



Sergeant: "Now, then, my lad, you're asking for it. Why don't you use your periscope?"
Tommy: "I was using it, an' twice I nearly got a bullet through it."

the season's spirit of happiness and goodwill seemed to pervade the atmosphere.

"You know, dear," he said, "you have never told me how you came to leave your school and live in this wilderness. And the college course," he added.

"It is soon told," the girl answered sadly. "You know how I wanted to have a University course, and what a brilliant career I had planned out. But then I little thought that I too would come to the parting of the ways." It came when auntie, who had brought me up from childhood, lost her little income and at the same time became a hopeless invalid. She needed care, and I had to choose to stay with her and give up my career, or to leave her in strange hands, which she could never have borne, and whose attendance we could scarcely pay for. It was hard, so hard, but now I am so glad, for it made the end of her life happier than it would otherwise have been. And now," she added whimsically, "contrary to what I once told you, you are going to have a very ignorant little wife."

He drew her closer to him and his lips twitched as he spoke.

"A man could ask no more. I wish to God I had only known before. We have both had our partings of the way and have come safely over the roughened path, and this bright Christmas Day, the one day of all the year, begins a new life for us darling. Behold the way, open onward to the perfect day."

The adjutant was lecturing to the subalterns of the battalion.

"In the field," he said, "it is now incumbent upon an officer to make himself look as much like a man as possible."

Everybody laughed.

"That is, I mean," he explained, "as much like a soldier as possible."

A Royal Nurse and Doctor

Queen Amelie's life has been full of tragedy, and since the terrible assassination of her husband and her eldest son, and the overthrow of the throne which drove King Manoel into exile, Her Majesty has lived a retired life at Richmond, working quietly for a dozen and one philanthropic schemes in which she is interested.

"She came not as a queen, but as a woman." That is why so few have known that the quietly-dressed lady, who entered the 3rd London General Hospital at Wandsworth Common as a probationer some weeks ago, and for months past has visited the hospital every day to do what she could for our wounded soldiers, was Queen Amelie of Portugal.

Every morning Her Majesty goes from her house at Richmond to the hospital and, quietly donning apron and cap, works for hours in the wards, dressing wounds and attending to cases in the operating theatre. Needless to say, the soldiers are very proud to be nursed by a queen, but few know the number of the Royal nurse's ward, which is kept secret.

In the work at the Wandsworth hospital, Queen Amelie will prove of greatest assistance. The study of surgery and medicine has long been one of her chief hobbies, and she knows more about physics than many a doctor. Medical works and scientific reviews are her favorite reading, and at the palace in Lisbon she had a special laboratory built where she was wont to spend many hours making experiments.

Stories of Her Majesty's kindness of heart are legion. In Portugal she was known as "the Angel of Charity," for she spent much time visiting incognito the slums of Lisbon, doing what she could to ameliorate the condition of the poor, every petition in the cause of charity being read and inquired into by Queen Amelie herself.

The Doctor Knew

If some men are skeptical others place an implicit faith in the doctor's prescriptions; and of these was a man in Limerick who went to the undertaker to order a coffin for Pat Connell.

"Dear me," said the undertaker, "is poor Pat dead?"

"No, he's not dead yet," answered the other, "but he'll die to-night for the doctor says he can't live till morning and he knows what he gave him."

"Why do you object to my marrying your daughter?"

"Because you can't support her in the style to which she has been accustomed all her life."

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Tommy (To new arrival at prisoner's camp): "What was your occupation?"

German: "Army butcher."

Tommy: "Cattle or babies?"