

“NUTS AND RATIONS.”

Never judge a fellow by what other people say about him.

As witness some of the definitions of “What is a Sapper” in last week’s issue.

Too bad our Depot football team did not start playing matches away, earlier in the year. See what we have missed in the way of week-end visits to other Cities.

If a rumour you should hear,  
 Pass it on!  
 Let it go from ear to ear,  
 Pass it on!  
 Say we’ll all be overseas  
 Before the Richelieu will freeze.  
 Sappers, Corporals, Sergeants,—PLEASE  
 Pass it on!

A certain Sapper went into a poker game the other day with the object of getting something for nothing, and bye and bye he went back to his bunk having acquired nothing for something. Which proves that the majority still rules!

We met a friend on the street the other day and asked him how he was. He gave us this tongue-twister in reply:—“Today I am well, and when I am well I am not generally unwell, but when I am unwell, I am not quite so well as I am when I am very well. Whether it’s the weather, or whether it’s not the weather, or whether it’s not owing to the weather at all, I can’t exactly say whether it’s the weather, or whether it’s not the weather at all.”

If the German retreat continues as it has gone during the last few days, we hope our French professors will switch off teaching us French, and give us a few lessons that would be useful when we reach Berlin.

The food administrator of the U.S.A. recently reported a shortage of salt in America. But our own Food Controller says there is an abundance of that commodity in Canada. Thank heaven for that! We will need plenty of salt from time to time to use with the stories sent over by the “Sammies”.

Speaking of food control:—we noticed an article in the newspaper the other day asking the people to “buy food with thought and cook it with care.” We sent the cutting home for the benefit of the wife. Soon after we received a letter from our better half in which the following extract appeared:—

“I took a thought to the Grocer yesterday and he refused to let me have so much as a Lima bean on it. And when I ordered a ton of care from the coal merchant, he said he had plenty but could not send me any, much as he would like to. I think this food conservation is all nonsense, don’t you?”

A good dinner has about the same effect on a man that a good cry has upon a woman.

—PAT.

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