

The entertainment was buzzing along when Mack began to be sensible of occasional glances and nods in his direction.

"I believe," he said, turning to Mary, "I believe that old—" here he checked himself—"I believe Mrs. Preacher has let the cat out of the bag. We're in for the glad hands."

"What is he saying, Mack?" gasped Mary, her face suffusing like a Percy necktie. "Oh, the mean thing!"

"The quack! He's a fiver instead of a tenner."

Mack and Mary listened, and this is what they caught from the minister's jovial announcement:

"I have to-night married Dr. Mack McAlpin to Miss Mary VanNorman and Mr. John Herbert to Miss Maudie Snow, though the first were last, and the last first."

THE "DUM-DUM" BULLET

Since the war began there have been charges and counter charges by the Powers as to the alleged use of the so-called "dum-dum" bullet. *The Star* (Montreal) has therefore secured for the information of its readers the following article descriptive of this unrecognized projectile, written by an expert whose name is withheld for obvious reasons. The writer's conclusions will prove unexpected to the lay reader. He points out:

That probably no nation has issued a real "dum-dum" bullet to its troops in the field.

That any regulation bullet will take on, under certain circumstances, the character of the hated "dum-dum."

That any individual soldier can easily turn the regulation bullet of all but one of the warring Powers into a "dum-dum."

That the wound caused by the "dum-dum" is not nearly so cruel nor so apt to have fatal effects as that caused by shrapnel.

That the "dum-dum" is used as a "cruelty talking point" because it happens to be forbidden, and that there is far more reason to ban shrapnel by international agreement.

Incidentally, he tells the origin of the bullet's peculiar name.

What is a "dum-dum" bullet?

"Dum-dum" is the name given any bullet which is so made in the original or so tampered with that its nose will spread or "mushroom" upon striking the target of flesh aimed at. The old lead bullets without jackets, in vogue a few years ago, were really "dum-dums," every one, and any jacketed bullet with a lead core