## Grains of Grit

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"Specks of grit," said Beulah, with

the air of knowing.
"Little grains of sand!" twinkled her

brother Jack, and everyone, even Madam

Tower, joined in the laugh.

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"No more elopements if I can help it!"
prayed Madam Tower, fervently.
"There'll be scandal enough in the town when all those silly dresed-up children get home from Tommy's party, but thank goodness they didn't get at the birthday cake! Josephine, if you and John Kingdom must have each other, let it be with a church wedding and my blessing. Oh, me! It's the way of youth! We'll have to see to it now that these starving children don't make themselve ill with the frosting. Thomas, you willful, headstrong boy, come here!" and the scolding voice broke down. "Come here and kiss your grandmother!"

> A Prayer at Evening By Amelia Josephine Burr

Now angels walk the hills with flaming

Along the purple margins of the day. Father, we beg, who know Thy rest is

sweet, Help for the hearts too pain distraught to pray.

We, beckoned to soft beds by kindly Yearn toward the aching watchers for

the light,-Wide, fevered eyes that Pain's red vigil keep,-

Hearts beating loud through the unquiet night.

Father, Thy love doth bless each perfect

Shall it not more tenderly be shown Where some spent spirit, stumbling in the gloom,

Toils upward to its Calvary alone?

Even He Had Feelings

The Topeka State Journal tells a court-room story that throws a new light on the sensibilities of offenders against the truth:
"Why, did you strike this man?"

asked the judge sternly. "He called me a liar, Your Honor,"

replied the accused.
"Is that true?" asked the judge, turning to the man with the bruised face. "Sure, it's true," said the accuser.
"I called him a liar because he is one,

and I can prove it." "What have you to say to that?" ask-

ed the judge of the defendant. "It's got nothing to do with the case,

Your Honor," was the unexpected reply. "Even if I am a liar, I guess I've got a right to be sensitive about it, ain't I?"

## A Close Observer

After witnessing the performance of a blind pianist, says the American Medical Journal, one Irishman remarked to another:

"By the powers, that's the best music I ever heard with me two ears."

"He does pretty well for a blind man, doesn't he?"

"He does, indeed, but I was just thinkin' of wan thing.'

"What's that?"

"It wouldn't make any difference to him if he wasn't blind." 'Why not?"

"Well, I was watchin' him all the evenin', and he never looks at the piano, anyhow."

He Had Had Enough Attention

For the most apt word and the ready reply, the American soldier is certainly not behind his allies, the Tommy or the poilu. The Boston Herald tells of & Yankee "doughboy" in the Philippine insurrection who was knocked out by a bullet in the leg.

As he lay there helpless, unable to drag himself to a place of safety, two more bullets whisked up and embedded themselves in other parts of his body. At the third he raised himself painfully and, shaking his fist in the direction of

the Moros, shouted: "Shoot some one else, you bloodthirsty murderers. I'm not the whole American

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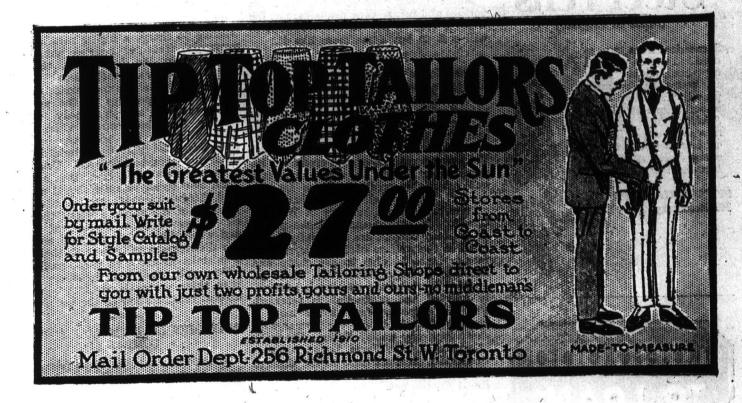
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