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EDITORIAL

ERE we are again, like an old suit of clothes that has been cleaned and pressed for the Spring Splash, neither new nor stylish, but a camouflage. We know that Easter suggests something new, but dig and think as soldiers do, we could neither unearth nor create anything new. So, dear readers, you must be content with our old line. It had been our great hope to make this our "Peace Number," but the long whiskers of that new yellow race became entangled in the cogs of that mythical steam roller, and bang went our hopes. So, patient ones, do not criticise too harshly this humble effort.

IN THE last number of "O-Pip" we invited criticism of the little paper in order to find out whether we were succeeding in attaining our objective, namely, giving the folks at home an idea of our life out here, and trying to show them that there was a pleasant side to the war after all. Speaking truthfully, we have been inundated by letters of congratulation; in fact, some mothers sang our praises so highly that we are tempted to make them press agents. Here is one of the choice pieces, received from a lady in the United States:—"The 'O-Pip' is indeed very clever, and it is always welcomed in our household. We always pass the paper around so that as many people as possible can get the good out of it. The 'O-Pip' is now in the hands of a widow, whose son is in one of the camps in the south-western part of the country more than a thousand miles from here. We wanted her to see that the boys do have something to think of besides the horrible side of war, and that they, or at least a good many of them, make the best of inconveniences and discomforts. I shall have to get the paper back in a day or two, as I want to lend it where it can do some more good."

This is interesting to know, and shows that our labours are not in vain. When this number is on its way to press we will be working on the next one, providing Fritz does not carry out his threat of wiping out the Canadian Corps. All we can say is that it will take an awful lot of wipers.