

# THEN AND NOW—WAR MAKES AN AWFUL DIFFERENCE — BY WALLGREN



## NO MORE CUSSING (--- IT!) AT MULES

Order (-it!) Says That Animals are Sensitive

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Cussing, as a fine art, is doomed in the Army.

Its foremost practitioners, the mule-skinner, are shorn of their deadliest weapon of offense and defense by a recent order which directs them to use honeyed words when addressing their feathered charges, instead of employing the plain, direct United States to which the mules' faintly obvious hearing organs have hitherto been attuned.

Kindness, the order says in effect, will work wonders with the genus *Misouril* nightingale or Indiana canary; if spoken to with proper regard for his or her feelings, a mule will oftentimes go so far as to place his or her hoof in a driver's lap.

When one is able, with impunity, to tickle a mule beneath the ear (either ear will do) one is adjudged proficient in interpreting the aesthetic aspirations of the beast; and all mule-skinner are exhorted to apply the ear-tickling proposition as a sort of acid test both to the tractability of their charges and their own ability as mule-tamers. The application of this test, it is held, will keep the mule-skinner too fully occupied to be able to cuss or to care a cuss about cussing.

This Stuff is Out o' Date.

But, men of the Old Army, particularly those who have trained with mountain batteries, think of what is passing! Think of what the younger and more svelte generation of mules is missing! No more beneath the starry flag will be heard such he-language as this: "Come on, Maud, you --- Hooser ---! Get a gait on you --- good-for-nothing carcass! GIDDAP, Bill! You long-eared, flea-bitten, hay-demolishing, muddy-flanked, rock-ribbed --- I said it! GIDDAP!"

Or with the native product: "D'pêchez-vous, vous --- Oh, h---, I'm out of French! Say, Jimmy! What's the word for ---? Never mind; all mules understand ---! Hey there, you ---! Make tracks!"

Now, all is changed and such dulcet appeals to His Majestyship as this are the order of the day: "Get a gait on, Sapphire, you ---! Oh, hell, I forgot! Aw, c'me on now, old girl! We ain't got the whole morning 't waste! Be a sport, old lady! Forward---hoh!"

"Say, for --- Oh, hell---I mean Heaven! Dammit, I forgot again! You, Ananias! Will you do me the esteemed favor to start the process? Will you condescend to lift at least one leg?"

But This Stuff Does the Job.

Ananias puts one hoof forward in experimental manner, then stops. About this time a brother mule-skinner enters, mousing a cornob pipe. Says he to the first mule-skinner:

"Whattamatter, Jerry? Don't they budge? Livin' up to orders, be yeh? Aw, weet way to talk to'm is third person---get me---third person. None of this crude 'you' and 'yez' stuff---same as talking to the Skipper, y'know."

Jerry gets his mouth all fixed to say, "Aw, hell," recovers himself, and then begins: "Will the off animal kindly step at least two paces to the front?" (The mule starts to comply.) "I thank the off mule! Now, will the near mule kindly follow suit?" (It also starts to comply.) "Now, will both the near mule and the off mule be so good as to repeat the process, both pulling together, until requested to desist? Fine; off we go. Good Gawd---good Gawd!"

## HOW GEORGE ADE SEES WAR.

Many Old Adages Must Be Revised

Germany Wins.

As his contribution to the National Security League's campaign of patriotism, George Ade has written a message to our young fighting men. "We must win this war," he contends, "or else revise all moral codes, rewrite all proverbs and adopt a brand new set of rules to govern conduct. If Germany is not linked to a standstill, we might as well begin to memorize and humbly accept the following: "Dishonesty is the best policy." "Be as mean as a skunk and you will be happy." "Blessed are the child murderers, for they shall inherit the earth." "Be sure you are right handy with fire-arms, then go ahead." "An evil reputation is better than riches." "Truth crushed to earth will not rise

again if the crushing is done in a superior and efficient manner.

"Be virtuous and you will be miserable."

"Thrice armed is he who goes around picking quarrels."

"Might makes right."

"Hell on earth and hatred for all men."

"Do unto others as you suspect that they might do unto you if they ever got to be as disreputable as you are."

"God helps the man who helps himself to his neighbor's house and his field and his unprotected women."

"These don't sound right, do they?"

"The old ones that we learned first of all are not yet out of date."

"Suppose we don't revise them."

## GLORIFIED.

(With apologies to the late Sir W. S. Gilbert.)

When I was a lad I served a term In a military school---how it made me squirm!

I wore a shako, and a lot of braid, And I started fire horses when on dress parade;

But they took all glory away from me As a second lieutenant, a-wearing of my plain O. D.

When I went to college, I was gayly clad

In a sporty costume made of shepherd's plaid;

I tried pink neckties and vermilion socks,

And when I went out walking, I set back the clocks;

But when I took Uncle Sam's degree I was nothing but a second lieutenant in plain O. D.

In business, too, I made quite a spurge

In a nobby garment made of ultra- serge;

With rings and watchfob and a stick-pin, too,

I could show all the dandles of the town a few---

So think what a comedown 'twas for me

As a second lieutenant, a-wearing of my plain O. D.

But now, however, they have gone so far

As to place on my shoulderstrap a neat gold bar,

And they've sewn a dido on my overcoat,

Which, while it lends distinction, nearly gets my goat;

So now, at last, you can plainly see

I'm a second lieutenant, no longer clad in plain O. D.!

I'm proud, believe me, of those new gold bars;

I wouldn't swap 'em for the General's stars;

And the little stripe upon my blouse's sleeve

Means that nevermore for splendor shall my young soul grieve,---

For bars and braid, you can plainly see

Make an awful lot of difference on plain O. D.!

## THE PASSING OF THE CAMPAIGN HAT.

"The campaign hat is going; 'twill soon be *tres passé*--- The winds of war got under it and blew it far away; The General (he who owned it) cussed, as Generals sometimes do: "Get us," he cried, "a hat to stick; with this blank kind I'm through!" His orderly picked up the hat, all battered, torn and frayed, "Quite right," he ruminated, "you won't do for parade; Yet, good old lid, you've got your place---perhaps not over here, But there are regions in the States that hold your memory dear."

"The shadow of your ugly shape has blacked the Western plains; It brought relief to border towns all soaked with tropic rains; The sight of you, at column's head, made redskins turn and flee,--- O'er barren land you've led the van that fights for Liberty. The Filipino knows you; his protection you have meant, And the wily Pancho Villa never dared to try and dent. The contour of your homely crown or chip your wobbly brim,--- You, old chapeau, spelt *business*; and that left no room for him!"

"From far Alaska's ice-bound coast to Porto Rico's strand, You've kept the sun and rain and sleet from Uncle Sam'syal's band; And cleaner towns and cities fair have sprung up in your track. You---what's the use?---you've been there since the days of 'Ninety-Eight--- You've weathered twenty years of squalls---and now you get the gat! But you're too good a soldier, old dip, to cuss or cry; So---(there he heaved it into space)---goodby, old hat; godby!"

## OVER THE TOP THREE WAYS.

Feet, Tank and Plane Tried by this U. S. Officer---Ready for Next.

If they ever invent a new way of going over the top, there's one American officer who will probably be on hand to try the new wrinkle. The French Government has decorated him with the Croix de Guerre for going over the sacks in every way known to date.

First, he went over with the French infantry in an attack last spring. Though detailed as an observer, and not required to take too many chances, the officer was one of the first wave to cross No Man's Land. He stayed with his unit until the objective was gained, and when it had to fall back before a heavy counter-attack he fell back fighting with it.

Some weeks later he went over the top in a tank. He followed that trip a few days later by an aeroplane observation flight. For the greater part of an afternoon the plane cruised up and down a German sector watching the effect of big French shells on concrete defenses.

The Boche anti-aircraft guns made it warm for the American flier, but he was still an enthusiastic aviator when the plane came to a successful landing on its own field at dusk.

## WHERE HE GETS OFF.

(A sample letter).

France, January, 1918.

I. Rookum, Gents' Tailor, U. S. A.

"Dear Sir:---

Your interesting advertisement of spring styles for young men, knobby clothes for business wear, and so forth, just received.

"While I appreciate your thinking of me, I am glad to say I have changed my tailor, and will not require your services until peace is declared.

U. S. & Co. are now supplying me with some very nifty suitings of khaki, which I find best adapted to my present

## TWO SAMARITANS IN SKIRTS.

In the Modern Parable, They Aid a Pollu Chauffeur.

The woman motorcar driver has made her appearance in the zone of the army. A few of them are driving big motor trucks for the Y.M.C.A. and are making good at the job.

During a recent heavy snowstorm, two trucks driven by young women were sliding along a winding road carrying supplies to a hut from a depot when they came upon a big French lorry stalled in a ditch. The French soldier in charge was tinkering with the engine, having stalled it while trying to pull into the road again. He wasn't having much success.

Both the women, garbed in short skirts, high and heavy leather boots, and woolen caps that pulled down well over their ears, climbed down from their seats and between them first managed to get the engine in the stalled lorry started, and then one of them took her place behind the wheel and by skilful maneuvering brought all four wheels to the road.

The Frenchman stood to one side during the whole of the operation and watched the women with astonishment.

## TO FLASH THE HOUR BY ARMY WIRES.

New A. E. F. Lines Will Insure U. S. Well-Set Time Pieces.

Correct time is now being transmitted to the A. E. F. over its own system of telegraph lines. Formerly field wireless stations each day at a certain hour picked from the air figures flashed from Paris by which the clocks of the army were synchronized. This method did not insure absolute accuracy.

Each day at eleven o'clock a simultaneous signal is sent to every station so that through the existing zone, and at the front as well, clocks and watches show the same time. This synchronization is desirable under present conditions and it is an absolute necessity with troops at the front when, for instance, orders may specify that some operation is to be carried out at one point at a certain time and another operation at another point at another time. The success of both operations may depend upon whether they are launched on the second.

Miles upon miles of telegraph wires strung on poles labeled "U. S. A." now stretch through France. They may be found running to base ports, zigzagging through the instruction zone over hills, through a valley, along a roadside. On

some of the poles there are double cross-arms supporting in many cases as many as ten wires. There is a complete system of operators and central exchanges as well as a considerable force of line-men and repairmen, quite a number of whom worked for telephone and telegraph companies in the United States before the war began. The "service" leaves little, if anything, to be desired.

## HOW THEY SPOT US.

"Madame, where in this town can one get a drink, *s'il vous plait*?"

"Ah! I can see that M. l'Americain comes from the State of Maine."

## TRY POTATO BUGS IN BOMBS.

An Ohio Man's Suggestion on How to Win the War.

The war will soon be over. An Ohio man will end it. He has suggested to U.S. Marine Corps officials in Washington that they direct their aviators to drop potato bugs over Germany. He declares there are no potato bugs in the Kaiser's realm, and since the "spud" is absolutely essential to Germany's economic welfare, the dropping of "Murphy destroyers" over the Rhine country would quickly terminate hostilities. Simple, isn't it? Marine Corps officials think so.

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