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home realise the sort of life led traditional right of opening a | hinvalided out." rsation which belongs to the "Oh, you were at Jutland, were before he could get a chance, what ship?"

ose, haven't you?"

"Oh, I had a sort of holiday, sir,

"Really," said the officer, his interest aroused. "And how did you like

"Oh, very pleasant, sir, very pleas-The weary wait for Fritz ant, indeed! It made a nice little out to give battle is a sore change, as you might say, though I their tempers, which are not did miss the sound of the motor 'busonotony of the es at first, and the-excuse my meneing the same old tioning it, sir—the girls. Not that day. Love their I'm what you might call a ladies' they do, but they are jolly giad man myself, sir. Oh, by no means! m their backs on them when on But I like to see 'em about the place. Back among "civilization," And you don't see much of 'em in the so badly shattered by a splinter of

After concurring, the officer asked: "Then why did you join the Navy instead of the army?"

"Well, sir, I've always had a sort oint, an excellent yarn is told of connection with the sea. My faaval Intelligence" (Hodder & ther used to keep a whelk-stall in the on; 6s. net)—not a Blue Book Old Kent Road, and one of my sisis inclined to denote, but ters is housemaid to an admiral's

What the officer thought of this ex-"Well, and what made you leave the Navy, then?"

"The-the little affair at answered the hairdresser. "A entered a hairdresser's shop. splinter wound in my leg, sir. I was

"In the Rodney, sir. I was one of en some years at the game, I what we call the mess-deck fore party-though you wouldn't understand Cooking utensils should never be

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little thin on the top, sir, if I may

"Nothing more, thanks," said the recently. I was away from my work officer, as he got up from his chair, (K" AT THE JUTLAND BAT- for a year. I went into the-the Navy, and struggled into his overcoat. "Oh, yes, there's one thing I should like." he corrected, as he paid his reckoning, with a substantial tip into the bar-

with you—with a man!" "By the way," he added, as he you!"

Here is another story-also about the Jutland scrap—culled from "Naval Intelligence." A sailor's leg was | gle to preserve beauty in the wilder do but amputate it above the knee. He was unconscious at the time of to a flat field, and there you see, this decision, so the surgeons were standing in row upon row, the new unable to tell him of their intentions.

and bandaged. When he learnt what had happened, he burst into an agonized cry: my money in the stocking!"

When you want something in a hurry for tea, go to ELLIS'of scissors was snatched from you?" questioned the customer. "In Head Cheese, Ox Tongue, Roiled Ham, Cooked Corned Beef, Bologna Sausage.

The author vouches for the

of the story.

Il my life, practically, sfr. I was what that means. But I managed to allowed to dry before they are washed. ticed to the hairdressing at the nip up and get a peep at what was After drying they are twice as nard

#### The Crosses.

Just inside the gate of the Catholic cemetery is the lodge of the concierge. The concierge is a shrivelled little man who will sell you candles to burn for the good of your friends' gain. "I should like to shake hands souls. The Catholic cemetery itself is a very tumble-down place. The little gilded Christs have long since turned away from the astonished lost their gilt; the iron crosses are hairdresser, "I was in the next ship falling all awry; briars and thistles ahead of you at Jutland-in the old clamber and sprout everywhere up-Hood. Good-day-and good luck to on rusting ironwork and rotting wood. The artificial flowers rattle dryly in the wind; only a few wild flowers that were not planted strug-

tery the ground falls rather steeply white crosses. On the crosses, on lit-Hours later he recovered conscious- the strips of tin, are the names of ness, and found himself comfortably those who lie beneath. On some tucked up, with the stump dressed there is one name; on a few are three names; on most two.

Here, in this flat piece of ground, skirted by a great highroad which "Where's my leg? For 'Evin's sake, hums all day with the intense traffic find my leg, somebody! It's got all of war, the ends of the earth are gathered together. Those who have eached this resting-place have come by devious ways from startingpoints as far removed as the east is from the west, but all, like jetsam on stream, have been sucked to the centre of the vortex, and now they people of Verbena stand and pray. lie quietly side by side in this flat ittle piece of land.

> The names upon the crosses would furnish forth an atlas of the world. From the bush of Australia, from the great rolling prairies of the West; from the hills of Wales and the greyscattered fell-sides of Yorkshire dales; from Scotland and Ireland, from the fields of France and the sad lats of Flanders, they have come. And there are men of strange and unpronounceable names who knew the golddeserts in Africa. A little apart, like and each repeats the prayer. en days of India, and men from the reputations under a shadow, are the graves of a few Germans. A newly never been known to pray before an against him, that all the Gallic states hrown up mound covers an "unknown Chinese soldier"; and, strangest of all, perhaps, painted on a board among the thick-strewn cross- Cutlets and Collops, try ELLIS'. fence, not to attack the country." All condition. es of Christ, are the Star and Crescent of the Prophet over the dust of a Mohammedan soldier. One woman lies there-an English nurse who

died on active service. Some of the graves are very new, and a long, sinister trench, empty as yet, says that the awful appetite of war is not satiated. But already, in a confounding growth of pale blue flowers, each of the older graves is losing, save for its little cross, its individual identity. Nature is at her task of smoothing out and toning down. She seems to be uttering a fatalistic call to forget the past. Yet, standing in this little garden, in the austere presence of the multitudinous dead, one says that, when so much urges us to remember our hate, it may be well to listen to other voices which plead with us not to forget our charity. In this community of death there is something terrible and august in whose presence hate seems a mean and miserable thing and, like a shadow, melts away. In the same noment one thinks of the boy who, at the bend of the road on a faint September morning, looked back and waved farewell to some girl at a gate in a Yorkshire lane; and of some lad, not less dearly loved, who, at another's call, left his pleasant Rhineland to go back no more.

And Gairmans are nae doot the same The lad ye're stickin' in the wame Fechts no for deevilment or fame,

But just for pride

In his bit dacent canty bame By some burnside.

If any, being dead, yet speak, surely they are not voiceless who lie here in this flat little piece of land, skirted by the great highroad which hums all day with the intense traffic of

in the Manchester Guard-

### The Angelus of Strife. The Poplars of Picardy

(From the Dallas News). miles south of Birmingham, Ala., on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, called Berbena.

The town is well named. It is redolent of the old-fashioned Pershing's men, Southern flower. It is peopled by simple farmer folk. Some substantial

There are few sounds about the place. An occasional mule team rattles down a red clay road drawing an empty wagon to the general stores Chilton Country hills. Cccasionally a gentle wind causes the leaves of the one of those sighs of content that men breathe after a good meal or a good

found in Alabama or any other place.

ter Goldsmith's "Sweet Auburn." But there's a new sound there now It is the Angelus of strife. It calls the people of Verbena not The Same Old Teutons. only to worship, but to deeds

tnese words:

"God bless our President, our sol- Wilhelm. on to victory."

Verbena calls it "The Prayer of the

swer its call dutifully.

There's a little town about sixty To the living waves that passed them, billowing wide

(Hued like streams that roar in fresh-Freedom's best-come World free

But one in our will to heat the Hun! 'What's your goal? Meets the world-old destruction. Writing of one of the

Hosts that pass not, and the banded or bumps pleasantly back toward the There shalt thou see the imperial Lift aloft its embattled crest."

oak trees that shade the town to sigh "Will ye ebb?" "Ay, when a world Breaks its shackles; when is laid This hell-horn hag that rides a troubled earth: Not until the judgment—the new

When, robbed in fancy, this sceptred Cain It might well have been modeled af. Sinks 'neath the waves of wrath, -Thomas J. Partridge.

Every afternoon at six o'clock the A high school boy who has been of our new positions, presenting a bell of the Verbena church rings. It studying Caesar's Commentaries, terrible barrier of desolation to any continues to ring for two minutes, points out some interesting parallels foe hardy enough to advance against and while its brazen song is lifted the between the Germans of 2,000 years our lines. No village or farm was ago and their descendants of to-day. left standing on this glacis, no road With heads uncovered and bowed, Caesar had much the same experi- was left passable, no railway track each man, each woman, each child, ences with them that the Allies have or embankment was left in existence. each saint and each sinner repeats had. The German king Ariovistus re- Where once were woods there are minds one surprisingly of Kaiser gaunt rows of stumps; the wells have

When the sound begins the obser- ed the Romans for help as France gon, a realm of death." vance of its call is universal. Men asked England in 1914. Caesar de- It is thus that Germany has done halt in the street; wagons are pulled cided to do what he could for his over and over again, in her periodic ur on the road; women rise from their Gallic friends, because the German marauding expeditions against France knitting or pause in their cookery- king "had assumed such haughty airs, against Italy, against Spain and othfor they have early suppers in Ver- such arrogance, that he was intoler- er European neighbors. It's the same bena-the plowman halts his work, able." So he went to see him, with old barbarism, only made more menan escort of trusted legionaries.

Ariovistus insisted that "he had not struction.-Passdic Daily News. Bell," and it is said that men who have made war upon the Gauls, but they

defence talk the world has lately heard from Germany.

barbarians except the Germans, and attacked Caesar. The latter withdrew safely, and after considerable ery, brought up his army and drove the Germans back across the Rhine One of the many illuminating parallels found in that ancient book is a reference to the German penchant for

leading German tribes, he said: "From a national point of view they deem it a credit to devastate the widest possible area of territory outside their borders; they consider that by this is signified the great number of states which are unable

to resist their power." Just compare that statement with this boastful utterance from a Berlin newspaper, written after Hindenburg's "victorious retreat" of last

"Great stretches of French territors have been transformed by us into a dead country. It varies in width from ten to twelve of fifteen kilobeen blown up: wires, cables, and diers and the nation, and guide them The Germans had invaded Gaul pipe lines destroyed. In front of our (now France) and the Gauls had ask- new postion runs, like a gigantic rib-

acing by greater capacity for de-

had united to attack him," and that in which to keep paper patterns. Filed "as to his having brought a multitude according to letters, and flat, they When you want Steaks, Chops, of Germans into Gaul, it was for de- will be easily found and kept in good



