

# Woman Wants

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 28, 29 and 30

## Captain Palmer Mourns Fate of His Literary Offspring

Capt. Harry O. Palmer, assistant executive officer, judge advocate general's office, Washington, D. C., an Omaha boy whose "Scintillations from a Silver Chevron" appeared in last Sunday's Bee, writes that he has had a hard time explaining to his friends why parts of the story seemed somewhat disconnected.

"For 'makeup' reasons it was necessary to 'cut' some of the scintillations. Captain Palmer writes in a good-natured vein as to how his 'brain child,' as he calls it, suffered in consequence. The letter, in part, follows:

"I have just received the copy of Sunday's Bee in which appears my 'Scintillations from a Silver Chevron,' or, rather, the mortified remains. When I had completed reading what was left of my literary baby after the master surgeons of the editorial room and the makeup slab had finished their cruel carving process I realized that the soul of this creation of mine had passed on, had returned to its creator, so to speak. Today it lies before me a corpse; no breath of life, no intelligence, no spirit left in it. Woe is mine. My literary child, begotten by me on a brief military career, is dead. But there is a certain satisfaction in knowing that it received a decent burial. I note that it lies in state on page 8 of The Sunday Bee surrounded by gravestone and cemetery advertisements full of suggestions as to the proper place of eventual interment and appropriate artistic memorial in granite to mark the last resting place of 'Scintillations' that failed to scint.

"Mournful and morose over the tragic ending of this literary effort, I took me to my Bible last night, thinking I might find succor of sorrow there. My eye finally dwelt upon these words: 'Oh death, where is thy sting?' The answer came pronto. In The Omaha Bee.

"Don't we owe it to the readers of The Bee, and to the sorrowing father author whose name the departed one bears, to explain through the columns of The Bee that the story was not intended as a practical joke on the soldier readers, who must be trying to make up their minds as to what style of futuristic composition is coming into use.

"Let's hope that imagination and a sense of humor will save us from the fate which the Scintillations suffered. If not, I suggest that you write my literary obituary and arrange for my unostentatious burial in Forest Lawn cemetery, my toes upward."

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