

SOLDIERS' NEW UNIFORM.

THE THIN RED LINE WILL NOT BE SEEN IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The New Dress Will Provide Increased Comfort for the Men—The Name and the Tint Have Been Borrowed From India, Where Khaki Is Universally Used.

Without proper clothes a man cannot fight to the best advantage, a fact which the military authorities have borne carefully in mind as regards the soldiers intended for service in South Africa. The tight-fitting, costly uniforms in which Mr. Thomas Atkins appeals so strongly to the feminine portion of our population are the outcome of much artistic effort on the part of military tailors, and admirably adapted to the piping times of peace; but when the day arrives for service in Africa, or in any other part of the world where excessive heat is likely to enfeeble the men, the gay trappings must be laid aside in favour of more suitable material. That is the reason why our soldiers during the present campaign will wear the dark farm-colored "drill" familiar to most people as "khaki." It is made of cotton thread, warp and weft, very much after the style of ordinary linen, but infinitely more durable. The word "khaki" is derived from the Hindu, and means simply dust or clay-colored, but in the War Office sense "khaki" is elevated from the position of adjective to substantive, and refers exclusively to that drab-colored material which was worn for the first time probably by some of the East Indian regiments. Throughout the Egyptian campaigns it was used by our troops, and when the Guards arrived in London in the very garments served out to them again for service in South Africa. As they detrained at Waterloo last autumn and marched through the cheering multitude to Wellington barracks, it must be admitted that the mud-colored tunics and breeches failed to appear to the eyes of people who had associated the brave fellows with that "thin red line" of glorious memory, but the outfit certainly possesses many advantages from the point of view of practical work.

MADE IN LANCASHIRE.

Lancashire, of course, is the home of the industry, and in order to meet the requirements of the Government the factories there have lately been working very hard. Some fifteen thousand men and women have been employed recently in manufacturing the clothes, which are packed and transported by fatigue parties of soldiers to the various destinations. As regards clothes, the wisdom of decentralising stores has been abundantly proved during the progress of the present scheme of mobilization. Instead of the deary and confusion which used to ensue when the uniforms were despatched from the London centre to a number of points far and near, we now have a well-organized system under which the goods are sent to the various provincial centers, there to be redistributed. Though strong and unshrinkable, the material is much more flexible than the customary cloth, and enables the man to use his weapon to greater advantage. Any soldier will tell you that the manual and firing exercises can be performed with much greater ease when khaki has been substituted for the tight-fitting and padded regulation tunic. In South Africa, as in the Sudan, there will be times when all officers and men must sleep in their clothes, boots, and accoutrements, and in these conditions a khaki suit is as superior to the average uniform as pyjamas to the frock coat and tweed trousers of the civilian.

VERY POPULAR.

Some army experts are strongly in favor of a more extensive use of khaki for the purpose of campaigning, and especially of a variety called "millerain drill." Officers stationed in India have borne testimony to the rain-repelling properties of this fabric, which made it particularly adapted for use as an overcoat. The same "drill" is also suited for the construction of army tents, because the material does not absorb moisture, besides which, after rain, the tents are not so heavy to move about—a very important matter to troops when campaigning. A thermometer placed in millerain tents has proved that the temperature is lower by ten to fifteen degrees inside, as compared with other tents. The cloth being porous, the heated atmosphere is able to escape, while the material turns the harvest downpour of rain. At the present time there are several regiments in India, cavalry and infantry, clothed in millerain khaki, as well as batteries of artillery. The suits which will be worn by our soldiers are not waterproof, but they are well adapted for hard work. "I have worn various uniforms during the last ten years," said a Guardsman to a press representative, "but give me khaki for a hot climate and rough campaigning. People talk about the superiority of serge, but they forget that bush and bramble will tear wool, but doesn't hurt khaki. At the same time we should like a waterproof overcoat, as the rainy season is coming in South Africa, and the moment you get cold you may become a victim of malaria or dysentery, or both."

In recent years khaki color has become FASHIONABLE WITH LADIES, and khaki gloves are largely sold throughout England. This variety, never, is apt to fade, whereas the

FROM GANANOQUE.

Correspondent Writes That Dodd's Kidney Pills Have Cured Him of Kidney Disease.

Daniel Boucher Experimented With Medicines for Eighteen Years—Finally Persuaded to Try Dodd's Kidney Pills—Five Boxes Cured Him.

Gananoque, Nov. 20.—Mr. Daniel Boucher, of this town, suffered with Kidney Disease for eighteen years. And for the best part of that eighteen years he has been striving to get cured. Experimenting with medicines and doctors all the time, he had never experienced the slightest relief. And now after eighteen years of it he is cured by five boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

The question arises, why did he not try Dodd's Kidney Pills before? The weapon has laid ready to his hand for the last ten years, why did he not use it? Surely he must long have known that Dodd's Kidney Pills have cured hundreds of others right in his own town.

It is hard to understand. Natural perversity is often the only explanation in such cases. Mr. Boucher may have been deceived by the pretensions of imitators of Dodd's Kidney Pills. He may have been prejudiced by some other means, but however it was Mr. Boucher came round to Dodd's Kidney Pills at last and is a healthy man in consequence.

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color for the troops must be tested by an army analyst, and stand thirty-six hours hard boiling! Cyclists and tourists have also taken to the material of late, a special quality of the fabric being manufactured for their use. Perhaps the chief difficulty about khaki is the confusion which exists as to the spelling of the word, "kharki" being favoured by some authorities, and "kharkee" by others. The only objection from the soldier's point of view is that the wearer is liable to be called names. We have all heard of such regimental nicknames as "Straw-boys," "Cherubims," "Nanny Goats," "Slashers," "Sankey's Horse," "die Hards," and the "Dirty Half Hundred," but few people in England know that the first Indian regiment to don khaki became known as the "Dust-men." Such a calamity has, however, so far escaped the lot of the brave fellows who have done yeoman service for us in Egypt and some of whom will shortly embark for new fields of victory in South Africa.

Why should the word be misspelt? "Khaki"—not "kharki"—is a Persian name, which means earthy, or dust-like; the color of dried mud. Khaki-pa is "dust of the feet," and, to "become dust" is khak shudan.

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