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### SQUIBS, BY "DAD"

The watch on the Rhine has been wound up and the key thrown in the river.

Having discarded her kings and queens Germany is trying to take a few tricks with her knaves.

Smokers will admit that the war is over when free matches are again dispensed at the cigar stands.

The embargo on California raisins has been raised just in time to assure plump and fruity Christmas puddings.

The last time President Wilson visited Europe he made a tour of the continent on a bicycle. He will notice that the country has been "treated rough" since his former trip.

It is estimated that there are enough men who claim the honor of firing the "first" and "last" shots in the war to form a battalion.

In financial circles the honeymoon is over for the "war brides" and cook books will now interest the newlyweds more than stock quotations.

The goose quill is more expensive than the sword. A new York man offers \$10,000 for the pen with which the Kaiser signed his abdication.

Tons of prunes purchased for army supplies will now be released for home consumption. The once standard boarding house delicacy will again come into its own.

The late president of the Norman Church will be mourned by many followers, but in the matters of "bereaved widows" there will be a notable decrease since the days of his illustrious predecessor, Brigham Young.

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## War Novels Seldom Great

ACCORDING to Lucien, a delightful contributor to the Rochester Post-Express, the view that the war ought to have led to the production of great novels is very shallow and shows an utter misconception of the true province of fiction. To blame novelists for not having written better stories about the great conflict which has made so many of us "see red" is really very silly. It would be more reasonable for critics to deprecate the folly of those who try to convert it into material for fiction. It is not the novelist's function, but that of the journalists, to tell the story of the war. Even if, on Zola's system, the realist in fiction goes to the scene where the fighting is taking place, and not only masters the jargon of war, but sees what actually happens in the trenches and in "No Man's Land," he cannot give us the tragic background of this world struggle. The poet can write beautiful lyrics about the war. But it is the epic which will reveal to the world its heroic proportions—and that can scarcely be written until the smoke and the thunder of battle have passed.

Some novels of more than ordinary merit have, in fact, been written about the war. One is "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," by Vicente Blasco Hanez, a gifted Spanish writer who gives us a glimpse of France before the battle of the Marne.

The business of the novelist is to depict human nature. This he must do not as a philosopher or as a "scientist" but as a story-teller. He does not accept Prof. William Lyon Phelps' definition of a novel as "a good story well told." But he freely acknowledges that, if it be not a story, it cannot be called a "novel." Even "The Great Gatsby," one of the masterpieces of English fiction, is a genuine story, in spite of the fact that we are kept vainly waiting while we read hundreds of pages for the hero to be born. There are many digressions, but the author always takes up the thread of his narrative with consummate art.

Sterne knew something about the realities of war. He was the son of a captain in the British army and was born in the town of Clonmel, in the south of Ireland, where his father's regiment was stationed at the time. He was a clergyman himself, and not altogether an edifying one, as his "Letters to Eliza"—highly suggestive letters addressed to a married woman—will show. But his genius was of a rare order. Both humor and pathos he possessed in a very high degree. He was indeed a "naughty fellow."

But some of the "naughtiness" of genius, for, if we Comstockize it—the writer takes the liberty of coining that word, as George Bernard Shaw has used the neologism "Comstockery"—we may never find those precious things imprisoned in unconventional books as the pearl is in the oyster.

It was Sterne who gave us the immortal portraits of Uncle Toby and of Capt. Trim. They had both served in Marlborough's wars, but their military experiences are only memories. Each had a wooden leg, and each, even in this mutilated condition, is enjoying the blessings of peace. War is an abnormal thing. The historian must describe it, and even in the best historical descriptions of battles, military technicalities are a bore. The soldier must master them, but they are dull reading in a novel. Cervantes, who had fought at the battle of Lepanto, was far too wise to introduce any battle scenes into "Don Quixote." Robert Louis Stevenson has drawn attention to the almost entire absence of any allusion to war in Fielding's "Tom Jones," although the period in which Jones is supposed to have lived was one in which war never ceased. There is a solitary reference to the war between England and Scotland in 1745, when Tom, sent adrift by Mr. Allworthy and without a guinea to jingle against a milestone, is about to enlist.

Stevenson has himself sinned in this respect. The fighting in "Kidnapped" and in "The Black Arrow" affords him an opportunity for vigorous writing. But even the most effective description of blood-letting in his stories is only a "tour de force." Victor Hugo and Dumas Pere ransacked history in order to get subjects for their romances. But even Hugo's attempt to describe the battle of Waterloo is only rhetoric. He speaks of Napoleon as a "splendid ignoramus," and characterizes Waterloo itself as the "triumph of mediocrity," adding, with an exhibition of colossal ignorance, "Waterloo is a battle of the first-class gained by a captain of the second." Even an intelligent school boy could correct Victor Hugo's misinterpretation of history. Flaubert, who wrote about the mutiny of Hamletar Barca's mercenaries, took good care not to describe actual war. He knew that it would be an abomination in fiction. Zola, who was an artist, thought he could write a novel about the Franco-German war. The result

was "La Débâcle," a book which makes us see war as a shambles.

Writers who cannot distinguish fiction from melodrama, such as Ouida and Hall Caine and Marie Corelli, may drag war scenes into their books—and by doing so they generate the same sense of horror and disgust that one feels at seeing a dreadful accident. Even so great a novelist as Tolstoy has not succeeded in picturing a battle satisfactorily in "War and Peace." It is not in novels that we can expect to find the great war of our time realistically depicted. The psychologist who dissects human nature in fiction will study the home life of men and women and show us the action of the passions under normal conditions.

### GALLANT YOUTH DEAD.

Lieut. Ian A. McLeod Was the Youngest V. C.

Canada's—perhaps the Empire's—youngest Victoria Cross winner is dead from influenza in Winnipeg. This gallant youth is Lieut. Ian A. McLeod, R.A.F., of Stonehall, Man. Early in October Lieut. McLeod returned from England accompanied by his father, Dr. McLeod, who had gone overseas in the spring of the war with his son, who then lay critically wounded in London.

Lieut. McLeod won the V.C. last April, when 18 years of age, after less than one year in the air service, part of his training having been received in Toronto. He won the V.C. when, whilst flying with an observer and attacking enemy formations with bombs and machine-gun fire, he was assailed at a height of 5,000 feet by eight triplanes, which dived at him from all directions. He enabled his observer to direct fire bursts at each machine in turn, shooting down three out of control. By this time he had received five wounds. A bullet penetrated the petrol tank and set the machine afire. He then climbed out on the left bottom plane, controlling the machine from the side of the fuselage, and by side-slipping steeply, kept the flames to one side, thus enabling the observer to continue firing until the ground was reached. The observer had been wounded six times when the machine landed in No Man's Land, and McLeod, notwithstanding his own wounds, dragged him from the burning wreckage at great personal risk from machine-gun fire. He was also wounded by a bomb, but placed his comrade in comparative safety before falling himself from exhaustion.

McLeod first came under the notice of his superiors by volunteering to attack single-handed a German gun of heavy calibre, which was doing much damage on the western front. He returned to his base after locating the gun and destroying an enemy captive balloon and 11 Germans who were manning it.

### Large Seal Increase.

Preliminary figures for the 1918 census of fur seals on the Pribilof Islands have been received by the Bureau of Fisheries, says the San Francisco Chronicle. These figures show that the approximate total number of the Alaskan herd was 496,000 in 1917. The number of pups born was 143,005, and the number of breeding cows was the same. The average harem based on a count of seven rookeries, was 26.76. This census did not include the 33,881 seals taken during the present year.

The Department had authorized a take of 35,000 skins during the regular killing season, which ended on Aug. 10, but only 33,881 were taken. Of this number 7,000 were taken on St. George Island and 26,881 on St. Paul Island. A few seals will be killed from time to time during the remainder of the year for the purpose of furnishing fresh meat for the natives.

By the terms of the north Pacific sealing convention of July 7, 1911, 15 per cent. of this year's take of the skins belongs to the Canadian Government and a like proportion to the Japanese Government. There will be no actual delivery of these skins, but under a provision of the convention, the market value of the skins will be credited to the respective Governments as an offset to certain advance payments made to them by the United States.

### An Official Story-teller.

In several of the public libraries of Canada story-telling to children has for some years been a special feature. Each Saturday morning from fifty to one hundred children assemble at the library in a room set apart for the purpose and called the "Children's Room." The ages of the children vary from six to fourteen years. At St. John, N.B., story-telling has been continued now for three years. This year it has been found advisable to divide the children according to age and to hold two classes of half an hour each. The work has steadily grown in interest, and the demand for books of a less trivial type justify the work of the committee in charge. During the summer, when opportunity offers and a story-teller of note is a guest of the city, notice is given to the library, and it is often possible to have a special session.

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