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Did you ever hear your wife tell a neighbor how thoughtful and considerate you are? If not, why not? Ask the water bucket, the wood box and the chip basket.

HORSES IN BATTLE

As to the treatment received by British military horses from their riders, I should say, writes Mr. Fox Russell in "The Royal Magazine," that it is remarkably good. Practically all British cavalry officers are sportsmen and so are the Tommies at heart, the latter lacking only opportunities; a true sportsman would never be cruel to his horse. As to giving opportunities for sport, I think the Kaiser's army officers would have a fit if they knew that the 10th Hussars officers actually provided ponies for their non-coms and men to play polo on in India. In spite of the motor, whose usefulness in hauling of big guns to the front is undoubted and undeniable, there are several sorts of ground where the functions of the traction engine end, and those of the equine gun team begin. Generally speaking horses have the honor of galloping their gun on to the field of action and standing the hottest racket of the bursting shells, and the percentage of killed among the gun teams is always a very high one. The powerful beasts excited by their surroundings, maddened by the rush they have just taken part in, sweating and covered with foam, often get out of hand, and rearing and plunging, threaten to break away from their harness. To contend with a pair of these half-frightened, half-furorated animals is all one man's work and the authorities do well to pick out powerful built men for the R. A. drivers. Should one of the team be hit with a piece of shrapnel, or even should a shell burst in close proximity to the pulling, straining horses, the drivers energies receive an even greater call upon them.

REMNANTS

One reader has reduced to a science the buying of short lengths, remnants and mill ends for her three little girls' dresses and undergarments. Within the past few years she has, by patronizing the remnant counter, kept down very materially "the high cost of living" in so far as the clothes are concerned, not for the girls alone, but for all of her family. Here are a few of the points in her system: She says he never saw a white remnant of good staple fabric that she could not use for some purpose and without waste. If it be a remnant of dimity or cambric or linen or longcloth or nainsook or muslin or swiss, it will cut, without waste or undue piercing, a garment for someone of the three girls, or maybe a shirtwaist or corset cover for herself. The difference in price makes it so very much worth while to look for the remnants first, that she says that it is very rarely indeed that she buys a dress for one of the children from "off the bolt."

PERPLEXED

Mildred—Don't you think it's horrid to lead a useless life? Beatrice—I've stopped it. I'm making sweaters for the soldiers at the front. Why don't you? I'm going to but I can't make up my mind what color silk to use.

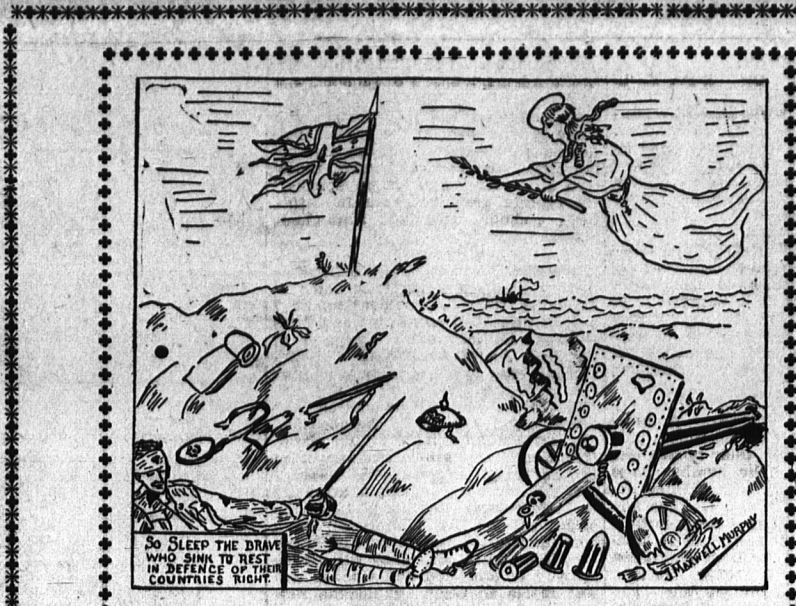
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William McIntyre, Charlottetown
K. F. Ellis, Summerside
Pte. Damien McKenna, Charlottetown
Pte. N. McKenzie, Nine Mile Creek
Private W. B. Davey, Albion Bay
Private Charles S. Beaton, Brookfield
Corp. Ambrose Cosgrove, Wellington
Wilfrid Clark Wright, Victoria, Crapaud.
Robert Trainor, Charlottetown, (Vancouver, B. C.)
Lieut. Reuben E. Stewart, Wilmot Valley, (Montreal)
Pte. Harry M. Whitlock, Charlottetown.
Corp. H. S. Pearson, Charlottetown (Victoria, Australia)
Pte. M. J. Fraser, Whim Road Cross.
Pte. Ed. Hickox, Georgetown
Driver W. L. Ferguson, Alexandria

Prisoners

Pte. Lester Clair Johnston, Peter's Road.
Peter M. Grant, Bangor, P. E. I.
Pte. John Murphy, Charlottetown.
Pte. Peter. McKenzie, St. Peters Bay.

Missing

Pte. Lloyd Leeman, Georgetown.
J. F. Peters, Charlottetown.

Died From Wounds

Pte. John W. McDonald, Bradshaw.
Private William Gordon, Montague.
Private Arch. McKinnon, Cascoose Cove
Private Walter Smith, Pownal, (Western Canada.)

Killed in Action

Charles L. Pitts, Charlottetown
Sergt. Wm. F. Brady, Charlottetown.
Cyrus B. Birt, Fisquid East.
A. C. Henderson, Union Road.

Died on Military Service

Gunner Alfred James, Midgell.
Bom. Adolph Gallant, Rustico.
Bom. James Stevens, Kingston.
Gunner Martin Dalton, Georgetown.
Private Fenton Alchorn, Rocky Point.

NEW ESTIMATES

It is not only in the field that a great war makes and breaks reputations, there is not a man in the front rank of British politics who is valued at precisely the same figure as a year ago, and there will be still further changes in popular estimation before the war is over, says the London correspondent of the New York Post. The new budget for instance, lifts Reginald McKenna considerably higher in the scale. As an administrator he was a disappointment, but the unprecedented needs of the Exchequer have given him an opportunity of showing his grasp of financial problems. On the personal side the future of David Lloyd George is the topic that arouses most interest. He stands evidently at the parting of the ways. Whether his influences wax or wanes, it will be different. It is scarcely likely that his break with his past will be as sensational as Joseph Chamberlain's, but, unless he retracts the steps he has recently taken what remains of his career will be in violent contrast with the part already completed. If his present tendencies resist he will have to co-operate with different allies and depend on different supporters.

THE CURE WORSE THAN DISEASE

The New York Press tells of a Brooklyn man who was trying an ure for rheumatism when the law got his goat. The Brooklynite discovered that the only thing that gave him any relief at all was goats' milk. Therefore he bought a flock of goats and began trying to drown his rheumatic pains in goats' milk. He only had a few goats at first, but when an inspector of the board of health counted them there were 63. Murdock was arrested for keeping goats without a license, and given his choice of \$100 fine or 30 days. For financial reasons he chose the 30 days. Before going to court Murdock locked his rheumatism remedy in the barn. One of the remedies butted the door down. The others butted a number of other things, including policemen, who tried to catch them. Also they ate hedge fences, flower beds, clothes, tin cans and other delicacies. The police caught 43 of them, but 31 are still at large.

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