

THE SALVAGE OF THE BATTLEFIELD

WRECKAGE OF WAR RESTORED
TO USEFULNESS.

Repairing Shops Make 2,000 Pairs of
Shoes a Day From the Discarded Army Boots.

Few people at home, writes a respondent, have any idea of the amazing work of salvaging the wreckage of battle that is going on behind the allied lines in France—work that is saving millions of dollars a year, and yet there are few things in the conduct of the war more wonderful.

"Only a few days ago," he says, "I visited a French town some distance behind our front, one of several towns in which this work is proceeding day and night, silently and almost unnoticed by the world. Thousands of French women and girls, whose menfolk are fighting or have fallen, are employed on it; and I confess I was simply staggered at what I saw.

"To this hive of industry is brought all the jetsam of battle from a tunics and derelict shoes and boots—all to be renovated and made serviceable again in ways that seem almost like magic. In one place I saw shed after shed piled high with discarded shoes, most of them in such a deplorable condition that it seemed nothing short of a miracle could restore them. In former years they would all have been consigned to the rubbish heap as utterly worthless.

Look Like New Again.

"Stage after stage I saw these shoes, 'broken in the war,' converted again into splendid boots, soft and strong. I watched these clever and industrious French women take them in some mixture and pass them from hand to hand until the leather became as pliable as ever it was. They were then scrubbed and rubbed and patched, and soles or heels were put on where required.

"They were next immersed in a bath of boiling oil, straightened and shaped; and when the last process was finished, I assure you, you could scarcely have distinguished them from shoes newly bought. This repairing shop turns out 2,000 pairs every day; and I was told the output soon will be 5,000 pairs.

"In other enormous workshops I saw khaki uniforms, tattered, mud-soiled and some of them blood-stained, similarly made 'as good as new.' After passing them through a bath of hot water, the rags (for they are mostly nothing else) are handed to the women, who cut off the sound portions with sharp knives. These fragments are then washed in a disinfected fluid, and when dry, they are taken in hand by a small army of tailors who, with wonderful cleverness and ingenuity, remake them; and they are returned to the army ready for service again.

For Wounded Cannon.

"A few minutes' walk distant is the hospital for wounded cannon, machine guns and rifles, where furnaces blaze night and day and the Vulcans work amid a thunderous crash and roar. Here are mountains of broken rifles to which a new lease of life is to be given. The butts and wooden parts are repaired or renewed; the damaged metal parts are replaced by new ones, rusty barrels are freshened up, and so on, and in a day or two these heaps of old iron are so many brand-new rifles for all practical purposes, doing deadly execution in the trenches.

"Close by you will see thousands of broken bicycles—so much scrap-iron to look at, beyond all hope of repair. Here again the magician is at work; with amazing skill and rapidity the damage is repaired, broken parts are replaced, and the machines restored to usefulness again, returned to their units.

CANADA

Martial son of mighty sire,
Whose deeds thy knightly spurs
have won
Thy spirit breathes the ancient fire,
Proud Britain's braves warrior won.

Long, and ever mounting higher,
Shedding lustre o'er the name,
Swells the rising roll of honor,
Swells the brilliant growing fame.

Varied Empires battle-scared,
Nations grown to man's estate,
Veteran kingdoms rudely shaken,
Oppose in vain their skill and hate.

Eldest son of Empire great,
Strong right arm of Freedom's cause,
Valor and Truth commanding mate
In piusness joined for heaven's law.
Unresting, yet unresting, on
The patriot offering laid upon
Fair Freedom's sacrificial fire.

Royal Flying Corps.

The longest word in the English language is "nonintercommunication."

Lightning is prevalent in the summer and autumn, because of the weather, evaporation, the conversion of water into vapor developing electricity.

The Markdale STANDARD

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A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead in certain districts, or on certain conditions.

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W. W. CORY.

Minister of the Interior.

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DR. J. S. SPURGEON.

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