by American chemists in the dye situation. Germany supplied these coal dyes before the war and America paid more than \$7,000,000 a year for the products. Today America makes enough of the leading colors for home needs and is supplying other countries in large quantities, as the exports indicate.

In the early days of 1915 there were but seven companies in America producing colors. Today it is estimated that there are about 150 concerns in the papers instead of the one intended this line.

Interested in Firearms.

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When brother returned from Sunday school, mamma explained to him that he soon would be old enough to sing in the vested choir and probably would be accepted as a member, if he was a good boy. She emphasized the matter of deportment and said some who were good and faithful in attendance got to carry the cross in the processional, others to carry flowers.

"Do any of them carry revolvers?" little brother inquired.

#### THEIR TRIBUTE TO FIGHTER

tion From Colonials at Sight of Gallant American Destroyer.

The next sunrise found us anchored at the entrance to an English harbor. Ahead and astern, as far as the eve could reach, stretched a line of ships waiting to carry food into England. That is how England is being starved by Germany! And that is how the British and American navies are do-

ing their work! After several deeply loaded ships had shot in past us we got our pilot and joined the procession. Bound out in the opposite direction a powerful destroyer of the latest type swept up, three black plumes trailing from her funnels and a great white bone in her teeth. She was the very spirit of dash and daring, with a tinge of swank.
"I say, that's a tophole," "Look at

that," "Absolutely it," "Ripping," was chorused in the English of the isles. A big South African nudged me. "Yank, look at that flag."

It was the Stars and Stripes. More than all the speeches I had heard on the significance of this war to the Anglo-Saxons meant the quick glimpse of that fine ship under that flag outward bound to defend the shores of England.

"Come on, Springboks, a good one for the Yanks," yelled the big colonial, and the men who had licked the Germans in East Africa and who were going to lick them in France roared the Zulu war cry.-Gregory Mason in

#### INNER MAN WELL FORTIFIED

American Soldier, Ordered to the Front, at Least Did Not Set Out on Mission Hungry.

An American doughboy entered a restaurant in the Rue Richelieu and after carefully studying the menu, or-

dered dejeuner. The waitress brought him bacon and eggs, cheese and a pint of beer. When he had finished eating, he paid his bill and called the waitress.

"Now I want some lunch." This time she brought him a plate of roast beef, vegetables and chicken, which he washed down with half a dozen cups of tea; then he paid his bill and called the wondering waitress

back again. 'Now, my dear, I want dinner." He ate some beef, vegetables, ap-

ples and drank a bottle of wine. At 1:80, after having taken all three meals at once, the soldier left the restaurant, and a little while later set out on a mission to the front.-Stars and Stripes.

Nitrogen From Atmosphere. There has been erected at the United States department of agriculture's experiment farm at Arlington, Va., the largest experimental plant in the United States for the production of nitrogen from air. The nitrogen so produced is combined with hydrogen to first-class horseshoer. Not bad work, form ammonia, which can be used in the manufacture of explosives and fertilizers. Experiments with the view of increasing the efficiency of the process are now being conducted by the bureau of soils. The Haber process of manufacturing nitrogen is being employed. This process involves the production of ammonia from hydrogen and nitrogen. The two gases are mixed in the proper proportion, put under high pressure and subjected to intense heat. They are then passed over a spongy iron, whereupon a portion of back again is said to have been largely the mixture combines to form ammonia.

Fish-8kin Shoes.

At the recent exposition of the chemical industries at New York there was an interesting exhibit of leather made from the skin of fishes, shark, porpoise and tuna fish, which showed own meal of barley. Where did the it to be as full of good qualities as donkey ever acquire the reputation of leather made from the skins of ani-

Scientists of the Pratt institute and the United States bureau of fisheries the will of God. The Savior on Palm have been experimenting with fish skin as a substitute for leather, and the key. The little animal's history is dis- raw hide of sharks and porpoises altinguished, as his character is strong ready is in commercial use. Porpoise skin razor strops have been used for years, and other kinds of fish leather would have been on the market long ago, the scientists say, had it not been that there was an abundance of real

Industrial Exemption.

Conscription boards have their troubles, and occasionally a tragedy, but once in a while they have a little joke, too. The local draft board at Scottsburg thinks it has a "good one" on the third district appeal board.

Recently the Scottsburg board sent up papers of a man who sought exemption because of marriage since August 5, 1918. In due time the papers were returned by the appeal board with the ruling "deferred classification re-

fused. Place can be filled by another." It is presumed that the appeal clerks wrote a reason for refusal of an appeal for exemption on industrial grounds on for case.-Indianapolis News.

Impedimenta. How much stuff does a Yank take into the line? It all depends on the Yank.

In one squad you will see a man carrying full pack, including extra shoes and overcoat, and wearing a whole string of corned Willie cans much as a Fiji Islander wears a loin cloth. Another man in the same squad will go up minus his blouse, and carrying only a blanket, gas mask and lmet .- Paris Stars and Stripes.

#### HARVEST FROM UNDER OCEAN | WOOL WILL LONG BE SCARCE

Kelp Has Been Proved of Such Value In Industry That It Is Now Carefully Gathered.

A good deal has been written about the use of the seaweed, kelp, for the production of potash, and a good deal of extravagant dreaming has been in dulged in. However, the kelp industry has put itself on a solid and prosperous footing, and gold in the shape of the indispensable potash is being harvested from the waters of the Pacific. The cutters or harvesters are ocean going boats and stay out at sea all the time, while the barges carry the mac erated kelp back to the wharf, where it is pumped from the holds into fermenting tanks. Foreign matter such as bolts, nuts, etc., brought in with the kelp are removed by electromagnets before the pumps are reached.

Harvesting consists in cutting the plant about six feet below the surface of the water. It has actually been found that this treatment improves the growth and stand of the beds to such an extent that they may be cut over about every 90 days. The area cut at

south to the Mexican line. The potash is all used for chemical purposes, owing to its unique purity. and there is not enough of it to supply this demand. The total quantity of the pure product is not great enough to be considered seriously for fertilizer purposes. There are, however, a number of residues produced containing potash which amount to quite a ton-

#### NOW SHORTAGE OF CANDLES

British Food Ministry Seeks Method by Which It May Be Enabled to Regulate Supplies.

News is coming from many parts of the country that the shortage of candles is increasing owing to the fact that many people who did not use them before are now supplementing their gas and electric light rations by their use. It is becoming more clear every insure that householders in rural districts, where there is no gas or elec- people. tricity, have an adequate supply of

the attention of the ministry of food.

War Coinage in Germany. and nickel, but are forgings of Sie- and statesman. mens-Martin steel. The coinage of copper was discontinued in 1917. Aluminum had been coined to a small extent before the war; the smallest coins, one and two pfennig pieces, are now made of aluminum, which is more attacked by ordinary water, soda, salts, etc., than by distilled water. Zinc coins have recently been introduced. Zinc coins had been used in French Indo-China; they are again more apt to corrode, especially when impure with lead, cadmium and iron, in distilled water than in ordinary water; they turn yellow-brown, but assume a pleasant gray tint in soda and salt. On the whole, the cheapest iron coins have answered best.-Engineer-

New Buriap Substitute. Manufacturers engaged on govern ment contracts are being offered a substitute for burlap by a large Massachusetts mill which has discovered a material that can successfully be used for baling. Instead of 100 per cent jute, the substitute is made of one strand of Swedish pulp paper and two strands of jute. It is made nine and 12 ounces in weight and 36, 40, and 48 inches deep. A government test of the nine-ounce product shows a tensile strength of 119 pounds, as against 90 pounds for regular eight-ounce burlap. -New Bedford Standard.

New Textile Material.

Textilit, said to be used in 23 of the largest German factories, is a substitute material that is predicted to outlast the war as a permanent addition to the textile industry. It consists of a paper thread and a fiber thread twisted together and, though the percentage of long fiber is very small, it is claimed to have yielded products that the uninitiated cannot distinguish from the former linen and jute fabrics. The fiber gives a firmness that paper fabrics do not possess. The material is made into weaving and sewing yarns and webs of all

Correct.

A funny one occurred in Judge Wood's court the other day, observes the Los Angeles Times. It was a divorce case and the witness was inclined to be vague. Finally he mustered up courage and said:

"I can't testify much, judge, 'cause I don't know what this incompatibility

"Cold feet and hot words," snapped his bonor.

Life of a Pound of Valuable Product Has Been Shortened on Account of the War.

"Even with peace it is doubtful if our clothes will return to normal, in price or otherwise, until long after the war," writes Douglas Jaspersen in Everybody's. "The necessity of rehabilitating the militons of men in khaki is already a problem. This vast army to be reclothed will be a heavy drain upon the world's already exhausted wool and shoddy markets Then, too, the need of depleted Germany for wool and shoddy should further tend to increase the shortage all over the world.

"Ever since the beginning of the war shoddy has been disappearing from our midst at an alarming rate, while the production of wool has been entirely inadequate to the world's needs. "In normal times the life of a pound of wool in its various incarnations ex-

tends over a period of years.

"But war, the most wasteful of all businesses, has changed the old order of things. Both the virgin wool and present extends from Point Conception | the shoddy that went to make up that khaki coat for some soldier are buried, with its wearer, somewhere 'over there' and will never return to do duty for us again. And so, in a great many cases, the life of a pound of wool has been suddenly reduced from somewhere around six years to as many months. Wool alone can never clothe the world. It has been shoddy that kept the world's clothing bill down for many a year, and until the shoddy supply is normal again we can all expect to have more or less trouble with our clothes."

#### IN SPANISH HALL OF FAME

The Name of Espartero, Duke of Vittoria, Has Been Properly Accorded High Position.

Fifty years ago Queen Isabella was dethroned, and Spain threw off the yoke of the Bourbons and inaugurated a new order of things, looking at least day that some means must be adopted to the establishment of a constitutional government, if not a government of the

Espartero, duke of Vittoria, was illuminants. Important national indus- placed at the head of the state. He ties which cannot well be carried on had occupied that position on two forwithout an adequate candle supply mer occasions. He aided in securing must also be protected. A scheme for the succession of Isabella, and success controlling candle supplies is engaging fully led her armies in putting down the Carlists. In the insurrection of During and since last winter there 1840, caused by the law suppressing the has been a candle shortage. The oils freedom of speech in the town counand fats branch of the ministry of food, cils, Espartero became head of the within whose view this matter comes, government and was confirmed in that have received numerous complaints position by the cortes, and was apfrom rural councils and individuals of pointed regent during the minority of the difficulty of getting supplies and of the queen. He was deposed in 1843 retail prices going up by leaps and and had to fly to London for safety. bounds. There is evidence of a new In 1847 he was recalled to Spain and demand having sprung up within the by the revolution of 1854, which drove last six weeks, accentuating last win- the Queen Mother Christinia and Narter's shortage and making a candle vaez from the country, he was again famine imminent.-Manchester Guard- placed at the head of the government, a position which he resigned in 1856. Espartero was born in 1792. He was the son of a wheelwright, co Due to metal shortage Germany has life as a common soldier in the Spaninstituted iron coinage. The fraction- ish army and gained his honors and al mark coins are no longer of copper titles by his own ability as a soldier

> White Light Best, White light seems to be the most comfortable for the eye. In tests of the effects of various illuminants C. E. Ferree and J. Rand, as described to the American Illuminating society, have used kerosene lamps and various incandescent lamps and it appears from the results that the color of the light has a marked effect on eye fatigue. With the white light of the tungsten lamp there was the least loss to the worker from need of resting the eyes. The fatigue was somewhat greater with the yellow light of the carbon lamp or kerosene lamp, and greatest of all with the tungsten lamp having a blue bulb.

Some Benefit From Poison Gas. Chemists are planning to use inventions devised to protect soldiers from the poison gas of the Huns for the protection of industrial workers in mines and factories. The absorbents used in gas masks may also serve as safeguards from foul gases which are generated in certain industrial processes. Likewise, some of the poison gases that American chemists have devised in reprisal against German deviltry, it is believed, can be used in the extermination of vermin and also for the disinfection of-fruit orchards from insects and other blights, such as San Jose

Repopulation Problem.

The reichstag is concerned with problems which threaten the German birth rate. It is recommended to get the workers away from the cities. where they can have small detached cottages in which light and country air and nutritious food can be obtaked. This course would tend to increase the number of births. It has been learned that about half of the mutilated soldiers are marrying women older than themselves, a custom which is peruicious for repopulation. To check infant mortality more children's clinics will be established.

Building Ships While You Walt.

A crew of fourteen framers, two foremen and four riggers in the Supple-Ballin shipbuilding yards, at Portland, Ore., built and placed in position from lumber in the yards eighty-nine frames in forty and one-half hours. Thes: frames, being double, were built bolted together with sixty-four screw bolts in each frame, and two coats of carbolineum were applied before bolt-

#### SANITATION.

That the germ is the cause of most deadly disease is more than mere theory-it is a real fact. The work of tuberculosis sanitoriums, the typhoid hospitals in the canal zone the vaccine laboratories are all evidence of the fact that the safety of man does not depend on good or bad luck, but upon the fight which each individual makes upon the disease germs, the cause of most losses of life and dollars. In selecting a weapon to kill the germs of disease several vital questions must be looked squarely in the face or disinfectanting will be little better than useless. First-Has the disinfectant the power to kill all kinds of disease germs? 2nd. Can the disinfectant be used safely whenever disease germs are found? 3rd, Is it effective, when used anywhere and every where, and by any body, and can it be used with safety? Therefore a disinfectant that can be used with safety must not be a poison or coatine acid, whereas poisonous disinfectants endanger the life of human beings or animals, this can be verified by turning to the files of our daily papers. When buying a disinfectant be sure what you buy as your life may depend on that purchase, look at the label, note the germ killing power and if it is poison or not. Disinfectants are measured upon the germ killing strength of undiluted carbolic acid, which they term a phenol coefficient. Look for

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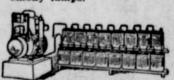
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