

HIS MAJESTY'S UNIFORM.

WHY SHOULD THE OFFICER DISCARD IT AS OFTEN AS HE CAN?

Continental Officers Always Wear Their Uniform in Public—Once a Soldier Always a Soldier—Is the Rule in Europe.

One of the first of Earl Roberts' acts as Commander-in-Chief was the issue of an order that all officers visiting Pall Mall as officers should be attired in the uniform of their rank. That order strikes the right note. Some day, perhaps, His Majesty may, through the Commander-in-Chief, inform his officers of the sister services that it is His Royal will and pleasure that they shall cease to disguise themselves as civilians when off duty.

But is an officer ever really "off duty"? In the other armies of the civilized world they do not think so. The uniform of the Kaiser and the Tsar, of the French Republic and the Emperor of Austria, is not slighted in this way. In all European services it is a military offence for an officer to appear in public, save by special permission and when unofficially visiting foreign countries, without his uniform, and even if this were not the case, no European officer dare brave the ridicule and contempt with which his comrades would visit such an insult to his country.

They are never off duty. They are soldiers from the moment they enter the army till the hour in which they leave it. To them their uniform is a great deal more than a mere suit of more or less gorgeous clothes. It is the outward and visible sign of the fact that they have devoted their lives and energies to the service of their country, and the wearing of it is to them not only a duty,

BUT AN HONOR.

Why does not the British officer think the same of the King's uniform? Why is it to him merely a livery of service, to be worn, as a footman wears his livery, only when he is directly serving his master? Further, one might ask, without impertinence, why the private soldier and the non-commissioned officer is compelled to wear His Majesty's uniform both on and off duty, while those who hold his commission are permitted to get rid of it, as though it were something irksome and disagreeable, at the earliest possible moment—just as the footman does with his livery?

It cannot, of course, be that the British officer holds His Majesty's uniform in anything but honor, though his European brother-in-arms sometimes thinks differently. It would rather seem to be partly the result of a pernicious tradition, and partly on that amateurism which so deplorably interferes with the efficiency of our Army in the field.

The fact is, that the average British officer does not take his profession seriously save when on duty, and therefore the moment his professional duties are over he makes haste to return to civilian life. He has, apparently, a rooted objection to being recognized by the Man in the Street as a bearer of His Majesty's commission, and he likes to get in-

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allowed to wear it as seldom and for as short a time as possible?

The reverse ought surely to be the case. The higher the rank in the King's Service, the greater the honor and the more imperative the duty of wearing the King's uniform.

It must be admitted that the Man in the Street has the right to be able to recognise and to admire the men who have devoted themselves to the noblest of all secular callings, the defence of their native land. We cannot all be soldiers or sailors, but all of us who are worthy citizens of the Empire which these men have won and kept for us love them, and and therefore we like to know them.

To the vast majority of us, our heroes, the men who, in our own generation, have willingly risked life and limb, starvation and disease, to uphold our splendid traditions and to preserve our magnificent heritage are only names that we read in the newspapers. We see portraits of the most famous of them in shop-windows and in the illustrated journals. Why should we have to pass the others by in the street with no more chance of recognising them than if they were well-dressed City clerks, or mere loungers about town?

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DINING WITH THE KAISER.

The Servants Do Well Out of a Court Dinner.

A Court dinner in Germany is a most elaborate affair. A high servant has admitted that nothing save the linen, plate, china, and glass is ever served twice at Court tables. Thus bottles of wine that have been sent up and not uncorked, huge pieces of meat, game, poultry, and sweets in profusion are of necessity left over. These become the perquisites of the servants, who, as can be well imagined, do very well out of a Court dinner.

The Kaiser has made it a new fashion in Germany for host and hostess to sit side by side half-way down the table, and not at each end as here. The guests are supposed to arrive at least twenty minutes before the dinner is served. The actual banquet does not last long.

A man in Berlin, who had been dismissed from the Royal service, boasted that he made a very comfortable income every year by selling the leavings from the Kaiser's feasts. He asserted that many of the restaurateurs in Berlin subsidized him to secure bottles of Imperial wine and delicacies from the table, a source of

stick," and the next moment it came down upon the bald pate of the astonished lawyer, and sent him staggering to his seat.

That's the way it was done, sir, said the boy, amid the shrieks of laughter of the whole courtroom. The discomfited counsel, with a ghastly attempt to smile, said that he had done with the witness—the evidence was direct.

A CHOICE OF TWO.

A number of Glasgow schoolboys went into a doctor's consulting-room to avail themselves of the corporation's offer of free revaccination. After the operation was completed one little fellow was asked to give his name, and the answer came back:

They call me Breeks, but ma maiden-name's McPhairson.

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HOTEL PROPRIETOR WINS HIS CASE.

Under an Unjust Penalty for Eight Years.

Bright's Disease Held the Sentence of Death Over His Head—Suffered all the Misery of Broken Health in the Meanwhile—His Deliverance by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Dresden, May 13, (Special).—Allan McIntosh, proprietor of the well known Clifford House here, in conversation at his house to-day, made a statement that cannot fail to carry with it the weight and influence of the speaker.

"Gentlemen," said he, "Dodd's Kidney Pills cured me of Bright's Disease after eight years of torture." To say that his hearers were surprised, but faintly expressed it. Mr. McIntosh looks so far from an invalid at the present time, that the news of his former affliction with a dreadful malady, like Bright's Disease, sounds unreal and improbable.

The subject arose from a conversation in which one of the gentlemen present complained of backache. Mr. McIntosh at once advised Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Following some further discussion on the merits of Dodd's Kidney Pills came the statement above quoted.

"I had Bright's Disease for over eight years," repeated Mr. McIntosh. "I could get absolutely nothing to help me. Bright's Disease was incurable I found. My back was a continual ache. My urine was of that dark color which is the most alarming symptom of the disease."

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The facts as related by Mr. McIntosh are universally confirmed by the people of Dresden.

DENTISTS MUST BE CAREFUL.

A man in my profession, remarked the dentist, must be careful in selecting his assistants.

I shouldn't think they had much to do with it, said the listener.

Well, they have, continued the dentist. I remember I had one once who had been working in a photographer's gallery, and the first patient he had to handle was the most nervous old chap in the town. I never thought about what he was going to do, and simply told him to arrange the patient in the chair. He did it, and then he said, as he stepped away, "Now look pleasant." And the old fellow rushed out and never came back.

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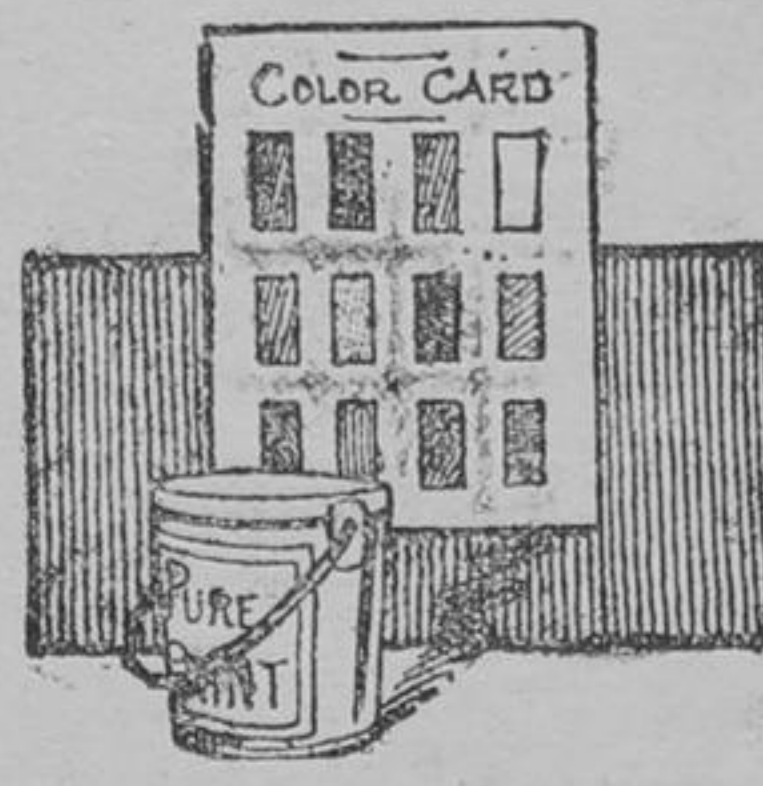
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With us it is not the officer who is saluted, it is the uniform. On the Continent it is both, for the man and his uniform are one. Once a soldier always a soldier, is the rule from end to end of Europe. Why should it not be so in this country?

It would be a welcome sign that the British officer had ceased to look upon the Army as a gentlemanly occupation, and had come to regard it as

A SERIOUS OCCUPATION.

He would live physically in his uniform, just as, mentally, he ought to live in his exalted calling. This may not seem to amount to much, but remember that naval and military officers are human, and that the force of visible association is a very potent force with all of us.

The wearing of uniform would abolish what is now an invidious and a senseless distinction between the commissioned and the non-commissioned man. Reduce the matter to its lowest possible terms, leave the honour of a glorious profession entirely out of the question for the time being, and we find that both are paid servants of His Majesty. Why should the one be compelled to wear the garb of his service during his every-day life, while the other is al-

income that, if true, can be well imagined as being peculiarly lucrative.

HOW IT WAS DONE.

A boy was summoned to testify in a case of assault, in which one man had hit another with a shovel. A host of witnesses had been called, who "beat about the bush" in the most tedious and provoking manner.

This annoyed the lawyer for the prosecution who broke out as follows: Here, boy, we've been going round this case for hours, and yet have no evidence to convict the prisoner. Now, sir, he savagely continued, do you hear me? I want you to come to the direct point. Did you see the blow struck?

Yes, sir.

Ah, ha, chuckled the lawyer, rubbing his hands, we have something to work upon. Here, my good lad take this cane, handing him his walking-stick. If you saw the blow struck, you must know how it was given.

Yes, sir, I—
Now, then, no words about it, I tell you! thundered the interrogator. I'm the complainant and you are the prisoner. Now, just raise the stick, and show the Court.
The bewildered lad did "raise the

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