

SHELLPROOF MACK

A Common Soldier's Recital of Thrilling Adventures in the Terrific Struggle for World Democracy

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Arthur James McKay, "Shellproof Mack," enlisted in an English bantam regiment after the sinking of the Lusitania and upon reaching the front was wounded twice and passed out.

His application for discharge was torn up upon deliberation and he went back to the front to participate in the battle of Meuse-Argonne. When the 1,000,000 pounds of ammunition are discharged to blow up Hill 90 Mack and his comrades go over the top in the face of the first and he loses about 20 per cent of the men in casualties.

A long rest was ordered for the men in reserve billets but at the expiration of two weeks they experienced their first air raid but came through it creditably. They took over the first line from a Scottish battalion which failed to accomplish their objective and went into action.

While trying to escape the German shrapnel Mack bites in a German trench. His whole company is almost wiped out in this action. After two days Mack is assigned to a detachment assigned to capture a number of German "pill-boxes." While accomplishing this Mack is gassed.

An air raid is staged by the Germans on Mack's first night there and 26 were killed and 45 wounded. Fourteen of the dead were Germans under treatment at the hospital.

The bombing of the hospital was classed as an act of reprisal by a German officer in retaliation for the shelling in a German Red Cross train used to bring up reserve troops.

A gas attack was made by the Hun, in which "Shellproof Mack" was gassed. He was sent to the base hospital, where he remained for a time and then got "blighty."

While convalescing he passed his time at Chatham. The ministrations of the Red Cross, both at the front, the base hospital and the convalescent stations in "blighty," he said, made all of the suffering and danger in the trenches worth while.

CHAPTER XVII (Continued.)

They told a story at Chatham about an Irishman, who was approached by a lady visitor with the customary question. She gushed, "Oh, my poor man, are you wounded?"

"No, ma'am," said Pat. "I was kicked by a cootie."

"That didn't faze her a bit."

Back she came with, "Did you ever kill a German?"

Pat shook his head.

"Shure lady," he said, "I don't know. But I kin tell ye this. Jist before I cops this crack on the nob, Micky Flinn say to me, says he, 'Shake yer bay mit, Pat. Ye've a brace of Boches hangin' to it.'"

She slammed the door on the outside.

The sick soldier is up to as many tricks as a school boy, and he gets away with them, because you can't punish him much. One that we used to put over on our good sisters was a fair crime. We ought to have been ashamed of it, but we were not.

When the nurse was taking temperature at tea-time somebody would sneak his thermometer out, stick it in the hot tea and run up a beautiful temperature and then slip the glass back under the tongue just before the sister came back.

Then she would fuss around the villian for an hour or two and usually he'd get chicken for supper.

One of our medical officers was a tall, young Englishman with an eyeglass, one of those stage Britishers

that you don't often see in real life. One day he stuck the thermometer in the mouth of a young Welshman. It happened that the soldier was sucking on a piece of ice at the time, but he didn't say anything and rolled the glass around where it would get good and cold.

When the M. O. held the thermometer up to the light he let out a surprised gasp.

"My word!" he said. "My word, me good fellow! If this bally glass is right you've been dead since the battle of the Marne."

And yet they say that Englishmen have no sense of humor. To my mind it is what carries them through. It is what will carry them through. The Cockney private and the aristocratic officer each has the good sense to take his hardships lightly and to joke at danger. It helps make the Englishman hard to beat.

As a comrade in arms the Englishman is good enough for me; and, while I was as ready as the next one to take my discharge after doing my bit in the war, I never in my life regretted anything more than having to leave the British service.

A year before I had tried to get out. This time they put me out. Lieutenant Coleman looked over my record and said that he thought I had done enough for the allied cause, regardless of physical condition. Then he X-rayed me and said I had to go whether I wanted to or not. They gave me my discharge papers with pension on October 26, 1917.

Three days later I was in civilian clothes and a month later was in the

U. S. A. Well, I have fooled them on the weak lungs. For some reason the air of Boston has agreed with the old bellows, and they have been getting stronger every week.

If I get to feeling any better I am afraid I shall get that darned fool longing for the trenches and get into khaki again under the Stars and Stripes.

CHAPTER XVIII.
Shells and Slang.

One of the first things a newcomer to the British army notices is the slang, or "lingo," as it is called. It really amounts to a new language, especially to a Yank. A good part of it is in common use among the English lower classes, but it is Greek to an American.

In writing this book I have tried as much as possible to avoid the use of trench vernacular that would not be understood by the reader, and for that reason I set down here some of the commoner expressions and their meanings.

Tommy is particularly apt in his names of the different kinds of shells. A whiz-bang, for example, is just what its name implies. It goes off with that kind of a noise. The whiz-bang comes over without any noise whatever; but just before it hits it goes "whizzzzz" and then, of course, "bang." A "pip-squeak" makes that kind of noise coming over, with the same general kind of a bang at the end. "Crumps" are almost any kind of high explosive shell, and nearly all of them say "crump" when they land.

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No Medicine-Chest Without Its Family Laxative

From the baby to the grandparents a good laxative is the necessary medicine in the little ills. It wards off serious sickness and saves doctor's bills. Many a cold has been prevented from running into gripe and pneumonia by its timely use.

Many a racking headache has been quickly dispelled by it. And it is a laxative rather than a drastic cathartic or purgative that should be in every family medicine-chest, for a laxative can be used at all ages.

Thousands of good American families have for more than a quarter century used a combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin known to druggists as Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. It is a laxative- tonic that acts on the bowels and stomach. Infants take it with perfect safety, and it is equally effective for grownups.

Grandparents are now seeing their children give it to their babies. It is excellent for all the family in constipation no matter how chronic, indigestion, wind colic, biliousness, headaches, dyspepsia and similar ills.

The druggist will refund your money if it fails to do as promised.

NO INCREASE
In spite of enormous increased laboratory costs due to the War the manufacturers of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin are sacrificing their profits and absorbing the war taxes, so that this family laxative may remain at the former price of 50c and \$1 a large bottle. So sold by druggists for 20 years.

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The Perfect Laxative

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BRIGHTENING up the home at this time of the year, becomes an easy matter when offerings like these give you the opportunity to get what you need at very little outlay of money.

Draperies, Rugs and Art Embroidery offerings combine to make this a Wednesday replete with excellent opportunities for the woman who seeks to supply her needs at little cost.



THE DRAPERY offerings are exceptionally interesting because we are able to quote very low prices on short lengths of excellent materials for Summer draperies.

Rugs, too, will attract the seeker after Summery floor coverings, as we are showing an exceptionally good line of Rag Rugs, so appropriate right now.

This day's announcement is unusual in its opportunities.

Draperies and Cretonnes

Brief Notes of Exceptional Offerings

WE HAVE discovered some short lengths of excellent Draperies in this extremely well appointed stock, and in order to clear them away quickly, have put such little prices on them, that women with the slightest need for these crisp, fresh Window Drapes will be quick to take advantage of them.

- Short Lengths of Filet Nets, worth up to \$1.25; at, yard **69c**
- Short Lengths of Sunfast Draperies, reduced from \$1.98 down to **\$1.29** yard
- Special Lot of Filet Net Allovers and Fish Nets **49c**
- Short Lengths of Cretonnes, suitable for curtains and slip covers; reduced now to, a yard **49c**

Hammocks, \$1.50 to \$3.00

Make preparations for the Summer—get a good Hammock and put it out under the trees, or swing it on your porch, solid comfort in one of these.

New Arrivals of Scotch Madras

These crisp, fresh, new, fine Draperies will find ready sale here on Wednesday at this price. 45 inches wide and with overlapped edges, a yard **59c**

Third Floor

Art Embroidery Offerings That are Very Exceptional

A conservation idea as well as a pleasing employment, to purchase some of these pieces and work them out in their fascinating embroidery. It means much more to you to have things in your home that are hand worked.

- All-Linen Center Pieces, 36-inch size, assorted designs for eyelet, French Knot and Kensington embroidery, each **\$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75**
- Stamped Cashmere Jackets for babies, fine quality, new designs. In French knot and loop stitch, 50c values, each, at **25c**
- Pillows and Centers, elegant assortment on tan needle weave; fine for Summer work; patterns include the new Japanese designs; each, at **50c and 75c**
- Children's Stamped Dresses, sizes 2 to 12 years, of Blue Shot Chambray, White Voile, Fancy Striped Nainsook and White Lawn. New designs; models on display; each **\$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$2.75**
- Stamped Tea or Serving Aprons, lace trimmed, all made up; stamped for French knot work; nice for afternoon wear, each **25c**

Third Floor

Rag Rugs at Remarkable Prices

A Nice Assortment for Summer

A Rag Rug on the floor of the bedroom in Summer gives a very cool and inviting appearance, and they are easily picked up when you want to clean house.

- 36x72 inches, at **\$2.50**
- 27x72 inches, at **\$2.00**
- 27x54 inches, at **\$1.75**
- 24x48 inches, at **\$1.35**
- 24x36 inches, at **90c**

Porch Rugs

We have a full line of Crex and Rattania Porch Rugs, in sizes

- From 36x72 inches, at **\$1.75**
 - To 9x12 feet, at **\$14.00**
- Other sizes priced accordingly.

Two Very Special Items for Wednesday

Smith Yonkers Axminster Rugs, in two sizes, at these low prices:

- 36x72 inches, at **\$4.50**
- 27x54 inches, at **\$2.98**

Third Floor

Wall Papers---Special Prices About 20,000 Rolls in This Lot

Some of our best selling Papers sharply reduced in prices for Wednesday's selling—a chance for everyone to pick out paper for their Spring re-papering.

- 5,000 Rolls of Odd Ceilings, good for any room in the house, with borders to match, very special, a single roll **2c**
- 5,000 Rolls of Bedroom Papers, that are the very newest in chintz, allovers, stripes and florals, with very attractive borders, special for Wednesday, a single roll **11c**
- 10,000 Rolls of Paper Suitable for Parlor, Dining Room, Living Room, Hall or Kitchen, with borders for each, special, a single roll **6½c**
- Plain Duplex Oatmeal Papers, 30 inches wide, the quality we carry is the kind that won't fade, with suitable borders for each, Wednesday, a roll **22½c**
- Domestic Oatmeal Papers, in all the colors, with borders and bands in harmony with your draperies, Wednesday, at **12½c**

Basement

What Is the Answer To the Clothes Problem?

Hundreds of men are asking this question day after day—BUT NOT THE MEN WHO HAVE COME HERE TO BUY THEIR CLOTHES—BECAUSE THEY HAVE FOUND THE ANSWER—

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- Found their answer in ALL-WOOL clothes of the very best make and fit and finish.
- Found their answer in the fact that their clothes will last long and wear satisfactorily.

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In Suits at \$20, \$25 \$30, \$35 and \$40

Special Young Men's Suits, \$25
Hart Schaffner & Marx

New Spring models, hundreds to select from. Military styles as well as the more conservative. Worsteds, Cassimeres and Homespun Flannels.

Spring Overcoats, \$18 to \$40

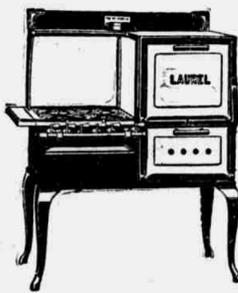
Blue Serge Suits, \$18 to \$35

Other Good Makes of Suits for Men, \$15, \$18 and \$20

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Second Floor, Ride Up on the Moving Stairway

Brandeis Stores



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Non-rusting Body made of Keystone metal, a copper bearing sheet metal, beautifully finished and extra heavy. A high oven range with full size 18-inch oven, white enamel doors, full nickel trimmed canopy and full-size cooking top, complete with simmer burner **\$55**

Other High Oven Ranges, up from **\$45**

Low Oven Ranges, up from **\$30**

Basement

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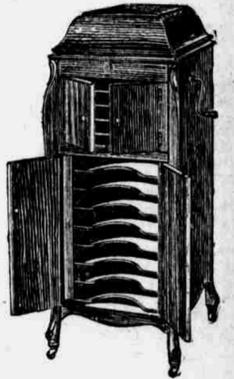
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