

## THE COWARD

“ So I ’eld ’em back and I yelled with fright,  
And the boys attacked and we ’ad a fight,  
And we ‘ captured a section o’ trench ’ that night  
Which we didn’t expect to get;  
And they found me there with me Maxim gun,  
And I’d laid out a score if I’d laid out one,  
And I fainted away when the thing was done,  
And I ’aven’t got over it yet.”

So that’s the ’istory Bill told me.  
Of course it’s all on the strict Q. T.;  
It wouldn’t do to get out, you see,  
As ’e hacted against ’is will.  
But ’e’s convalescin’ wiv all ’is might,  
And ’e ’opes to be fit for another fight;  
Say! Ain’t ’e a bit of the real, all right?  
Wot’s the matter with Bill!