

MEDITATIONS.

We are allowed three hundred words on any subject. Mmmmmmm! Lot's see, Only three hundred words? The subject will have to be really timely and bright to make those words count. Ah-h-h-h-h! We have a subject! It will just suit those three hundred words and will be of infinite importance to all and sundry who eke out their livelihood on gov'tment money and who wear the blue. We are a little afraid though that it might cause serious discussion among the rabble and adverse comment among the proletariat. Nevertheless we are going to chance it!

Our subject of the week is, "Refuse Receptacles"(Garbage Cans to the Common herd). Their Care and Maintenance and Preservation.

The first section of our title, namely, Their Care and Maintenance, we can dispose of quickly with a few well chosen words. When a garbage can will no longer fulfill its purpose. i.e. when the bottom has fallen out of it, throw it away! Don't be careless! Personnel will always ascertain if a garbage can is bottomless before doing the above.

Now, the second section, "Preservation", is more complicated and requires great thought. In fact a thesis could be written on what kind of a paint job a refuse receptacle should be given. We have noticed that here, the cans have been given a coat of grey paint. This is a bad thing! The colour grey is much too utilitarian. A garbage can should be painted in gay, sparkling colours in sort of a mild camouflage. A garbage can is a grim thing under even the best conditions and a garbage can painted grey is positively indecent. What ho! For a brush and a pot of pinkish green and let us end this sordid parade of garbage receptacles in front of the barracks blocks each morning.

We think that is now three hundred words but we're not going to count them. If anyone else can write more than that about garbage disposal vessels they're welcome to try. In fact, we think now, that twenty words would have been ample.

Chairman of the Committee for the Glorification and Veneration of Garbage Cans.

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We wrote the obituary of the Link in the last issue, but they are still with us. We think they hate to say goodbye,-- to the Belles of Belleville.

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