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JOHN JONES

Our heart is in a tumult of sadness, In the due course of human events

and life's way has been darkened. A. Destiny finally came to its senses, and familiar form has gone from our yanked old Abe Smith into the unlast Wednesday night reached out and midst that the coming years will be known. We don't know where he has unable to replace. To know our friend gone, and care a damsite less. So far and neighbor, John Jones, was to love as this community is concerned we him. He was the soul of generosity can spare him with pleasure. He was and kindness, and his sad leave-taking a boulder upon the rails of progress; has cast a pall over the entire com- he was 'agin' everything that stood munity. As a husband and father, he for the betterment of the town in was th personification of all that was which he lived. He was parsimgood and noble; in his business deal- onious, low-down, and foul of mouth, ings with his fellow men he was the and it must be a relief to his family acme of honesty and uprightness. He to be rid of him. He died, leaving a has gone out over the vineclad hills widow and eight small children, no of time to await the coming of his estate, and unpaid subscription acloved ones on that other shore. His count at this office of seven dollars, life was ideal, an inspiration to better We are humane, we are forgiving, and citizenship; and we know that his just before the undertaker screwed shall be the reward of the faithful—a the lid down we put in a seersucker the right of the throne, a suit, a palm-leaf fan, and a thermome place in glory through all the eternal ter. We hope he'll have a darn big

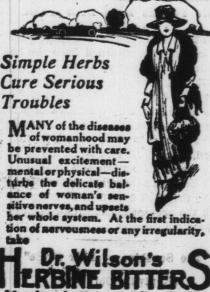
A LETTER FROM THE FRONT There is no place much to buy any-

teresting Letter to His Mother, Mrs. Percy W. Burns.

DEAR MOTHER-Just a line this Sunday night before I go to bed. This has been a long, long day. It was a little drizzily this morning, but this afternoon was fine, although a little cool. We had a church parade this morning. Packs, rifles and all. It will seem strange when I get home I'll be glad when I can get a good to be able to go out without taking dinner again, believe me. 50 to 100 lbs. with me. Here in France, practically all the time, we wear our equipment. At times we have to sleep in it and I have gone 7 or 8 days without taking it off. We

can see. We are busy from morning reveille at 5 until 7 p. m. at night. In the line, the actual work is quite easy, but then again you have Fritz is the better but there is no doubt which is the healthier. One can stand a lot in order to get out of the trenches just to straighten up without having bullets whistling by your head. So far I have been real lucky and have no cause to complain. On one occasion, three of us were in a shell-hole. One fellow got his left hand almost blown to atoms and the other fellow next to me, so close, he was touching me, got simply riddled with bullets. He died almost instantly. Lucky me, never got a scratch, but perhaps I wasn't thankful when at all and never have in such places. idea what he has to be thankful for. I am real well and am feeling tiptop. Have been having some lovely weather. Nice and warm. Hope

Ruth gets my letters alright. This is a great farming country. You would be surprised to see the great (May 12th). Lots of hens, but eggs are only 9 cents a piece. I had one good feed though the other night. Eggs and French fried potatoes.



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tralian soldier serving in France. He near a hospital, which we still hold. a few woolens and amongst them I you a letter as you would like to know ago Miss Snow had another interesting experience from a Testament given to a young man embarking overseas. Some two years ago she sent a leather covered pocket Testament to her uncle in one of the Battalions training at Aldershot. Through a mistake in delivery it fell into the hands of a young man who wrote her how it had reached him and saying with her permission he would like to keep it. She purchased the mate to it and sent him.

thing except at a Y. M. C. A. or S. Pte. Elton Burns Writes a Very In- Army hut. They have these right up in the trenches and they are very handy if you can catch them just after supply comes in. So many to one place soon clean it out. I got a little package of biscuits tonight, like soda biscuits with raisins in; 10 cents, I'm sure, would buy them at home and here they cost two Francs and a half, or 50 cents. When I get paid, if there's a place handy, I just stock up

Well mother, dear, I must close now and off to bed. Best of love to all at home and to yourself. Write soon. My bed tonight is on some straw in feel lost without it, but its a pleasant in Bridgetown would be a palace along somebody's old barn. Any old barn side of it. It's better by far than wet

I am doing. I wish I could tell you all. Am hoping, God willing, to come home again soon, some how. Then I can tell you stories night and

Keep Keith if you possibly can. If there is anything of mine at all that

ELTON BURNS. Monday noon: Just received your letter of April 14th, will answer soon.

Received Her First Pair of Socks.

address and stating that it was the knit. She had forgotten all about the case until she received a letter dated May 6th of this year from an Aushad knitted, which I guess was a long time ago. When the Germans broke through a little time ago they stopped was on an outpost about twenty yards in front of one of the huts and went in the hut one night, and they had cleared out and left a lot of socks and found this pair of yours, and found your note and thought I would drop who received them." A few months Recently she received a letter from his sister in Yarmouth Co., stating that her brother had been killed in the battle of Vimy Ridge, and from his pocket they took this little Testament and sent to his home in Nova Scotia, and the sister seeing her address wrote Miss Snow, stating the



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