Chats From Chatham

A 43rd Battalion Corporal lately from Epsom wants to know the exact meaning of the letters "M.O." So far as we can gather they denote a specialist in every disease except housemaid's knee and twins.

On Monday afternoon the whole Q.M.'s Store was most thoroughly spring cleaned by the staff. It was near pay day and Private Robinson thought he had mislaid a butt of a Wild Woodbine.

When Corporal Patton first appeared in the Print Shop, the whole of his worldly belongings were contained in a small brown paper parcel. He and a huge steamer trunk left us on Wednesday.

Lost from the print shop on Thursday: fifteen manuscript parodies of "Christmas Day in the Workhouse," nine large volumes on foreign languages, including three on Scotch, three good ideas and sixteen pounds of quads. Finder can keep rest if he returns the quads (lead is valuable) to J. A. Ford, Print Shop.

> Private Sauvage is a happy boy,
> His days and nights are full of joy ;
> Ask him straight the reason why
> And he'll tell you this as he winks his eye :
> " Put an " S " in my name instead of a " V "
> And the reason why is easy to see."

My friend (writes C.L.) says that the sentence "Pte. Mickleborough borrowed a shilling *from* Private Brooks " is correct, but I say that it should be " Private Mickleborough borrowed a shilling *of* Private Brooks." Which is correct ? Neither C.L. It should read : " Mick. swiped a shilling from Brooks." We know Mick.

Who was the Staff Sergeant who last Wednesday had to pay excess postage on a much delayed Christmas parcel from Ontario ? Can't you forgive his vitriolic language when he discovered its chief contents to be a crumbled cake and a 5lb tin of corned beef for sandwiches ?

Certainly we sympathise with you Sergeant. It is more than annoying when the hairs on your head begin falling out ; and more than usually aggravating when a lady notices and comments on the same. But the only way we know to prevent them falling out is to brush them lightly apart and so keep them from quarreling.