

A Page of Interesting Clippings From Everywhere

AMERICA IN ARMS

"On the train the othtr day (remarks the Washington Star) a private sat with his tunic unbuttoned, for the temperature was high. A sergeant strode up to him and said, "Button up that tunic. Did you ever hear of by-law 217, sub-section D? I'm sergeant Jabez Winterbottom."

A gentleman in the seat behind tapped the sergeant on the shoulder. "How dare you issue orders with a pipe in your mouth?" he asked. "Go home and read paragraph 174, section M, part IX. I am Major Eustace Carroll."

Here a gentleman with drooping white mustasche interposed from the other side of the aisle. "If Major Carroll," he said coldly, "will consult by-law 31 of section K, he will learn that to reprimand a sergeant in the presence of a private is an offense not lightly to be overlooked."

THEY TOOK THE COAT

A good story is told of two well-known Americans who, in a shop window in a Chinese seaport, noticed some native house coats of particularly striking designs, and went in to purchase one. "Wantum coatee,"

said one American to a sleepy-eyed Oriental who shuffled up with a grunt. He placed a number of coats before them.

"How muchee Melican monee?" asked the American.

"It would aid me greatly in transacting this sale," said the Chinaman, "if you would confine yourself to your mother tongue. The coat is seven dollars."

They took it.

TRANSLATED

An old Scotsman and an English lady were occupants of a railway carriage in an Edinburgh-bound train. The train having been waiting lenr at a certain station, the Scotsman remarked, "They're a gey taigle-some lot here." "I beg your pardon," said the lady. "I'm sayin' they're an awfu' daidlin' squad here," said the old man." "I really beg your pardon, sir," the lady repeated. "I'm remarkin' they're a vera dreich lot here the nicht." "Really, I must again beg your pardon. I do not comprehend you." "I was just tryin' to say the train was late here this evenin'." "Indeed, sir, it is very late indeed," the lady agreed, understanding her genial companion at last.

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