



"Unto the Least of These"



Contributed by Arthur William Brown.

ONE WAY THE RED CROSS HAS TAKEN TO DEFEAT THE KAISER'S GAME

1,000 Ragged, Sick and Homeless People Are Daily Dumped at Evian.

At the first onslaught of the Huns, before the French were able to withstand their invasion, the Kaiser secured a goodly section of France. With the captured cities and villages he acquired many thousands of Frenchmen.

True to all the rules of Teutonic efficiency, the noble German worked and starved these French close to the point of death, then saw to it that an impressive number of them "caught" tuberculosis and finally sent these poor wrecks back to burden France.

It has taken the Kaiser from two to three years to suck the healthy blood from the veins of these sturdy rural French, but now he is sending them back at the rate of about 1,000 a day. The Kaiser never announces these

shipments. He simply dumps them in Evian, on the French-Swiss border.

If it were not for the American Red Cross the task of caring for these starved, ragged, sick, homeless, terrorized men, women and children would be more than the French government could handle. But our American Red Cross is making heroic efforts to defeat the Kaiser's aim to fill France with consumptives. Trained Red Cross workers are at the receiving station at Evian. They first separate those showing signs of tuberculosis from those who are only starving or have some other disease.

It is just like the tender care of our Red Cross to give particular attention to the babies and children to whom the kindly Kaiser has fed con-

sumptive germs. We have a hospital of 30 beds for children in Evian. These are reserved for the children who are too ill to take farther. Then our Red Cross has a convalescent hospital outside the town and yet another in a nearby village. It also keeps six ambulances busy transporting sick women and children. Yet even then the strain upon our workers is so great that for eight long months one American nurse has had to look after 120 beds.

We, through our American Red Cross, are doing great things toward defeating the Kaiser in his efforts to turn France into a graveyard, but we have just started, and our duty demands that we work fast and without ceasing.

ROMANCE GONE

Efficiency Kills Sentiment as Machine Makes Socks in 25 Minutes.

By RUTH DUNBAR.

"How snowy white your fingers look against the scarlet wool!" was the favorite speech of grandfather when he was paying suit to grandmother, who, if history is correct, never allowed little things like love and courtship to distract her mind one minute from her knitting.

The modern young man is robbed of any opportunity to make these pretty speeches, for the wool is no longer scarlet but khaki. Worse yet, the maiden sits before a cold, steel machine and grinds off socks in as many minutes as it takes hours to knit them. This is what efficiency does to romance.

In the various Red Cross workrooms of the New York County Chapter there are nearly seventy-five sock machines. Eight of these are in the model workroom at 20 East Thirty-eighth street and others that have been ordered are held up by traffic conditions. Here instructors teach the use of the machine to Red Cross workers.

A complete pair of socks can be made on the machine in 25 minutes. The machine looks like a cross between fishing tackle and a pile driver. The worker threads it through the arm and carrier on to the thread. The body of the machine is a circle of needles bent at the ends like crochet hooks.

Sweaters also are made on the sock machine, the strips sewed together and the ribbing at top and bottom knitted on by hand.

Besides the machines in the Red Cross workrooms there are many owned by private individuals or groups who work at home and donate the results to the Red Cross. In a family hotel, for instance, four or five women can club together and buy a machine.

"WHAT HOME SERVICE HAS DONE FOR ME"

My husband enlisted over a year ago. Shortly after he went away our twelve-year-old boy had the measles. After his recovery his school teacher complained about his conduct. At home he was nervous and irritable. When I called at the Red Cross to find out how I could secure an increase in allowance because of our newly born babe I told them of my trouble with Harry. In their advice I took him to an oculist, who said glasses were needed immediately because of the weakened condition of the eyes following measles. He no longer causes trouble at home or at school.

T. R. TO GET SHELL THAT HIT HIS SON

Captain Roosevelt, Who Was in Hospital, Lauds Red Cross.

Capt. Archibald Roosevelt, who recently was injured and nursed back to health in a Red Cross hospital, in speaking of the Red Cross work, is reported as having said:

"The Red Cross is doing everything possible for us. I cannot say too much in appreciation of their efforts, which make us feel as if we were back home. It is a great comfort to us fellows in hospitals, and if our folks could see the way we are being taken care of they would stop worrying."

The Red Cross chaplain in this particular hospital happens to be Doctor Billings of Groton, Mass., who taught Captain Roosevelt at the Groton school. The Red Cross shipping service in the hospital has been commissioned by Captain Roosevelt to obtain a new uniform for him to replace the one which was torn to pieces when he was wounded by fragments of a German shell.

The piece of shrapnel which wounded Captain Roosevelt will be presented to Captain Roosevelt's father, Col. Theodore Roosevelt.

NURSES PRETTY

Red Cross Hospital Uniform Most Becoming in History of World.

In a recent news letter from the front the war correspondent of the Philadelphia North American helps to explain the song, "I'm in Love With a Beautiful Nurse."

"There are 62 Red Cross nurses at this place," says the dispatch. "They are cheerful, obedient, brave and competent. And those who weren't pretty to begin with became so the moment they donned the uniform that is the most becoming in all the long history of costumes devised for the mystification and beguiling of men."

"In the officers' ward was a colonel with bronchitis. I've seen them in the Philippines, and I've seen them in China," he told me. "I suppose I've seen about all the existing types, but I never yet saw one that wasn't pretty inside of 24 hours."

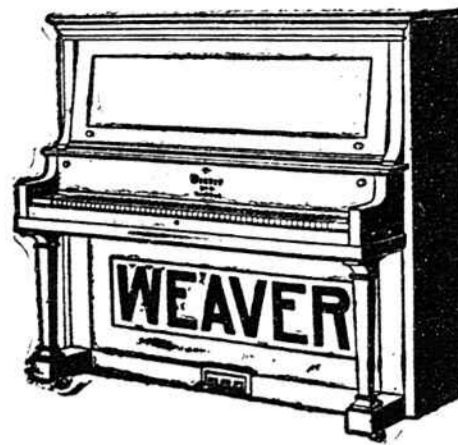
"He reminded me of an Irish Tommy, who, so his major told me, woke up in a hospital in 1916 and, seeing the nurses in the ward, exclaimed, 'May the howly Virgin bless us, but the angels have come down to the Somme!'"

Hundreds of Red Cross nurses, however, are doing work abroad in which their looks are less eagerly considered. Finding and caring for war orphaned babies, fighting tuberculosis, re-establishing homes in shell wrecked villages—these are some of the big tasks of mercy which, thanks to American contributions, the Red Cross sets for its nurses.

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CICERO HARMON DROWNED.

Cicero Harman, a young white man lost his life in the turbid waters of the Saluda river, while in bathing at or near Holley's Ferry, 20 miles west of Lexington on Saturday afternoon. Together with some two dozen companions, the young man went into the water and soon hereafter he went down never to rise again. The alarm was hastily given and it was not long before the lifeless form of the young man was found. Every method known to those present was exercised in an endeavor to resuscitate, but with out avail.

Cicero Harman was about 20 years of age, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. Harman. He had led an exemplary life, it is said and was one of the most promising and popular young men of the Holly's Ferry section.

The funeral and burial took place at Old Lexington Baptist church at 11 o'clock to-day, a great congregation of sorrowing relatives and friends being present at the last sad rites.

PEAK RED CROSS AUXILIARY

In the month of June the members of the Red Cross Auxiliary at Peak had an ice cream supper and the proceeds amounted to \$47.56. They also received several new members, making a total of 59 members to date.

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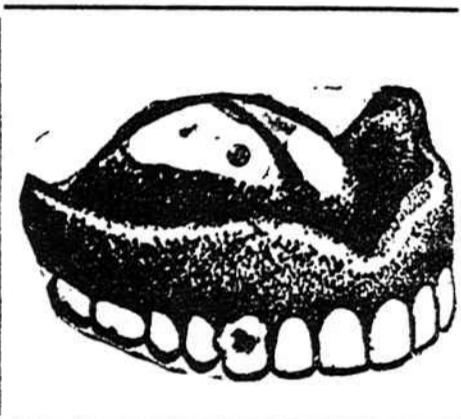
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