

THE SERGEANT.



Who is that man of haughty mien,
With ample chest and peanut bean
And movement like a Ford machine?
Why, Sonny, that's the Sergeant!



Who yells, "Right Dress" and "Right by
Fours,"
And gets as mad as all outdoors—
And sends you out to do the chores?
You're right, that is the Sergeant!



Who cries "Fall in," and when you do,
Says, "As you were, you rough-neck crew;"
"Fours right about!" "I'll put you through?"
Why sure, that's like the Sergeant!



Who's busy as a bumblebee,
To get you up at reveille,
And shouts your name in strident key?
Why, bless you! that's the Sergeant!



Who carries all the world's disgrace
Writ in furrows on his face,
And looks for trouble every place?
Why! That must be the Sergeant!



Why does the poor boy act this way?
Will he be General some day?
No, sonny, quite the other way,
For Hell is full of Sergeants.

BAD NEWS FOR BLIND MEN.

Whoever it was who invented the fingerless glove and the armless sweater, has started something that THE GAS ATTACK contemplates with mingled emotions.

From Washington comes the news that they have now decided to Hooverize women's skirts that wool may be conserved. The Commercial Economy Board of the Council of National Defense has launched a reformation in female attire that will mean a saving of 25 per cent. in the amount of material used.

Jules Jusserand, the French Ambassador to the United States, helped direct the reformation plans. The Ambassador gave the Board the benefit of his knowledge of what skirt sacrifices the French women are making.

Inasmuch as we are scheduled for service in Europe, this conservation of skirts means nothing at all to us. We can but hope we get back to Fifth Avenue before the women get back that conserved 25 per cent. But the probabilities of our seeing Paris within a reasonable time (whatever that is) are bright. Therefore, all is not lost inasmuch as the women folks over there are in the same delightful plight.

LIBRARY BOOKS FOR SOLDIERS.

The American Library Association, Library War Service, has begun active work in camp through George G. Champlin, its representative. Mr. Champlin has headquarters in the church across the street from the Knights of Columbus building.

Books and magazines will be placed in available places for soldiers as far as possible. There will be technical books on military subjects, fiction, etc. All red tape will be cut. The simplest methods for loaning and keeping track of the books will be employed. Books will be loaned for two weeks, with a two-week renewal privilege.

OFFICERS ON LEAVE.

The following commissioned officers have been granted leaves of absence: Second Lieut. William H. Geis, Jr., 1st Infantry, 10 days; Second Lieut. H. T. Clement, quartermaster corps, 10 days; Capt. M. Juffe, 12th infantry, 20 days; Capt. J. J. Dean, 12th infantry, 20 days; Capt. James G. Conroy, 106th infantry, 15 days, starting from December 10th; Second Lieut. W. E. Taggart, Co. G. 108th infantry, from December 3rd, and Capt. H. W. Olmstead, 102nd Ammunition Train, 10 days.

ENLISTED MEN'S CLUB.

The attendance at the Enlisted Men's Club, opposite the Cleveland Hotel, is growing daily. Captain Schoelkopf, of the 105th Field Artillery Brigade, is to be at the head of the enterprise, and at a recent meeting held by twenty regimental sergeant-majors, it was planned to have an advisory committee consisting of seven soldiers (probably captains) and two civilians. A Wofford College student will be in charge of the Club, which will occupy several large rooms and include among its attractions pool, bowling, and billiards; a Victrola and a cafeteria, and other well-known forms of indoor sports.

MUST BE PROPERLY CLOTHED.

Strict orders have been issued by the War Department that all men transferred from the National Army to the National Guard must be equipped with a complete uniform and two or more blankets before leaving their cantonments. When the attention of the department was called to the fact that many men had been sent away without proper clothing and blankets, it was announced that this was in violation of specific instructions, and all division commanders have been ordered to see that the practice is discontinued.