

**Why They Lost the War**  
 (A little playlet often enacted behind the German lines whenever the fortunes of war so decreed.)  
 Time: The present.  
 Place: German battalion headquarters.

**Dramatic Personae:** A German officer who speaks English.  
 An American officer who understands it.

German Officer: Attention! I shall question you. How much pay do you receive?

American Soldier: Thirty dollars per month.

German Officer: A lie! But if you did, you would have to pay for your clothing, food and equipment from it.

American Soldier: Nope; everything's furnished by the government in addition to the thirty.

German Officer: Liar! How were you treated in the army?

American Soldier (enthusiastically): Fine! Say you'd ought to—

German Officer: False! Your lieutenant—did he beat you frequently?

American Soldier (indignantly): Who, Bill Smifkins? I'd like to see him try it. Why, I used to thump him once a year regular, until we got into this man's army.

German Officer: Liar! How long have you been in France.

American Soldier: Six months.

German Officer: Liar! They don't turn out veterans like you in six months of active service. But are you not weary after, even a half year's fighting?

American Soldier: Oh, I ain't been fightin' all the time. I had two weeks in two different rest camps and a half dozen week-ends in Paris.

German Officer: Liar! No army treats its men so well. How many American soldiers are in France?

American Soldier: I reckon there must be about two million.

German Officer: Liar!

American Soldier: Say, who are you callin'—

German Officer: Guards, take him back to the cage. These lying Americans! They tell the same untruths so persistently that if one did not know differently one would think they were speaking the truth!—Cartoon's Magazine.

In a little while disease will be cured with food, and the doctors will become cooks and bakers.

There is more genuine satisfaction in independent thinking than in all the mental claims that bind men to the superstition.

Work your brain if you would make it strong. A bandaged limb and a silent brain must soon become a useless burden to the owner.

The natural man is a worker—not alone for wealth, but to lift up his end of the load high enough to let others let go and rest their weary arms.

No odds wht your religious faith may be, your work must be a work for humanity. God's work on earth is all done by hand, so far as man is concerned.

Wishing for the good old times is the weakness of the man who sighs for mother's pumpkin pies. He's one of the fellows who can't advance with the crowd.

He is great who can do what he wishes; he is wise who wishes to do what he can.—Island.

Gratitude is not only the memory but the homage of the heart—rendered to God for his goodness.—N. P. Willis.

The power of fortune is confessed only by the miserable, for the happy impute all their success to prudence or merit.—Swift.

He that urges gratitude pleads the cause both of God and men, for without it we can neither be sociable nor religious.—Seneca.

Cicero calls gratitude the mother of virtues, the most capital of all duties, and uses the words grateful and good as synonymous terms, inseparable united in the same character.—Bate.

True gentleness is love in society, holding intercourse with those around it. It is considerateness: it is tenderness of feeling; it is promptitude of sympathy; it is love in all its depths, and in all its delicacy.

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