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Those who win the prizes are extolled and honored, while the losers are often never mentioned. However, the loser is often a winner if he be a good loser. The good loser will come back stronger than ever and by his example bring victory to many whom he encourages to try again. A fine sentiment is revealed in the following:

"The man who is strong to fight his fight,
And whose will no front can daunt,
If the truth be truth and the right be right,
Is the man that the ages want.
Tho' he fail and die in grim defeat
Yet he has not fled the strife,
And the house of earth will seem
More sweet
For the perfume of his life."

The men of North Dakota who have been at the training camp at Fort Snelling have ably and signally qualified. They realized their duty and offered their service. They are now prepared to serve, even die for their country. It is the duty of every citizen of the state to give them every encouragement and their fullest support. If there are any anti-Americans in our state they should crawl into a hole and pray for oblivion.

The price of hard coal is still a troublesome subject, although there is promise of sufficient quantity now for the Northwest. Here in North Dakota speedy means should be developed to start a backfire with our lignite that would warm the whole state.

LA FOLLETTE'S FUTURE

Eau Claire Leader: Senator La Follette should change his residence to Minnesota. Mayor of the town of New Ulm will be about the only office he can be elected to when his tenure as senator expires.

North Dakota and Dr. Ladd have been honored by his appointment to the commission which will fix the price of wheat. Dr. Ladd will prove to be a fair arbitrator, serving the government faithfully and the farmers fairly.

The attitude of several congressmen at this time, one of whom might be mentioned as being from this state, makes it imperative that there be a recall provision for congressmen written into our laws.

If people will scrap the 60,000 catalogs just sent to Fargo by the mail order houses, they will not only be helping the print paper situation, but taking a stand for home trade.

A Wisconsin woman traded costumes with her husband that he might escape the draft, but it didn't work. Her outfit being new model was mostly draft.

THEY MERELY OUGHT TO BE

Crookston Times: If a soldier goes to sleep on duty he is put in prison or shot, but what about congressmen?

Cardinal Gibbons says the Pope's aim was high. For that very reason the central powers will probably not be touched.

Many of the cities of Southern Minnesota are putting on patriotic meetings as a counter irritant to New Ulmism.

If any of the European countries wanted war they surely have it in plenty. It may develop into an overdose.

Too much attention is being paid to the length of the war and not enough to the breadth and thickness.

Now that buttermilk has been declared to be both food and medicine it should become more of a favorite.

The men to be most pitied in this crisis are those with flimsy excuses for exemption.

Why not make the spies wear wooden shoes which would cut out the pussyfooting.

The Montana papers are claiming that Miss Rankin is their Miss Representative.

At the proper time a regiment of osteopaths will be sent over to rub it in.

When it comes to declaring dividends the home garden is in a class by itself.

The only time potato storage concerns most of us is at meal time.

Not having much on his hands just now, President Wilson is considering

the advisability of commandeering the fuel supply and straightening out the coal barons.

Gronna is still voting a la Follette.

NUMBER OF COUNTY AGENTS IS INCREASED.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Plans have been made to expand immediately the co-operative extension work of the United States department of agriculture and the state agricultural colleges, by a large increase in the number of county agricultural agents and home demonstration agents. Women agents will be placed for the first time in the larger towns and cities. More or less technical training in agriculture and home economics will be required in this service. The appointments are to be made on the recommendation of the director of extension work at the state college. Approximately 1,400 men agents and 500 women agents are at present employed. The plans formulated contemplate the extension of the men county agent work to all the rural counties of the Union in which there is a need for the work and the placing of an additional agent in some of the larger counties already organized. They also contemplate a considerable increase in the number of women agents engaged in extension activities. The number to be employed will depend upon the number of trained men and women available. Proved ability in leadership as well as technical training will be required.

The use of city agents in the conduct of the extension work of the department is a new departure made desirable by the importance attached in the present food crisis of the world to the conservation and efficient utilization of foods. The city demonstration work will be carried on by women agents who will work in co-operation with the existing organizations of women.

The aim of the extension work is to carry directly to as many people as possible information in regard to proved methods of agricultural production and home economics. Economy in the purchase and use of food, and methods of food conservation by canning, drying, etc., will be emphasized. The men county agents are concerned chiefly with agricultural production while the women are employed in demonstration work in home economics.

With funds furnished in the food production bill the states relations service also will seek greatly to enlarge the enrollment of young people in the boys' and girls' clubs which are devoted to increasing agricultural production and conserving the food supply through canning, drying and other means.

The service also will work out problems in the efficient utilization of various foods and will aid institutions devoted to agricultural education to plan and conduct courses of instruction especially suited to the present emergency.

FIRST GRADE OR CLERICAL CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

The U. S. Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination on Sept. 6, 1917, at Valley City, North Dakota, to secure eligibles from which to make certification to fill vacancies in first grade or clerical positions in the custom service, internal revenue service, quartermaster corps and any other branch of the field service (except the post office), as they may occur in the United States classified service, unless it is found to be in the interest of the service to fill any vacancy by reinstatement, transfer, or promotion. This further examination is necessary in addition to the one held July 20 owing to the insufficiency of applicants in that examination to provide for all the appointments likely to be made. This examination will take the place of the annual November examination which will be omitted if sufficient applicants are secured in this instance. This examination is open to all citizens of the United States who meet the requirements. Applications must be properly executed and filed with the district secretary in time for him to arrange the examination. For application blanks (Form 1371) address the secretary of the local civil service board at Valley City, North Dakota or the secretary, Eighth U. S. Civil Service Dist., St. Paul, Minn.

AN APPEAL FOR HELP

The local chapter of the American Red Cross is in much need of more workers. The people of our city do not seem to realize the great need for Red Cross supplies. There is immediate need for surgical dressings, hospital linen and hospital garments in unlimited quantities. The Red Cross rooms in the K. F. hall, over Chaffee's store are open every afternoon from 2 to 5:30 p. m. Monday afternoons are reserved for committee work; all other afternoons are open to the public with some members of the committee always in charge. Just now we are engaged in snipping up waste scraps to be used in filling fracture pillows. Bring your scissors and help snip. Every woman in Valley City ought to be willing and able to give at least one afternoon each week for this work. Won't you come.

—Supplies Committee.

THE GOVERNMENT needs farmers as well as fighters. Two million three hundred thousand acres of Oregon & California Railroad Co. grant lands. Title reverted in United States. To be opened for homesteads and sale. Containing some of the best land left in United States. Large copyrighted map, showing land by sections and description of soil, climate, rainfall, elevations, temperature, etc. Postpaid \$1. Grant Lands Locating Co., Portland Oregon.

GARBER-WASSERMAN.

Jamestown Alert: Laurence E. Garber of Jamestown, formerly of Pine Grove, and Miss Sophia Wasserman of Minneapolis, were married today at the court house, County Judge Hemmi performing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Garber will reside in this city.

SOME READABLE VERSE

WE'RE IN A FIGHT

It's a fight that we've signed up for,
Right to a finish, too.
And it's no time to belittle what this
land has got to do;
We want to go into battle 'bout the
way Bill Sprigging done
In the battle with a neighbor, that he
fit one time and won;
'Twas about a fence or somethin', or
maybe their children fit.
Or perhaps their dogs got scrappin'
and one of their dogs got bit—
When you're in a fight it doesn't mat-
ter what it is about.
The thing you must concentrate on is
this thing o' winnin' out.

Bill stood up to battle fairly, with
his dukies up in style,
Watchin' of the other feller's every
movement with a smile;
Thinkin' he would know the rules and
fight both civilized an' fair,
And not gouge a feller's eyes nor kick
his shins or pull his hair;
But the feller looked a minute at the
way Bill's hands was held,
Then he lifted one long brogan and
kicked bill below the belt!
And Bill sot down ruther sudden, with
a most astonished grunt,
Feelin' like a cobblestone had come
and nestled in his front.

But when Bill had got his wind back,
an' he could make out to stand,
He riz up from off the earth with half
a brickbat in each hand!
And he used up them two brickbats
and used a heavy water pail,
And a scuntlin' and both feet, and rob-
bed the near fence of a rail—
Anything that could be lifted and
could strike a stunnin' blow.
Bill went after, and he used it on the
features of his foe
And before the sunset's glory—had
come famin' in the sky
Bill had changed the feller's map and
put a shanty on each eye.

Nations are like men, and when they
run amuck and fight and taunt,
The best way to cure 'em of it is to
give them what they want.
—Judd Mortimer Lewis in the Hous-
ton post.

TRAITORS OF TRADE

The call has come and the men have
signed.
They stand in a waiting line;
Scullion, cook and carpenter,
Brothers of yours and mine.
Answering unto their country's need
Honest of heart and brave,
But you who stand in the market
place—
You are a crook and a knave.

You have sold your right to a battle
scar
For a paltry bag of grain,
While they go down to the cannon's
mouth
For you and your hoarded gain.
And it's hell for them and wealth for
you;
But watch ye the turning tide,
For the men who bleed while you joy
in greed
Are nursing a hate inside!

For the breed we fight on the other
side
Is part of your own black brood—
While they drop shells on a sick man's
bed,
You're boosting the price of food,
But you who stand in the market place
Oh, watch ye the turning tide,
For scullion, cook and carpenter
Are nursing a hate inside!
—Jay B. Iden in the Kansas City Star.

A NEW "AMERICA"

(To be sung to the tune, "Tramp,
Tramp, Tramp, the Boys are March-
ing.")
On Atlantic's western shores lives a
nation of free men,
Men with loyal hearts and lovin',
noble aim;
Men who dare to do the right, men
who are but "proud to fight";
When oppression makes its cruel
greedy claim.
Chorus:
Right! Right! Right! shall be our
watchword.
On oppression we will trown;
And our starry flag shall flame in a
loyal people's name,
And a world made safe for freemen
be our aim.

For our great republic's life we united-
ly will stand,
For democracy's sure triumph
through the earth;
And a people's rule in love shall in
truth and justice prove.
That a freeman's lot is more than
monarch's worth.

To America we sing; make the arches
loudly ring,
Ring our country's noble praise in
honored past;
Sing of God and home and sires and
"our altars and our fires"
And our nation's pledge to freedom
till the last.

—Grant B. Wilder.

THE TWO TOWNS

"Pray can you tell me, little maid,
The way to Grumble Town?"
And then she pointed up the road,
And then she pointed down.

She pointed up and pointed down—
Then shook her pretty head:
"I've never been to Grumble Town,"
The little maiden said.

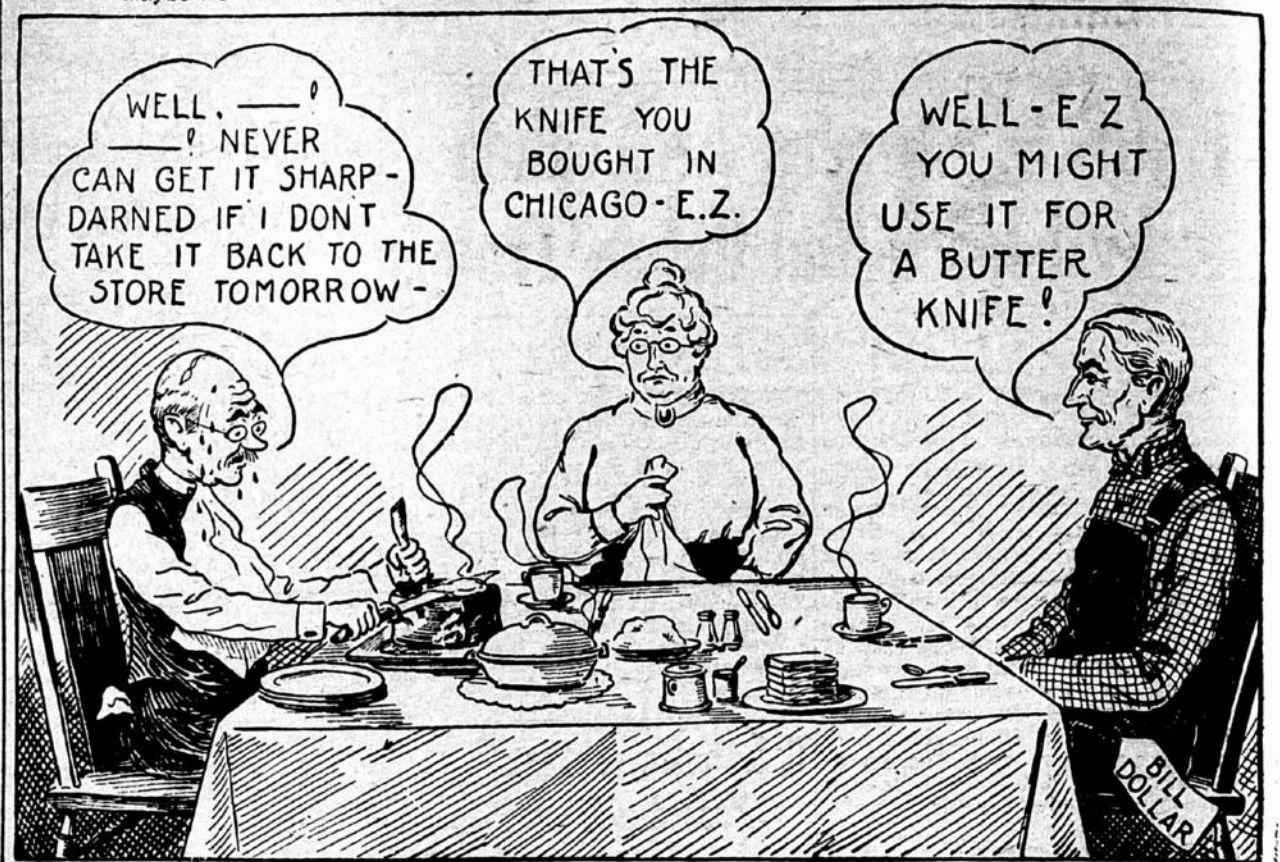
"Then maybe you can show me, child,
The Town of Pleasantville?"
"Oh, yes, indeed," she said, and
smiled;
"It's just beyond the hill.

"Good, sir, it's just beyond the hill;
And if you'll come with me,
I'll take you into Pleasantville;
That's where I live," said she.
—Ralph M. Jones in the Youth's Com-
panion.

Mrs. Sarah Aymond, from Saska-
toon, Can., is visiting her mother, Mrs.
Francis Craswell, for a short time.

E. Z. MARK AT HIS FAVORITE (?) INDOOR SPORT

Maybe He Will Learn After While. He'll Get Keen as Soon as the Cheap Carving Knife, Anyway.



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Sudden Death of Ole Arves

Hastings Times: Another pioneer of the Hastings territory has finished his work and laid down his burdens at the close of a long and useful life. Ole Arves passed away on Friday, Aug. 10, at his home in northwest Ransom county, at the age of 73 years. He had been afflicted with Bright's disease for some time but had not been very sick at any time and the end came suddenly and unexpectedly. He was around as usual until about two days before his death.

He was born in Tune, Sogn, Nor-
way, April 8, 1844, and married to
Miss Matea Erickson in 1871. They
moved to this country and settled in
Muskegon, Mich., in 1880, and home-
steaded near the present home in 1882.

Ten children came to bless their
home, nine of whom are living, as fol-
lows: John, living near the old home
south of Hastings; Helena (Mrs. Ly-
man Fairbanks) of Lisbon; Anna
(Mrs. Olaf Hagen) of this village; Car-
rie, at home; Jacob, of Kathryn; An-
ton, Hastings; Milla, in New Mexico;
Mary, in Fargo; and Henry, at home.
Jenny (Mrs. Otto Jensen) died in
1904. This family has played a part
in the development of this part of the
northwest, in the humble role of til-
lers of the soil, home makers and ar-
tisans.

The funeral services were held at
the North LaMoure church on Sunday,
Aug. 12, at 3 p. m., by Rev. O. K. An-
derson, of Fort Ransom, and the re-
mains laid to rest near that church.
The pall bearers were C. T. and B.
Smershammer, A. E. Rockswold, A.
Kjelby, John Mennis and A. A. Gergan.

20 THOUSAND AMERICANS FOR CANADIAN HARVEST

Washington, Aug. 14. — Twenty
thousand American harvest hands will
help save Canada's grain crop and
nearly half as many Canadians will
dig potatoes in Maine, under an agree-
ment reached today by representatives
of the American and Canadian gov-
ernments. Immigration regulations
will be suspended by both countries to
permit the labor to cross and recross
the border.

American harvest labor, working
northward with the grain season, here-
tofore has stopped at the Canadian
line and scattered to other pursuits
throughout the United States.
The agreement made today contem-
plates their crossing to take the place
of thousands of Canadian workers
who this year cannot go to the west-
ern grain fields because of the labor
shortage throughout the dominion.
Canada is counting on a 300,000,000
bushel yield of wheat this year, the
second largest the country has grown.

Dr. C. J. McGurran, of Devils Lake,
secretary of the State Board of Health
has sent out the following letter to
all the county superintendents of
schools of North Dakota:

"I desire to call your attention to
Section 425 of the compiled laws of
1913, which reads as follows: 'Each
parent or guardian having the care,
custody or control of any minor or
other person shall cause such minor
or other person to be vaccinated.'
The state board of health under re-
cent ruling fixes the time by stipu-
lating that all children shall be vac-
cinated before being admitted to school.

I would ask you, therefore, to kin-
dly enforce this mandate in the terri-
tory over which you have jurisdic-
tion by notifying the different school
board and teachers, requesting them
to inform the patrons of their schools
to have all children vaccinated, who
do not present evidence of recent vac-
cination, before entering the fall term
of school. The teachers should be
further instructed and ordered to ex-
clude any pupil who has not complied
with the vaccination law.

Any violation by school directors
or teachers in allowing or permitting
children to enter school without com-
plying with this requirement will be
subject to prosecution.

Trusting the state board of health
may have your immediate co-opera-
tion in this matter, I am,

Yours very truly,

—C. J. McGurran,
Secretary and Executive Officer.

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This course of thirty daily lessons is offered to the men selected for service in the National Army as a practical help in getting started in the right way. It is informal in tone and does not attempt to give binding rules and directions. These are contained in the various manuals and regulations of the United States Army, to which this Course is mere introductory.

LESSON NO. 2

MAKING GOOD AS A SOLDIER

(Preceding Lesson: 1. Your Post of Honor.)

The National Army, in which you are to take your place, truly expresses the American character and ideals. It is a great democratic army. It includes men of all degrees of wealth, education, chosen through fair and open selection by lot. All are brought together on terms of equality. There has been and there will be in this great National Army no favoritism and no "pull." The poor man will drill side by side with the man who has been raised in luxury. Each will learn from the other. The place each man makes for himself will be determined by his own work and ability.

DEVELOPING SOLDIERLY QUALITIES

The question as to whether it is better to join the colors now or with a later contingent is not worth arguing, since the decision has been made for each man by lot. An ambitious man, however, will be glad to join now. It gives him a better chance for promotion. The commissioned officers of the first contingent are picked men who have voluntarily gone through the hardest kind of training. The officers of later contingents will be drawn largely from the men enlisted in the first contingents. There is plenty of opportunity here for every man to use his brains and his energy and to earn promotion according to his worth. This does not mean easy or quick advancement. It means only that you will have your fair chance—and you would ask for nothing more—to develop yourself and to climb upward step by step.

In order to make good in the National Army you must, first of all, fit yourself to carry with credit the simple title of "American Citizen-Soldier"—one of the proudest titles in the world. This means that you must develop in yourself the qualities of a soldier. The more quickly and thoroughly you cultivate them, the greater will be your satisfaction and success.

There is very little real difference of opinion as to soldierly qualities. They have been determined by ages of experience. Weapons change, but the soldiers who handle the weapons remain much the same.

THREE BASIC QUALITIES

There are three basic qualities, without which no man can be a real soldier even though he may temporarily wear a uniform. They are: Loyalty, Obedience, Physical Fitness.

A man without these qualities is in the way and is a source of weakness to an army, both in the camp and on the field of battle.

The Articles of War of the United States set forth the military crimes which are punishable by heavy penalties. Among these crimes are desertion, cowardice, insubordination, drunkenness while on duty, sleeping while on duty as a sentinel, disclosing the watchword, and giving aid or comfort to the enemy. Run over this list and you will see that every one of these military crimes can result only from the absence of one or more of the three basic qualities of a soldier.

LOYALTY

A soldier's loyalty governs, first of all, his feelings and actions toward his country, his government and his half-way loyalty. The slightest compromise opens the doors to treason. But a soldier's loyalty does not stop here. It governs also his feelings and

actions toward the army and toward all the officers under whom he serves. It absolutely forbids disobedience among both officers and enlisted men, or disrespect toward those in authority.

Going a step farther, loyalty governs also the soldier's feelings and actions toward his own regiment, his own company and his own squad. Without this form of loyalty there can be no real comradeship; without it you will never feel that personal pride and satisfaction in the service which should mean so much in your army life.

OBEEDIENCE

The second of the soldier's basic qualities is obedience, based on discipline. Without obedience and discipline an army can not long continue to exist; it will quickly degenerate into an armed mob. As the Infantry Drill Regulations put it, discipline is "the distinguishing mark of trained troops."

Frequently the recruit, with his in-born dislike of being bossed, makes the mistake during his first few weeks in the army of resenting the fact that immediate and unquestioning obedience is required of him. He quickly learns, however, that obedience enforced throughout the army is in all situations the chief safeguard of the rights, the comfort and the safety of every man, from the raw recruit to the commanding general. It is a guarantee that the small number of unruly or cowardly men to be found in every group shall be kept in check and forced to comply with rules made for the benefit of all.

Military discipline is always impersonal. Obedience is required not merely of you, but of every man in the army. It is required of officers by their superiors with fully as much strictness as it is required of you. It will become your duty, whenever you are given authority over other men, to demand from them the same full measure of obedience that others will require of you.

Discipline is not only essential in developing the army, but also in developing your own character as a soldier. "The soldier who is by nature brave, will be discipline become braver."

PHYSICAL FITNESS

The third basic quality, physical fitness, is so essential that a large part of the time devoted to your training will be spent in building it up. Physical fitness includes not only muscular development but good health and endurance as well. It is a quality which every man who passes the physical examinations can develop in himself by reasonable care and by obedience to instructions. This is a subject more fully discussed in a later lesson.

YOUR LITTLE WIFE

Who plans to make your future bright?
Your little wife.
Who cooks to tempt your appetite?
Your little wife.
Who tells her women friends that you
Are one grand husband through and
through?
Your little wife.
Who's the best girl you ever knew?
Your little wife.

Who pats your cheeks when you get home?
Your little wife.
Who smooths the thin hair on your
dome?
Your little wife.

Who looks at you, her brown eyes
clear,
And, snuggling to you, extra near,
Says, "This is pay-day, ain't it dear?"
Your little wife.—Anon.