

LIAF IN THE TRENCHES

(as seen by Rastus)

Yah, suh, Ah wuz right in de trenches
 Yuh cud heah de bullets hum,
 Yuh cud see de Allies' firin'
 An' watch dem Gummins run.

An' dat grea' big, long lean canyon
 It 'ud shorely git yoah goat
 Fuh to watch em press 'at button
 An' see th' fiah jump from his throat.

One tiahm a big Jack Jonsing
 Cum loping long toward me
 Say, you should a seen this niggah
 Go climin' up a tree.

Then they wuz the snipahs,
 Who climbed up in th' trees
 An there they'd set, real still like
 Their rifles on their knees

Twell purty soon you'd see
 A snipah raise his gun
 An' ping! then he laugh back an' say
 Anuthah on de bum.

Ef yuh goes tuh the trenches
 An' gits out safe and soun'
 Doan' fergit tuh thank th' Lord,
 That yuh're still abuv th' groun'.

"Was your garden a success last year?"

"Very much so, my neighbor's chickens took first prize at the poultry show."

GOING SOME

Two negroes were discussing the war. One of them said: "Ah heard dem Gummins got some cannon whut ken kill a man dat's fifteen miles away."

The other replied, "Das nothing, niggah, dem Frenchmen's got some guns too. All dey got tuh know is yoah address an' dey'll git yuh."

WANTED TOO MUCH

Guest (calling to clerk at two o'clock a.m.)—"There are two mice fighting in my room. What kind of a cheap place is this?"

"What price did you pay for your room?" asked the sleepy clerk."

"Fifty cents," replied the irate guest.

"Well, what do you expect for fifty cents, a bull fight?" asked the clerk.

"Oh, Professor Graham," exclaimed the wit among the short course students, "do your hens 'sit or 'set'?"

"To tell the truth, madam," replied Prof., "I don't give a rip which they do. What I want to know is whether they are 'laying' or 'lying'."

Martin—"I hear there was an accident in Grub Alley the other night and that Sullivan sprained his wrist and Waterman had his lip badly cut."

Skinner—"Yes, I wish it had been the other way round."

Martin—"Why?"

Skinner—"Because Waterman owns a fiddle and Sully is trying to play the cornet."

WHAT'S THE USE?

A man who saw how the farmers were cheated

Showed them the game and how they could beat it;

Some of them laughed and others looked grim,

But all asked: "What is there in it for him?"

At last he got sick of his foolish campaign

Since no one would act there was nothing to gain;

Then the farmers all wakened and started to scoff:

"Just what we expected! They've bought him off!"