

**BEFORE the SPRING WORK BEGINS**

**The Important thing to do is to clip in the spring no matter what you do it with. Even with the shears or the old two-hand clipper is better than not at all.**

**you can help the horses a good deal by clipping off their winter coat.**

It is not of so much consequence how you do it so long as it is done. Even the old two-hand clipper or shears is better than none at all. Clipped horses sweat less, dry off quicker at night, rest better and get more good from their feed. It also adds to their selling value. As stated above, the important thing is to clip, no matter how you do it, but if you want to do it the easy, quick way, use

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### In the War Trenches.

Among the very best written communications from the war lines in France are the letters published in "The Christian Guardian" by Owen S. Watkins, the English Wesleyan chaplain. His plain unadorned stories bear the truthfulness of reality upon their very face. He bears testimony to the excellence of the arrangements and food of the British forces which will be comforting to Canadians whose husbands, sons and brothers are now in the service. A great deal of the campaigning at times resembles garrison duty, but the conflict in the trenches is a long remove from the martial glory of the old war tales. Here is one of the realistic paragraphs entitled "Mud, Mud, Mud":

"Strive to picture to yourself a water-logged, mud flat, intersected with trenches, half full of liquid mud, over head a leaden sky, incessant, pouring rain, and a wind keen as a razor which searches to your very marrow, the men knee deep in mud, blinded with the driving rain, unable even to move about to warm themselves, keeping their ceaseless watch on those opposing trenches which are so near. The man who for a moment forgets caution, and exposes himself to the view of the German sniper, has signed his death-warrant, or if he 'has the luck' is seriously wounded, for the opposing trenches are anything from thirty to a hundred yards apart, and at that range a 'marksman' cannot miss. From dawn until dark it is not possible for anybody to reach them, except by the 'communication trench' which is a narrow, winding ditch worse than the Slough of Despond, where at times the mud and water may be waist deep. If a man is wounded or killed he must lie where he is until dark, for no bearers could carry him out in daylight and live. In the 'fire trenches' (those nearest the enemy) the men can light no fire, get nothing warm to eat or drink and it is only after dark that the 'first line of transport' can get near enough to issue rations and convey 'divvies' of soap or tea to the numbed and rain-soaked men. It is then, also, that the regimental bearers are able to remove the dead and carry the wounded, who perhaps for hours have waited in such poor shelter as a 'reserve trench' or a 'digout' affords, to 'the regimental aid post' where the ambulance wagons are waiting. It is no uncommon thing, when men are relieved from the 'fire trench' to find that during their vigil they have sunk deep in the mud, and are themselves so numbed, that they have to be pulled out by their comrades, before they can be relieved. Imagine all this, add to it more or less constant shell fire, the spraying of shrapnel, the eruptions of 'Black Maria,' the occasional and unexpected outbursts of rifle fire ripping along the line like the magnified sound of something being torn, and you will get a faint idea of life in the trenches. With darkness there is a change; men do not take the same care about exposing themselves. There is little or no firing in the trenches, the coming and going of cotton carriers and stretchers bearing the wounded, the hum of conversation. But nobody slows a light, to strike a match, would mean death. When suddenly a starshell bursts, its balls of fire floating overhead, lighting up the country, so it seems to startle nerves, for miles every man stands rigid until the covering darkness closes in once more, for he has been told by the N.C.O. of his platoon, 'Whenever a searchlight is turned on you, or the country is lit up by a flare or a starshell, stand perfectly still.' His movement will give the show away. Keep still and they'll think you're a base, or a tree, or what not. But as sure as you move you're a deader."

Does anyone wonder that the Canadian boys on our front in the battle front used good boots, socks, and underclothing? Moral: Let those who read "The Farmer's Advocate" deliver on home again, that will send comforts to those on duty, or suffering from wounds.



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