

### LACK OF SOAP WORRIES EUROPE

According to the Berne correspondent of the London New Statesman: "Lack of soap and of all aids to cleanliness is the main cause, after underfeeding, of the appalling death rate from disease in central Europe generally," said a distinguished physician, who had just been traveling through these regions. Everywhere in Austria, Hungary, Poland, Bohemia, Russia, and even Germany, typhoid, spotted typhus, dysentery, scurvy, and tuberculosis have increased; and modern hygiene is now unable to localize these scourges because of lack of

### RAMSAY'S PORCH PAINTS

PROTECTION FOR OUTSIDE  
VERANDAH AND PORCH FLOORS  
FOR SALE BY ALL DEALERS

disinfectants, linen, and soap, and, above all, of disinfecting stoves or chambers, in which soldiers' clothes can be placed and kept at a temperature which kills all vermin.

#### Disease-Ridden Regions.

The most disease-infected regions on the continent now are Galicia, the Ukraine and Hungary. In these countries thousands of soldiers meet—Russians returning home from Germany; Austrians, Hungarians and Germans returning from Russia; Croats and Serbs going southward, and Poles going northward. Dr. F. Blanchod, a French-Swiss who recently visited Budapest on behalf of the Geneva Red Cross and spent some time in a military depot there, where an attempt, at any rate, is made to receive all these different soldiers as they pass through, sort them out into their different nationalities and at the same time rid them of vermin, describes them as being clad in rags and animals' skins, chiefly sheep-skins or goatskins, and wearing greasy skin caps on their heads, their feet and legs being bandaged up in rags and untanned leather. Not one of them has now any sort of uniform, and as many Russians, after years of captivity in Germany, have learned to speak German, and many Hungarians have learned Russian, they contrive to



"Built to Wear"

A STRONG, well made raincoat, specially designed for school and messengers boys. Made of heavy material, finished with sturdy collar, solid brass rust proof clasps and two strong outside pockets. In two colors—Black and Olive Khaki.

Ask your dealer.  
Tower Canadian Limited  
Halifax Vancouver  
2 Coast to Coast Service.



Clean to handle. Sold by all  
Druggists, Grocers and  
General Stores

USE The Want Ad Way



### Standard Diet in Hospitals

Pure Gold Quick Puddings are so wholesome and easily digested they are used as standard diet in hospitals for convalescent patients. They are specially suitable for the patient whose fickle appetite needs tempting.

Keep a supply in the house. They're an excellent food for the children, and always welcome. Surprise the family with one some night and see how delighted they are. Tapioca, custard and chocolate, 15c. a package at all grocers.

Pure Gold Desserts  
QUICK PUDDINGS

Pure Gold Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Toronto



pass themselves off as belonging to whatever nationality best suits them for the time being. It is impossible, therefore, really to sort them, or to know where they belong.

#### Super-Vermin.

All these unfortunate and filthy men are, in plain English, covered with lice, which are the sole propagators of spotted typhus. Many of them do their best to avoid going near any military depot which has means of disinfection, because their wretched rags, once put into the disinfecting chamber, simply fall to give them in exchange, they feel themselves worse off than before. Many of these men leave the depot wearing nothing but their sheepskins or overcoats, any apology for underclothing which they may have had having been destroyed in the process of disinfection. So anxious are some of them to avoid being examined or having their clothes disinfected that very often when a train of repatriated soldiers arrives at Budapest, Vienna or some other place the soldiers begin to jump off it as soon as it slackens down before arriving at the railway station, and thus they enter a city without the authorities knowing, and, of course, spread their lice and their disease.

#### Spotted Typhus.

Some of the men were already suffering from spotted typhus while on their journey, and had, of course, infected others. It is indeed, often impossible to diagnose the disease unless a man's skin has first been thoroughly washed with soap. Matters are still further complicated because a soldier as a rule will not say that he is ill until he can no longer crawl about. The hospitals are overcrowded with diseased men lying on

gray paper sheets which, of course, cannot be either washed or boiled. There are not even bandages with which to dress the gangrenous sores which often accompany spotted typhus. They, too, are dressed after a fashion with paper. The patients have neither blankets nor eiderdown quilts, nor even shirts to

### SMOKE A GOOD VIRGINIA CIGARETTE

A good Virginia Cigarette is made unless the utmost care is taken in its manufacture. So many things require attention in order that the cigarette be satisfactory, that as much care is taken as in the filling of a document by a scribe.

He must know the majority of smokers, this, no cigarette can afford to neglect.

Tuxedo 10 VIRGINIA Cigarettes 15

sleep in which are not all in rags; and as there is a great scarcity of coal there can be no proper heating. The doctors cannot operate because there is no means of sterilizing instruments, no soap, and no cotton, wool or bandages.

Before the war the mortality from spotted typhus was 6 to 7 per cent—that is, in the countries suffering from it—Silesia, Poland, Russia and Galicia. Now it exceeds 20 per cent. The International Red Cross Medical Commission personally found more than 12,000 cases of this disease in the Ukraine. In some parts of the country, moreover, 80 per cent. of the people were infected with typhus, brought of course, by soldiers returning home or passing through, while Dr. Blanchod says that he himself saw on railway station platforms in Transylvania people in the most highly infectious stage of smallpox, whom nobody apparently thought of quarantining. In Transylvania and in Austria smallpox during the war has wrought more havoc than anywhere else, because there has been no compulsory vaccination. The danger of traveling in Austria, Poland, the Ukraine and neighboring parts of Europe is great, because hitherto it has seemed impossible to prevent soldiers and civilians from being herded together—in extremely overcrowded trains.

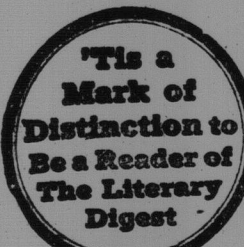
## CAN YOU ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS?

- (1) What is Labor's Duty to the Public . . . . . ?
- (2) Must We "Work Another Hour a Day" to Reduce Prices . . . . . ?
- (3) Should the Shantung Award to Japan be Stricken From the Treaty . . . . . ?
- (4) Does the United States Want a Department of Aviation . . . . . ?
- (5) What is Industrial Democracy . . . . . ?
- (6) What are the Principal Provisions in the New German Constitution . . . . . ?
- (7) Is Germany Doing Secret Propaganda Work in Spain . . . . . ?
- (8) Is England Drinking More Now Than Before the War . . . . . ?
- (9) Are Cattails Suitable for Food . . . . . ?
- (10) Can the Earth's Surface be Accurately Represented on a Flat Map . . . . . ?
- (11) What Great New Harbors Has the War Developed . . . . . ?
- (12) Is There More Democracy in the German Theatre Than in Ours . . . . . ?
- (13) How Are England and France Honoring the Dead . . . . . ?
- (14) Of What Does the American Merchant Marine Consist . . . . . ?
- (15) On What Dates Will Foreign Securities Held in America Mature . . . . . ?

Where Two Million Men and Women Find Answers to Their Questions

In this week's number of THE LITERARY DIGEST, dated September 6th, there are splendid articles that give satisfying answers to all the questions asked here, and many more. Besides, you will be interested in reading what is best in Current Poetry, in Finance and Commerce, in Personal Glimpses of Men and Events, etc. In addition to this feast of text-matter "The Digest" is graphically illustrated with half-tone pictures and reproductions of the most humorous cartoons from the American and European press. Get "The Digest" this week!

September 6th Number on Sale Today—All News-dealers—10 Cents



## The Literary Digest

FUNK & WAGNALLS COMPANY (Publishers of the Famous NEW Standard Dictionary), NEW YORK



### STRIKE and STRETCH Heave and Bend

Atlantic Underwear makes friends with men of action because it stands the strain of the heaviest work. The long, fine sea-breeze toughened wool of the Maritime sheep gives to Atlantic its strength, warmth and

wear resisting qualities. Zero weather gives no qualms to the man clad in Atlantic Underwear for it keeps him snug and warm, and absorbs the perspiration. A guarantee with every suit.

Sold in five different weights and qualities. Our lower-priced lines are not equal to the more expensive ones, but each is guaranteed to be the best value of its class. Compare them with others of like price and see for yourself.



## UNDERWEAR

ATLANTIC UNDERWEAR LIMITED  
MONCTON, N.B.