

CHAPTER FOUR.

Wherein is explained a difference and the reason thereof.

1. Why do the Privates rage and the Sappers imagine a vain thing?

2. Surely there is found no cause to complain nor to raise the voice in protest!

3. There dwelt in the fourth year of the Great War in the land of Us a man.

4. And he did work diligently day by day and provided bountifully for his home.

5. And behold, one day it raineth exceeding hard and the man became wet.

6. But when he turneth homeward, weary and wet, his wife beheld him when he was yet a long way off.

7. And she did stir up the fire, and she did place his slippers before it.

8. And she also did lay out for him dry socks, and his smoking jacket she made ready, and also for him she did wheel out the great arm-chair.

9. And when he had come into the house he found all things ready and his supper, too, prepared hot and savoury.

10. And as his good wife feared because of the wet that he had gotten a chill she prepared also for him a hot drink.

11. So the man retired warm and comfortable.

12. Now the next morning he did feel as though there had been no cold nor wet nor tiredness.

13. Wherefore is the lot of this man different from that of most men in the land of Us?

14. But it came to pass not many weeks thereafter that this man departed out of his home and joined himself to the armed forces of his country.

15. And he was sent to a camp in the city of that apostle whom Jesus loved.

16. There he dwelt in a canvas house in the midst of the plain.

17. Not many days thereafter it raineth while he was yet drilling and his clothing became wet and cold;

18. And when he did come to his tent behold it had leaked and his bedding also had become wet.

19. So that night he did pass uncomfortably.

20. The next day it rained also and he did become less dry;

21. And the mud waxed exceedingly and also the tent did leak still more.

22. And the rain did not cease but continued for many days and the plight of this man became pitiful.

23. For he had no where to go to become dry nor also had he dry clothing for to put on.

24. And he looked with longing eyes at the many dry buildings which surrounded him and he did think of those days which had been.

25. After five days he did feel rotten and he did go to the M.O.

26. And the M.O. did take his temperature and behold it was 104.

27. Then the M.O. did murmur, Influenza, and this our man was taken to the hospital.

28. And not many days after there was a funeral in the land of Us.

29. But such things win the Great War and inspire the hosts of the Huns with fear!

30. Wherefore, then, do the Sappers rage and the Privates imagine a vain thing?

CANNOT GO AND FIGHT.

Will some kind friend please tell me why

I cannot go and fight?

I'm dreaming of it all the day,  
And sometimes half the night.

I'd like to take a whack at "Bill",  
Before it is too late,

A certain fact, we soon shall know,

The war is "out of date."

Please tell me what I best can do,

To get across the foam,  
I'd like to take a whack at Bill,  
Before I get sent home.

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Cut out the dreaming during the day.—Editor.

SERGEANT LITTLE HAT.

The Sergeant had a little hat  
He laid it down one day,

And when he went to take a walk  
The hat had gone away.

He searched for it all round about

It was a pretty sight,  
The language flew, the air was blue,

But the hat came not to Light.  
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