



RESUMPTION

—New York World.

ONE BLESSING THAT THE WAR HAS BROUGHT

As one result of the war the production of hooks and eyes has suddenly been stopped, or largely curtailed, and it is reported that the entire supply of these small but extremely significant commodities has been "bought up." Thus there is an immediate famine in that line, with the accompanying certainty of prohibitive prices.

In some ways the outlook thus produced may seem somewhat appalling. Upon hooks and eyes, in present conditions, hangs the whole stability of feminine fashion, and the decorum of civilization is largely dependent upon them. And yet this news of the sudden corner in the

hook and eye market will undoubtedly be received by thousands of men with subdued chuckles of mirth and gratification.

Among the masculine portion of society this is far from being a matter to inspire gloom. The process of "hooking up"—i. e., effecting an accurate conjunction between sixty-four minute hooks and their corresponding eyes—has driven many thousands of respectable and harassed citizens in the past few years to the verge of nervous prostration. The amount of profanity it has inspired in men of hitherto unblemished character and habit is nothing short of deplorable.

Honest and peaceable men have been rendered desperate and very

likely the undermining influences of hooks and eyes have been one of the chief contributory causes for the increase of divorce and the disruption of happy homes. Here seems an apt illustration of the saying that good may come out of evil. The shortage of hooks and eyes may very well bring about at least a partial return of domestic tranquility.—Providence Journal.

IDEALISM OF THE JEWS

The Jewish immigrants cherish a pure, close-knit family life, and the position of the woman in the home is one of dignity. More than any other immigrants they are ready to assume the support of distant needy relatives. They care for their own poor, and

the spirit of co-operation among them is very noticeable. Their temper is sensitive and humane; very rarely is a Jew charged with any form of brutality. There is among them a fine elite which responds to the appeal of the ideal and is found in every kind of ameliorative work.—Prof. E. A. Ross, in 'The Century.'

GETTING POSTED

An Irishman walked into a hotel and noticed two men fighting at the far end of the room. Leaning over the bar he earnestly inquired of the bartender:

"Is that a private fight or can any one get into it?" — Excavating Engineer.