

"A" SECTION NOTES.

We overheard an informal debate going on in "A" Section billet the other day. *Resolved*:—"That two black cats in a room made the aforesaid room darker than if there were only one cat therein."

Affirmative:—Steve Garnett.

Negative:—"Corn" Evans.

We did not stay to hear the conclusion of the debate, but we would be glad to receive views of readers (constant or otherwise) upon this subject.

A member of "A" Section tent division has invented a time-saving method of cleaning stairs. It is as follows:—Required to clean 27 stairs, wash the bottom step and leave the other 26 to look after themselves.

In view of valuable services rendered, Pte. Beston is herewith elected a Life Member of the "I.W.C.O.T.I.C." (Industrious Willing Circulators of the "Iodine Chronicle.")

The number of passes that have been issued to England lately have caused great satisfaction. The following members of "A" Section have all recently returned from "pass":—Sergt. L. Crozier, Corporal P. Henry, and Ptes. A. E. Wood, Don Stuart, D. E. Fletcher, G. W. Scott, J. E. Thomas, J. Sullivan, W. Logan, W. Bardon, A. H. Phillips and J. Lecaine.

We are glad to see that Staff Sergt Frank Smith has returned from the base, and we must congratulate him upon his recovery.

UP-TO-DATE ALPHABET.

By JOSEPH E. PERRAULT.

A is for Army where you ought to be,
B is for Belgium that you ought to see,
C is for Canadians who answered the call,
D is for Devil, the Kaiser's downfall,
E is for Earth he is trying to get,
F is for France which is holding him yet,
G is for Goodness which he don't possess,
H is for Hughes (Sir Sam now, I guess),
I is for Ireland, who's helping along,
J is for Jack whom the Germans find strong,
K is for Kultur the Germans proclaim,
L is for London where children they've slain,
M is for Murders they like to commit,
N is the Navy that's made quite a hit,
O is for Orders we have to obey,
P is for Paris that's still safe—O.K.
Q is Queen Lizzie that's barking away,
R is for Ransom the Germans must pay,
S is for Shirker, so please join to-day,
T is for Time, so don't you delay,
U are the person that we're looking for,
V is for Victory we have in store,
W is for Water where U-boats are caught,
X is for something, I cannot say what,
Y is for Ypres the Germans found hot,
Z is for Zeppelins, the whole blooming lot.

WE DESIRE TO KNOW.

What the chief N.C.O. of the horse transport thinks of Michael O'Brien as a horse-shoer?

Who the "A" Section delegate was, who had his picture taken in London in an aeroplane with a lady? Is he going to apply for a job in the ground floor branch of the R.F.C.?

If the last issue of rain capes are waterproof?

If the issue of leather shoe-laces are guaranteed to last more than 24 hours?

If Michael O'Brien is going to have his poems printed in book-form?

If a certain delegate thinks a Ford Car should be given away with every copy of the "I.C."?

Who was responsible for the disappearance of Charlie Holmes' mascot at Estaires?

Further, if it is not a fact that certain boys in the horse transport are particularly partial to stewed rabbit?

"B" SECTION NOTES.

I thought I heard an angry bull,
A-bellowing out loud,
Said I "Such public nuisances
Should never be allowed."
I listened to the awful din,
So very loud and choice,
And then discovered that it was
Just *Private Mayer's voice*.

A correspondent writes:—*Who is the man in "B" Sec. who would absolutely refuse to pay 2 cents. to see an earthquake?* But then, perhaps, he's not too partial to earthquakes.

From another correspondent:—

"B" Sec. Pte. to Q.M.—*May I have a pair of socks?*

Q.M.—*You will get socks at the next bathing parade.*

(*When will it be? The Q.M. might enlighten us on this matter.*)

The following "B" Section members have all recently returned from "pass" in *Angleterre*:—Lance Corporal C. D. Hope, Ptes. E. J. Westby, W. Hawkshaw, B. Spencer, W. Baker, A. Monette, S. McAllister, E. Badeau, F. Bilodeau, J. B. Dextras, C. Gillis, E. Robitaille, G. M. Thomas and J. Tremblay.

TO THE FIRST CONTINGENT.

By J. H. PAULDING.

Here's to the First Contingent,
The men who were first to the call,
The crowd that numbered our best and worst,
But were ready to give their all.

We had men from the rolling prairies,
Land of the care-free breeze;
We had men from the farms and cities,
And men of the Northern seas.

There were men of professions and business,
Who'd left families and quiet homes;
Whilst others were from the street corners,
And others were rolling stones.

But from all points of the compass
They gathered to step into line;
And after a month at Valcartier,
They looked and were feeling fine.

Some had come for adventure,
And some had joined up for beer,
While some felt the need of Empire;
But not a one thought of fear.

There were some who were veteran soldiers,
And some who were new to strife,
While some were from the Militia,
But all dropped into the life.

And they slashed through the mud in England,
For which Salisbury can't be beat;
But we found when the need was greatest
That the chill wasn't in their feet.

So come with your new divisions,
And though the old ranks are thin,
What's left of the First Contingent
Will be first in the battle's din.

CUBIST RIDDLES.

"What is the difference between a chronometer and a thingumabob?"

"Watch-yer-may-call-it."

Why was the last number of the "I.C." our *pons asinorum* number?

Because it was our fifth *proposition* to get it out. (Anyone familiar with that delightful adventure book for boys called "Euclid, Book I.," will see the *point* of this riddle which, according to that authority, is *without length and breadth*).

THE REASON.

"The hair upon Corn Evans' head
Is growing somewhat long,
'Tis getting Paderewskish,
So something must be wrong—
The reason is, he's waiting for
Old 'R. J.' to return
From base. Till then all barbers he
Indignantly will spurn.