

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The Lady Conductress of this column has, for this month, received some questions which are, in their way, most unique. Here is one, for instance:—

"How can a column of platoons advancing in single formation, change direction left when the platoon acting private Major becomes a casualty?" This is propounded by me, Militicus, who perhaps thinks he has given me a poser. Not at all. The answer, under his caption, Militicus, appears lower down.

A.Q. seizes the opportunity of this occasion to let the readers know that the Christmas Number, double, fully illustrated, replete with seasonable stories, will be published in time for transmission by post for the Ukraine and all parts of Mittel Europa, so that our friends the Kerjerko-Slapoffskis will be able to enjoy its contents around their Yule-tide logs. Croats also, and Slavs, yea, and Laodiceans, each after his kind, will devour its pages.

Again. My correspondents are very anxious to see what manner of woman I am, and so I think there can be no better opportunity of gratifying their curiosity than publishing her photograph. In the G.C.D.N. (Grand Christmas Double Number) you will therefore see a beautiful full-tone half-length picture of Aunt Queenie at her desk, and I am sure all will be enchanted therewith.

EMIGRANT.—There are many opportunities for the settler and homesteader in the country you mention. While the resources of the Eastern provinces are, to a certain extent, vast, those of the country west of the Rockies are undoubtedly vast. I often used to meet His Imperial Majesty, the Bolchevo of Sleeviak, while big game hunting, and he told me that British Columbia was as a thousand Canadas rolled into one.

PATER FAMILIAS.—The origin of the name you are researching of is as follows:—The Hebraic fraternity got such a hold on the community that they were almost slaves, and the

public rose up and determined that the Jews were to go. Hence the term was applied to the race, Jew-go Slaves. This was subsequently altered to the expression Jugo-Slavs, which was considered a "hell of a joke in those days."

(This latter phrase is introduced in the absence of the Censor, who has, unfortunately, been seized with an attack of the "Popular Complaint," to wit, Spanish Flu, a much more undesirable production than a class of onion which that country generates. The patient is, I hear from his medical adviser, now in a state of convalescence, and will be with us again 'ere these words greet the eyes of my dear readers).

MILITICUS.—Thought you would stick me up eh? Well, you did not, so there. Here is the answer from I.D. & T., 1934. On the command change direction left, right, or even about, No. 23 springs smartly to ease. Markers steady themselves, and the odd files of each succeeding rank find their way to their destination by the shortest possible route. This brings the semi-platoon in echelons of one thick with Sergeants in the ranks. An acting Corporal then calls the roll, gives numerous directions, and takes charge of the whole Fire Picquet. During the recent disturbances among the Croatian-Yugos, this arrangement was found to be very acceptable to those of superior rank to the acting Corporal, and who had seen much service abroad, somewhere in Ypres, Belgium. The Sloviak Corporal has never been on the stage, nor does he belong to the Cooden Parakeets: still we shall be charitable and presume he can act.

ROSEMARY.—I do not know the reason, but it was, as you say, very quaint of the Corporal in the Sergeants' Mess to go to the Fancy Dress Ball as a skeleton.

SISTER.—C.S.M. means Christian Science Monitor. You have a C.S.M., I think, at the head of your P.T. gentlemen who come to the Gym. They are agents for the paper of that name, and believe in many quaint practices, one of which is never to use a conveyance for going from one place to another, the result being many of them are good pedestrians. The Christian Science Monitor referred to is an excellent walker.

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