

NOTES ON PRINCIPLES OF TRENCH CONSTRUCTION.

(Continued)

remembered, that the choice of a point or points at which Infantry "dig in", is not left entirely to their discretion. It may, however, be confidently stated, that by shifting such a trench 50 yards forward at certain points, and withdrawing it 50 yards at certain other points, the problem of drainage would become so much easier, that both labor required in maintenance and construction, would be reduced four-fold. Such a condition is surely worthy of the greatest consideration.

(To be continued.)

"HEARD ON THE PARADE GROUND".

Very loquacious member of 37,— "These chin straps are a beastly bore. They so restrict one's flow of language."

The other Mac., amid chorus of approval,— "Why don't you wear one all the time?"

With the continued influx of large officer's classes, we may shortly expect to see the orderly "pups" coming in regular litters.

"Bouncing Bill" Webster says that these orderly officers sure have the new dances down cold,— particularly the one known as "Walking the Dog".

Things We Would Like To Know—

If Milne wears corsets and a bussell.

When Brinkman is ever going to lose any weight.

If Mallett has the permission of the food controller to carry sugar to his "nag", and if he carries it to the stable in the regulation ration envelope.

If the Mayor of St. Johns has no bridle teeth.

To the movie star list of Class 37 (Arbuckle, Brinkman, and Theda Barra), has now been added Little Mary Pick-hard.

Ewing (strolling with a fair friend):—"This is the Officers Mess."

Fair One:—"Oh, Ernest, what makes you say that. It looks very clean and neat to me."

A story is told concerning a recently promoted lance-corporal, who, shortly after his "raise", re-

THE GERMAN MOTHER HUBBARD.



Drawn by Wilton Williams.

(Courtesy of the World Wide.)

("The quantity of wheat seized was insignificant, and to obtain it the German soldiers have created among the Ukrainian people, an undying hatred of Germany."—Daily Press.)

Old Kaiser Cain
Went to Ukraine
To get his starved people some corn;
But when he got there
The Ukraine was bare—
And the Huns wish they'd never been born.

ceived a letter of mingled congratulations and advice from his doting mother. She ended thus,— "And remember, John, whatever else befall, always be kind and good to your men."

Orderly Officer:—"Any complaints?"

Kitchen Orderly (carrying steaming kettle):—"Taste this, sir."

Orderly Officer (tasting it):—"As excellent soup as I've ever tasted!"

Kitchen Fatigue:—"So I thought, sir. But the cook wishes to call it tea, sir."

Sentry:—"Who goes there?"

Voice:—"McNeill of Barra."

Sentry:—"Advance, McNeill. Leave your barrow outside."

If you get "down in the mouth" don't worry; Jonah was further down than you will ever be, and he got out all right.

A DARK SUSPICION CONFIRMED.

The staff of the genial Paymasters Office, have not been noted for their literary contributions to the Depot 'Compendium'. Indeed, we often mused, in an abstracted fashion, on how they could put in their time. For we knew there were quite a lot of 'em inside, and they always kept the door shut tight. Yesterday, however, the mystery was cleared up when a "sous-L/Corp." left with us a very large envelope containing a very small (alleged) joke. It ran as follows:—

In what way does Germany resemble Holland? Because Germany is low lying and damed all round!

(Note.—We merely remark that the above appeared in "Life" in August 1914. Try again, old Top.)

AT THE VINEGAR FACTORY.

Congratulations are in order from the Vancouver Boys to Spr. Kinch, on his appointment as Permanent Room Orderly to the No. 1 Section,—the Crack Section of the Pickle,— beg pardon, Vinegar works. If Spr. Kinch and his business continue to improve as in the past, he should soon be in direct line for promotion to a position of responsibility and trust with the Sanitary Guard.

BASE-BALL MATCH.

On Saturday afternoon, at 3 o'clock sharp, weather permitting, Class 38 will try conclusions with Base Company in a nine innings challenge base-ball match. A fast game is assured as both nines have been practicing for some time.

Let every Officer, N.C.O., and Sapper in the Garrison, turn out and root for your own team.

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