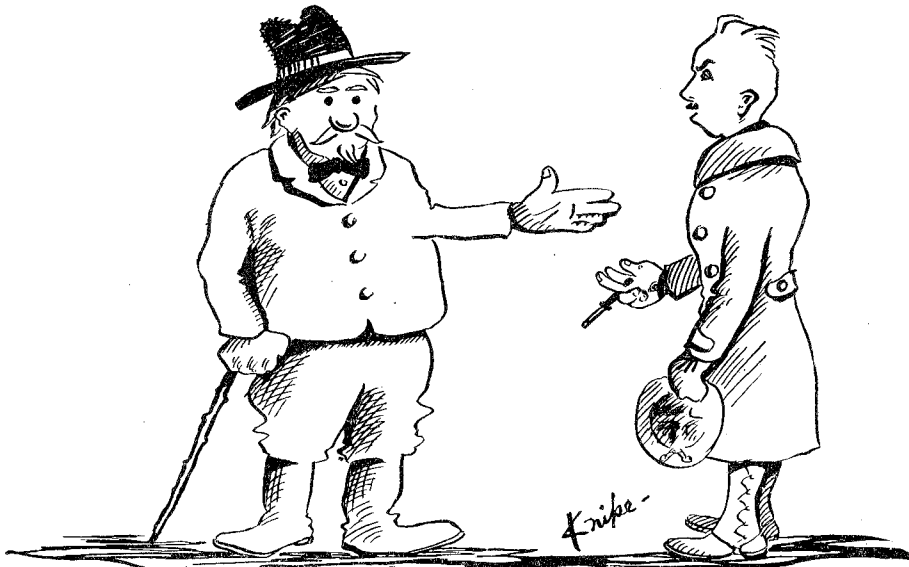


## The Ideas of Ethelburt Jellyback, Private

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to the captain for a furlough. It isn't the first time I have done so. Again he denied me. He said that there had been no death in my family.

"But I can't help that, sir," I replied. "I can't instruct the butler to put poison in the food of any of my relatives. I am made of sterner stuff."

The captain dismissed me gruffly.

### Ethelburt's Revenge.

Officers continually treat me in that fashion. But I shall be revenged upon them when I do get a furlough. I shall go home to New York and get into civilian clothes. And whenever I chance to sit opposite a captain or a major in a restaurant I shall ask: "I say, sergeant, will you please pass the salt?"

If all officers in camp insist on treating me with the scant consideration for my talents which they display at present, their war will be a failure. Their lack of vision reminds me of the old Southern gentleman I met downtown the other night. I asked him what he thought of the war.

"Waal," he replied, after much pondering, "I never thought Lee had ought-a surrendered."

But, despite the distressing lack of recognition of who I am, I have hit upon a new idea, one that I may eventually put into execution in case my own captain fails to see the light. It is this:

I shall get myself transferred to the Headquarters Troop, at Division Headquarters, so I can be near the General!

ETHELBURT JELLYBACK, PRIVATE.

(C. D.)

### FIRST INSURANCE PAID.

Mrs. Bettie Ingram, of Pratt City, Ala., Is the Beneficiary.

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The death of Gunner's Mate Ingram was the first to occur in the navy during an actual engagement with the enemy in the present war.

Under the terms of the Military and Naval Insurance Act, Mrs. Ingram, being a widowed mother, dependent upon her son for support, is entitled to compensation at the rate of \$20 per month as long as she lives, unless she remarries. Inasmuch as her son did not apply for government insurance, she is also entitled to payments under the automatic insurance provision at the rate of \$25 per month for 240 months. She will, therefore, receive a total of \$45 per month from the United States Government.



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