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## THE MISFIT.

The problem of adjusting square pegs to round holes has puzzled Wise Heads the world over, for the Misfit is as big a handful as the Unfit. There are waiters who should be solicitors, and solicitors who should be eternally waiting. Some men who are in business should be on the bench—either Judges or Cobblers. There are barbers who should be performing in the butcher's shop, and undertakers who should be reposing in the mummy section of the British Museum. Clergymen we have known would be better employed sawing wood, and some publicans would have done better in the pulpit. Everywhere there are men who don't fit in. A Government Department for selecting jobs for Misfits has not yet been set on foot, although pay is given for not having any work to do. Up to the time of going to press the phrenologist has not been installed as official reader of "bumps," and scientific selection of occupations for those who have latent talent is therefore still to seek. In the meantime, the square peg frets and chafes and wears smooth, or breaks in the process. A college professor in the States, for example, threw up his job some time ago and went into the popcorn business, which, let us hope, he made a success. It has been said that the square pegs are often too proud of their shape—they like it. Robert Service says of them:

There's a race of men that don't fit in,  
A race that can't stay still;  
So they break the heart of kith and kin,  
And they roam the world at will.

A good many square pegs would fit better if they recognised their disability and tried to overcome it. The future is in the lap of the gods, and it is impossible to say which will prosper—this or that. "Let the square peg therefore, make the best of it, buy a carpenter's plane or a box of sandpaper, and smooth down a few sharp corners," remembering that—

It's the steady, quiet, plodding ones,  
Who win in the life-long race.

## DEEDS OF DARING.

Lieut. (A/Capt.) A. W. Logie, who also has the M.C. and Bar, and was recently invested at Buckingham Palace, is attached to the Quebec Regiment.



Capt. A. W. Logie, M.C.

He enlisted at Montreal and in civil life was an engineer, and came over in the ranks.

As sergeant with the 23rd Reserve, he was given a commission on the 25th August, 1916, and went to

France in September of the same year.

101465 Pte. John Chipman Kerr, 49th Battalion, Canadian Infantry, whose portrait appeared in our issue of April 19th, won the V.C. for most conspicuous bravery during a bombing attack.

He was acting as bayonet man and knowing that bombs were running short, he ran along the paradors under heavy fire until he was in close contact with the enemy, when he opened fire on them at point blank range and inflicted heavy loss.

The enemy thinking they were surrounded, surrendered. Sixty-two prisoners were taken and 250 yards of enemy trench captured.

Later, with two other men, he escorted back the prisoners under fire.

Lieut. Wallace Lloyd Algie, late of the 20th Battalion, 1st Central Ontario Regt., won the V.C. for most conspicuous bravery and self-sacrifice on October 11th, 1918.

Rushing forward with nine volunteers, he shot the crew of an enemy machine gun, and, turning it on the enemy, enabled his party to reach the village. He then rushed another machine gun, killed the crew, captured an officer and ten enemy, and thereby cleared the end of the village.

Lieut. Algie, having established his party, went back for reinforcements, but was killed when leading them forward.

Capt. A. Pritchard, who has the M.C. and Bar, was invested by His Majesty the King on the 20th of March.

A banker by profession, he enlisted in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1916, and was for some time attached to Headquarters in the Depot of Supply and Transport.



Capt. A. Pritchard, M.C.

His present unit is Western Ontario.