

I sing the spicy bean,  
O choicest fruit,  
Where shines the sun serene  
Thou' takest root.

In pods some four or five  
Perhaps may be,  
Tho' how they all contrive  
To fit, beats me.

In course of time they come  
To cookhouse, where  
They meet the piggy's tum  
Or bacon fair.

Thereafter they are cooked  
Unto a turn.  
I've often sat and looked  
And tried to learn.

How it was done, but fate  
Forbade it me,  
And I'm content to wait  
The mystery.

At breakfast they appear  
A dainty rare.  
Yes, search you far and near  
For better fare.

The next day 'tis the same,  
There always there;  
They seem to taste more tame,  
Not quite so rare.

So weeks pass by and still  
Each morn they come,  
The sight makes you quite ill,  
Upsets your tum.

Until you loathe the sight  
Of pork and beans,  
And you with language trite  
Not used by deans

Condemn them and the pig  
To that warm clime  
Where devils dance a jig  
Most all the time.

SUBALTERN.

Below are printed the objects of the Brotherhood of Khaki, originated by Major-General Lord Cheylesmore, K.C.V.O., extracted from "Fall In," the official organ of the Middlesex Regiment. They speak for themselves, and are worth the very serious attention of all soldiers, whatever their rank may be. It is quite possible that the Brotherhood may have a good deal to do with the future lives of many of us, and for this reason alone the objects are worth attention.

- (1). To establish as a permanency that spirit of comradeship mentioned above which this war has produced.
- (2). To give a helping hand to the man who has "done his bit."
- (3). To give real help in the emigration problems which are sure to arise after the war.
- (4). To institute facilities for technical and commercial education in military centres and garrison towns during the period which comes between the declaration of peace and the complete disbandment of the army, thus assuring for the soldier the chance of renewing his knowledge with his old trade or of learning a new trade.
- (5). Although not a charitable institution, the Brotherhood of Khaki hopes to be able to give speedy monetary assistance in necessitous cases, and to keep a watchful eye on the administration of national charities.
- (6). To bring discharged soldiers of good character and ability to the notice of employers of labor.
- (7). To weld the discharged soldiers—officers, N.C.O.'s and men—into a composite whole which shall have for its purpose the development of the resources of our glorious Empire and the betterment of our social life.
- (8). To disseminate a propaganda which shall establish healthy ideas in the minds of our soldiers, and eradicate the harm which may otherwise be done by syndicalists and other self-seekers who have not the general good of the people at heart.

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