Colored Soldiers Our First Half Million

"Berlin or bust" is the slogan of the American army and incidents of the training of the first half million men, who are going to get the kaiser are told in a volume just off the press by a captain of the 349th field artillery stationed at Camp Dix, N. J.

Writing of Colored soldiers, Captain X, says: "Their emotions are as transient as children's, the lesser educated of our Negro soldiers, while their comrades who have gone to public schools and higher are extremely digmified, filled with ambition, reliable, wholly trustworthy and eager to do porch for her, and such a dear old their part for America. One records these qualities for the surface judgment of a Negro regiment is grossly unfair. Popularly it is supposed to be a gathering of likable but wholly irresponsible children of the southland, who invariably spend their time off drill with craps, clog dancing, wild around, picking flowers, chasing butwomen and razors. That's a libel, for terflies, and, gathering an apron full I know in my own battery there were more men studying how to become non-commissioned officers than there were men for whom life was one long "moon air rag."

"Shoes spick and span, uniforms neat, slick and natty-that's the Negro soldier. He's there. He'll write his reputation big in France. He's working like a fiend. He has a big pride in his division-the 92d, composed entirely of Negro soldiers. Lis- amount of teasing would make the ten to a big luck corporal there."

saying to his squad. "You all see my Chevrons there," and he taps the corporal's stripes on his sleeve. "You But she was not to see the owner of men gotta know what them chevrons the voley tomorrow, for when she got mean. They mean I was picked by the president to be corporal in his army. That the whole power," ex- with an invitation for Nellie to spend pressively gesturing, "of the United the afternoon with the Browns, who States is now behind me, when I say lived across the field. Slowly she to you all, Left F-face." And they all

There is a large number of marching songs in vogue while the troops are hiking, but here are the words of Uncle Jo took her over to the Browns'. one that is a general favorite:

O death where is thy sting-ling her at ease. Molly Brown was Nel-O ting-ling-a-ling, the sting-ling-a- lie's age, and they took to each other

Negro you must be with him, hour and admitted five young people who after hour. The solicitous white-coat- had come to spend the afternoon. ed man, who waits upon you in a dining car, he is not representative. Nor is the eager bell hop who answers your hotel ring, 'Ice Water, Boss?' Nor is the shiftless driver of a team she heard that voice? The afternoon of mules. If you would understand passed all too quickly and when the the Negro, you must meet him in the guests rose to go Mrs. Brown shook composite. And it is in the national hands with them all, and so did Molly army that you meet him in the com- and Billy. When Nellie arrived home posite. You find the dining car wait- she could not help thinking what a ers, the bell hops, the cooks, the gang nice boy Billy was, and she blushed laborers; but you find too the high her hand a finy, unnecessary squeeze. school graduate, the Negro college young Negro who left a good job in tain is always on the alert for that. more to them than "jazz bands," you promise to give me one thing?" razors and dice."

books by officers or enlisted men must slid down the tree and there stoodbe published anonymously. The au- Billy! thor of this book, Captain X, is very probably Captain Edwin Fox of the sr.fled and said, "Your promise." She 349th field artillery, in charge of Col. Vas so surprised she did not know ored men. It has been the custom to chat to say. At length she said, "What do you want?" recite what Colored people may expect | from the war, but from Captain X's appraisal of Colored soldiers it is the hill, but Billy like a flash caught worth noting that whites are getting her. It was useless for her to try to something too out of camp life, name- get away, even if she wanted to. ly a truer knowledge of what the (Copyright, 1917, Wheeler Syndicate, Inc.) Negro really is.

SUGAR FOR PRESERVING WILL BE UNDER STRICT DIRECTION

More rigid supervision of the distribution of sugar for canning and preserving purposes will be exercised during September than heretofore, secretary to send it to Fort Wayne, according to announcement of the whence it came, and to inform the federal food administration for Ne- sender he had better learn to write.

The state's allotment is one million pounds for this purpose and it is probable that allotments will be made by the Omaha office to counties on the basis of population.

September, ordinarily, is one of the heaviest canning months of the year. Much fruit comes in and besides a great deal of canning of vegetables a plenic in Greenville, O., one Sunday is done during the month.

be saved and the housewife must co- present had a gay time, with all necesoperate with the food administration sary "trimmings" for such an occasion, to make the sugar go round, says the food administration. It is urged that just enough sugar be used to properly preserve the fruits and vege- Monday. tables. Additional sugar can be added when they are ready for consumption. not home yet."-Indianapolis Star.

THE VOICE

By HELENA M. KENNEY.

The train rolled slowly out of the station, leaving a girl standing on the platform. Nellie Windsor was fifteen years old. Her mother and father were dead and she had no one but Uncle Jo and Aunt Betty. Uncle Jo had written her to come and live with him-and here she was. It was fully ten minutes before Uncle Jo came. and when he did he gave her a hearty kiss and lifted her into the buggy and off they went. Arriving at the farm, she found Aunt Betty waiting on the lady she was. It was then 3:30 o'clock and the rest of the afternoon was spent in unpacking her clothes and learning the rounds of the house, After supper she went directly to bed, because she was tired from her long journey.

The next afternoon she wandered of apples, she went down to the little brook. It was nice and cool and she was enjoying herself when-"Hello," said a voice. She looked up, but saw

"I say, hello," again came the voice; this time it seemed to come from the tree that was across the brook.

"Hello yourself," replied Nellie. "Where are you?"

"Up here in the tree," said the voice. "Come down," she said.

"Nope," answered the voice. No voice come down. It was getting late, Listen now, all you men," he is so Nellie said: "If I come here tomorrow will you let me see who you are?"

"Maybe," replied the voice. So Nellie scampered up the hill and home. up the next morning it was raining.

Uncle Jo came in at dinner time went upstairs to dress, sorry because she could not go down to the brook. but maybe it would be there some other time; so with this happy thought She was rather shy, being among "The bells of hell go ting-ling-a-ling strangers, but Mrs. Brown soon put right away. While they were sitting talking about nothing in particular the "If you would intimately know the doorbell rang and Molly's mother went Soon a boy about a year older than herself came in and was introduced she had, and what nice girls and boys they were! But Billy-where had when she thought how he had given

The days that followed were the the "gang." "Let's get it over with." man, the stenographer, the typist, the happiest ones she had ever had. Long rambles with Molly and the Tucker al army camp at Chillicothe. Yeh, he the bank to answer the nation's call. twins, pienies, and often she would go You find an abundance of trained for long walks with Billy. She liked hah!" said the little man, as he bit chauffeurs, a number of men skilled Billy very much and Billy liked Nellie. into a cigar which everybody knew in the trades and Allah be praised, But she did not forget the voice. Ev- was made in Wheeling. "Well, here ample who understand horses and ery day she would go down to the is what he wrote me this morning: brook and talk and talk with it. She Dear Pop-Here is a joke. I hope would tell it of the nice time she was you see the point. What put the chill having, and went so far as to tell it in Chillicothe? Why, the draft, of And as you study your men you get of Billy. Thus two weeks passed on course. Jimmy. P. S. This is some a new idea of the Negro race. You and Nellie thought she was never go- city.' Now wasn't that just like Jimappreciate its fight and admire its ing to see the voice, when one day my. Some little joke, He-he!" pluck. You realize that many of the voice told her that she would see these men have fought their way up it tomorrow, sure. To be sure Nellie crowd, "you old Mr. Rip Van Noah." in life; that decent jobs have been was there at the appointed time and theirs; and there is something far the voice said. "If I come down will

Wondering what it could be, but curious to see the voice, as she had According to army regulations, called it, she readily said, "Yes." It

"You-you-?" she gasped. Billy

"Oh-h!" and she turned to flee up

Here She Goes, There She Goes.

Frank C. Dailey, attorney, tells the following, and vows it is a true tale: An Indianapolis business man of mature years received a letter from his secretary, and after trying in vain to read the written words told the

But, sir, this is a letter you wrote and sent to Fort Wayne," the secretary replied. "They sent it back, say-

ing they could not make it out." "Well, send it back and tell them to learn to read," thundered the boss,-Indianapolis News.

Long Picnic.

A number of Muncle men attended not long ago at which, according to These fruits and vegetables must reports, more than a thousand persons

"Did you have a good time at the Greenville picnic yesterday?" a young Muncie business man was asked in his office the next day, that being blue

"I don't know," was the reply; "I'm

LOUDER THAN ANY THUNDER

Modern Guns Make Noise That Is Far Above That of "Heaven's Artillery."

Every big noise is compared to thunder, as if heaven's artillery were the greatest noise imaginable. speak commonly of "the thunder of the guns," and the poets have always spread themselves on the terrific cannonade of a thunder storm. But the McDowell and Waller avenue. They plain fact is that man's artillery beats have already purchased a lot and colthe clouds into fits, if the distance at lected several thousand dollars and which each can be heard is any criterion of the intensity and volume of

The gunfire in Flanders has been heard in London countless times, while it is quite impossible to say race who have ideas of better living how far the famous mineburst on the conditions. Primarily, the house will Vimy ridge, produced by human be used to care for the Colored solagency, though not gunfire, could be diers as they pass through town. It heard. But it is doubtful whether the loudest thunder that ever pealed has been heard 20 miles away.

One of the greatest thunder storms of recent years occurred in the Richmond area, but not a sound of it reached London, and it is on record that when the church steeple of Lostwithiel was destroyed by lightning to the accompaniment of such a roar of thunder as the oldest inhabitant could not remember, no sound was heard 30

anomaly is possibly the fact that tional Association of Colored People. thunder is produced in the air, and the Two of the tennis courts had been set sound is conveyed by earth waves rather than by air waves,-London citizens. Attorney Blakemore called

WOMEN HANDLE BIG SHELLS

Young Mother Gave Practical Demonstration of Their Physical Fitness to Do So.

When women first were put to work in shell factories in England they handled only the light field-gun shells. Later it became necessary for them to turn out larger shells, and doubts were raised as to whether the women were strong enough to handle them. A young mother settled the question,

"Let me heft the shell," she said. picking one up from the floor. "Aye," she commented, "this shell is a mite in mind she was soon ready, and heavy, 'tis true, but it's not so heavy as my baby."

There is a shell factory in the Liverpool district operated almost exclusively by the daughters of business and professional men. Many are young girls who had never done any kind of work other than needle work and cooking. The heavy work of the establishment is performed by the wives of sailors.

This is a nonprofit-making factory and it is the reply of the Cunard comas Billy Brown. What a good time pany to the Germans for the sinking

Rip Van Noah.

It was the first twilight game at the local ball park, and the little fan with the whiskers just had to tell something to celebrate the occasion.

"Boys, here's a new one my son wrote me," he said, as he climbed into the bleachers.

"Well, spring it! Spring it!" begged "Yuh know my son's at the Nationcame out flat-footed fer the war, Hah-

"Yes, some little joke," said the

Imitated Kopenick Captain.

An extraordinary instance of Teutonic servility where uniforms are concerned has occurred at Essen. A party of three armed individuals, two in soldiers' and one in a policeman's uniform, made a round of all the schools of the town, representing themselves to be authorized to collect the children's satchels. They paid a trifle in each case for the leather straps attached to them, and carried away their booty. After a few days, the whole affair was discovered to be a swindle. "How it is possible that this could have been carried on for days without anyone having the courage to challenge their authority remains one of the mysteries of the war," says the Rhenish Westphalian Gazette.

Flying Temperament.

The most eminent of British scientists have devoted special study to the psychological and physiological aspects of flying. One authority says that good eyesight, normal hearing, good "muscle sense," and equilibration are indispensable qualifications. But most important of all is the right temperament-not an easy thing for a medical board to examine. Of the types-the imaginative and the unimaginativethe imaginative youth is said to make the better pilot if he can keep his imagination under control.

Two Prize Captives.

While on sentry duty one night one of the men at Camp Colt, who had been the butt of numerous company jokes, halted two of his worst tormentors as they were endeavoring to slip into camp after taps. In response to his challenge they stated that they were Kaiser Bill and Von Hindenburg. Thereupon the sentry called for the officer of the guard, reported his distinguished guests, and had the satisfaction of seeing them headed directly for the guardhouse.

COMMUNITY HOUSE

AT MEMPHIS, TENN.

Now in Course of Construction Will Be a Rendezvous for All Colored Troops Passing Through City.

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 23.-The Colored citizens in Memphis are engaged in a laudable work of erecting a community house at the corner of need a few thousand more.

The community house will be modeled after the Y. M. C. A. It will be a meeting place for those of the will also be used for the drafted

"JIM CROW" SIGNS TAKEN OFF TENNIS COURTS AT PARK

Denver, Colo., Aug. 23.—The "Jim Crow" signs in two of the tennis courts in City park, which read, "For Colored People Only," have been removed at the solicitation of Attorney The explanation of this seeming E. P. Blakemore, counsel for the Nathe attention of City Attorney J. A. Marsh to the fact that it is contrary to the statutes of Colorado to make any such discrimination against the Colored citizens and to this the city attorney agreed. The Colored people now have the privilege of using any tennis court which is not already in

> WOMEN MAKE GOOD AT LABOR IN BRICK YARD

St. Louis, Mo.-Colored women as day laborers are fast taking the places of men called to war in the brick plants in this city.

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