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DEFINITIONS.

"Rank"

Is a disguise used by a certain caste of the Military system.

In Canada, the lowest rank is that of Lieutenant (pronounced sometimes with "ef" sound, at others with the "oo") and tapers off to Generals of various degrees.

The particular rank which attaches itself to the individual depends upon conditions; Geographical, Physical, Political and Financial.

Between the two extremes of rank we have the Captain (known on a tug-boat as "Cap" and on war vessels as the "Old man", and spoken of as "Capn.").

Next comes the Major. His particular case needs further explanation. The rank of major has to a certain extent been looked upon as a malignant growth. No one ever started as a major; and the best medical authorities to date have found no anti-toxin. The typical major is short, fat, and over forty; wears a fierce moustache, and explodes on graze, is never taken seriously, has a perpetual grouch and is generally illused. He has the obsession that he should wear his crown on his head. This rank is said to have been invented by tailors in order to collect bills of long standing. It is a sign of familiarity to address him as "The Maj". He is the alpha of the great army of Field Officers the omega of which is the Marshal.

The whole system is wrong. All officers should start with the rank of Major, and change their ranks up or down, and either retire as Field Marshals or sink into oblivion as Lieutenants.

The Major has only one degree, and can be addressed by his title, as the other ranks above him; it is not necessary to mention his name.

The family of Colonels is large and divided. We have Honorary, Lieutenant, Brevet and Full. The Colonel can do no wrong and can be called "Kernel" by those who know him, otherwise, "Sir", has been found appropriate and useful.

Generals are among themselves, Brigadier, Major, Lieutenant and plain General. Beyond this class the Field Marshal, the end of all ranks comes.

The whole system of ranks can be compared to a good hand of "Poker"—the ten being the Lieutenant and Captain; the knave, the Major; the queen, the Colonel; the king, the General; and the ace the Marshal.

To an officer who does his duty all ranks disappear and his own

men confer a rank that needs no badge. He is an officer and a gentleman, the highest rank attainable.

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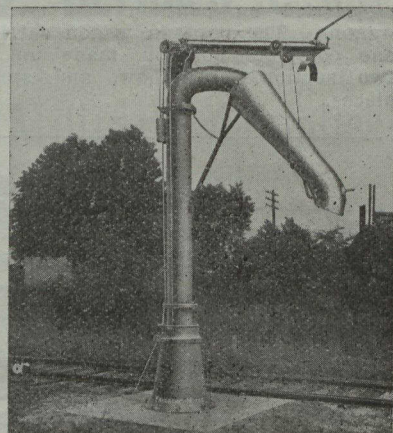
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