

## "NUTS AND RATIONS."

Russia's opportunity—now or never.

With Lenin and Trotsky taking refuge from their friends on board a man o' war, and vainly calling on their German masters for help, there is yet a chance that the Russian people may realize who are their true friends.

We have often wondered which of the two evils was the greater. Having a Czar, or a Bolsheviki Government.

If it were possible to see the mind of one of the Bolsheviki (when once made up) we could imagine it to look like a crazy Patchwork Quilt.

During the next few months Russia will receive quite a number of British, Canadian, and American, tourists.

How the War has changed things—Fancy men rushing to volunteer to go to Siberia.

We have noticed in the recent running events reported from the Western front that the Whippet has beaten the Dachshund.

### The Rookie

Six months ago I thought of the Army  
As the last place for a man to be.  
But the Government framed a military act  
With a clause that applied just to me.  
I used every means to evade it,  
I tried every way to escape.  
I asked for exemption on this ground and that,  
Thinking things were bound up in "red tape".  
But they got me at last, and my heart broke.  
And I thought at the time I'd go mad,  
I was thinking of Minnie, and Ada, and Flo.  
And the joy rides, and dances we'd had.  
Of the money I'd earned at munitions.  
Which to give up just now, made me weep.  
I was sent on join with the Engineers  
For a dollar and ten and my keep.  
I was sure I was doomed for a failure,  
That I hadn't the grit to stand up  
And drill with a rifle and bayonet.  
I was drinking life's bitterest cup.  
But the change in my life was a Godsend.  
Here was life! Where I thought I would find  
A monotonous kind of existence,  
Making up one continuous grind.  
I found men of all kinds in the unit.  
And of Sportsmen I met not a few.  
I tackled the tennis, and football,  
And at quoits quite proficient I grew.  
In the evening we had our amusements,  
There was boxing, and music, and song,  
And the Pictures were always exciting.  
But the day never weary or long.  
Now, I'm "one of the Boys," and I'm aching  
Just to help in this war, all I can.  
For I'm changed from a gol darsted Slacker  
(Without boasting too much) to a Man.

Felicia says she knows a lot of girls who would be willing to "do their bit" if they had a new gown, and could get into the lime light.

A true patriot is not the man who takes his hat off to the flag, but rather the one who takes his coat off for it.

A coat of paint may be a great improvement to a house, but it looks bad on a woman.

Wonder if some of those Russians, (?) who took our civilian jobs when we joined up, will want to go to Siberia.

—PAT.

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