

### Editorial.

**E**VEN had we belonged to that optimistic and hypocritical body of men known as the "German News Agency" we could not have predicted the success which greeted the "O-Pip" on its initial appearance. The laudable criticisms which have been passed on the little paper have made us blush and feel embarrassed, and we are in a quandary as to whether or not we can make the successive issues come up to the reputation established by the first number.

The crown-heads and bald-heads of Europe have read the "O-Pip," and the Kaiser has sent us an underground message for a large bundle of the May number. Rich man and poor man, the hard-working munition girl and the lasses who are cradled in the lap of luxury, and the prisoner and the preacher have all enrolled themselves as subscribers.

Out of the 2,000 copies of the "O-Pip" only two remain, and at the request of a dear old lady, who is interested in many philanthropic institutions, we have kindly consented to offer them for auction in aid of War Charities. It is expected they will fetch a fabulous sum.

Of the May number we will say little. We trust that it will be as interesting as its predecessor. We have increased the size of the paper and our cartoonist has made a fine job of his work. The reportorial staff, however, has suffered considerably through the feeding of so much plum-duff, which has had a tendency to restrict their brain capacity.

Although we know little of our future movements there is nothing like taking time by the forelock and saying what one would like to say at this very moment. There is the possibility of the artillery boys being moved at any time and the "O-Pip" is usurping the right to act as the medium between the boys of the camp and the good people of Godalming, Guildford and other nearby towns. Since arriving here we have been shown every courtesy and consideration by the residents, and we now wish to thank them very kindly and generously for all they have done. The dear ladies have shown wonderful patience in tending to our wants, and have sacrificed much of their time in seeing that we have been well looked after. Kindnesses of this nature are far more appreciated by the boys in this new life than they would have been had we been shirking in "civvies," and we know that while we thank our benefactors a hundred fold, our mothers, fathers, wives, sweethearts, brothers, sisters and children, in our beloved land across the sea, will thank you in their prayers a thousand fold.

Please accept our thanks!



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