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sidering that the sealing is done not by the writer, but by the censor, seems to take a good deal for granted.

Most of the letters acknowledge the receipt of a "parcle"; many give a guarded summary of the military situation:

"We are not allowed to tell you about the war, but I may say that we are now in the trenches. We are all in the pink, and not many of the boys has gotten a dose of lead-poisoning yet."

It is a pity that the names of places have to be left blank. Otherwise we should get some fine phonetic spelling. Our pronunciation is founded on no pedantic rules. Armentieres is Armen-tears, Busnes is Business, Bailleul is Booloo, and Vieille Chapelle is Veal Chapel.

The chief difficulty of the writers appears to be to round off their letters gracefully. Having no more to say, I will now draw to a close, is the accepted formula. Private Burke, never a tactician, concludes a most ardent love-letter thus:

"Well, Kate, I will now close, as I have to write to another of the girls."

But to Private Mucklewame literary composition presents no difficulties. Here is a single example of his terse and masterly style:

"Dere wife, if you could make the next postal order a trifle stronger, I might get getting an egg to my tea.—Your loving husband, JAS. MUCKLEWAME, No. 74077."

But there is a serious side, too, to the correspondence that passes through Censor Little's hands, and this does not lack appreciation from the sympathetic critic:

Listen to Lance-Corporal M'Snape:

"Well, mother, I got your parcel, and the things was most welcome; but you must not send any more. I seen a shilling stamp on the parcel: that is too much for you to afford."

How many officers take the trouble to examine the stamp on their parcels?

And there is a wealth of homely sentiment and honest affection which holds up its head without shame even in the presence of the censor.

One rather pathetic screed began:

"Well, wife, I doubt this will be a poor letter, for I canna get one of they green envelopes to-day, but I'll try my best—"

Bobby Little sealed and signed without further scrutiny.—Sel.

Current Events.

Canadians, especially men from Edmonton and Toronto, have been highly commended for bravery in recent fighting at the front.

Ninety-five young students in khaki figured at the recent Convocation of Toronto University.

Austrians interned at the camp at Kapuskasing, Northern Ontario, gave some trouble to the guards. Four were injured, but, contrary to report, no one was killed.

A Spanish company is constructing a cableway for running a car directly over the whirlpool at Niagara. The car will carry 46 people.

Four German steamers, all forewarned, were sunk by submarines of the Allies in the Baltic Sea during the week. The Dutch steamer Batavia was blown up by striking a mine in the North Sea. Four were drowned, including an American.

The Allies are making arrangements to help to feed the starving Poles as well as the Serbs and Belgians.

An order has been issued in France by which all munitions workers who persist in drinking will be taken from the shops and sent to the trenches.

But little news has come from the front. A desultory artillery bombardment still goes on at Verdun, from which, it is stated, the Germans are withdrawing their infantry. Greater pressure upon the Belgians along the Yser is reported, with the cheering news that the British have captured the plain of Lens, a position of great importance. During the week the Italians have been drawn into sharp conflict, and have withdrawn

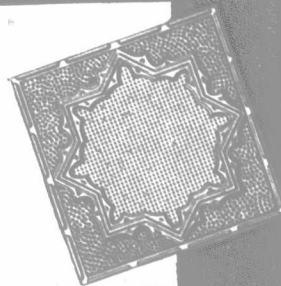
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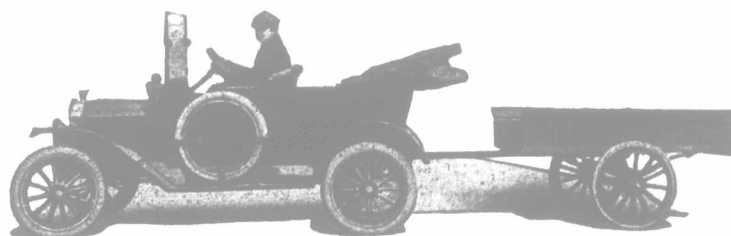
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