



CHEATING THE WAR DEVIL

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gamekeeper; caretaker of properties; gardener; driver of agricultural machines; contractor for agricultural machinery; mechanic; vine-grower; hurseryman and seedsmen; tree cultivator; cultivation of willow for basket-making industry; grazer (herd raising); cowherd; dairy employee; butter maker; cheese-maker; steeper and stripper of flax and hemp; cider maker; sheep raising expert; hog raising and sheep raising expert; hog raising and fattening specialist; silk-worm industry; small live stock raising; rabbit raising; fish culture, bee culture.

And this is but one of the many fields open to war-mutilated men in this vast opportunity for vocational re-education.

In Canada the work that is just getting fairly well under way in our own country has long been in successful prosecution.

Canadian experience, a member of the military hospitals commission said recently, shows that of the wounded and disabled returned to Canada, only about ten per cent. will be unable to return to their former occupations. The percentage of totally blind is small.

Two Hundred Occupations.

They are training their men there for about two hundred different occupations. Technical schools and institutions are being used, and, moreover, through the co-operation of manufacturers and employers, a great many men are being trained in the labor market themselves. Those in charge of the work in Canada have not found any evidence of a desire on the part of the manufacturers to exploit the men, and they have received, one of their number has said, splendid co-operation from the labor men. Their whole aim is so to train the men that they will hold the jobs because of their efficiency, and not because of any compassion for them.

An aim of our general work of re-construction is to fit men, disabled by war, for existing and standard industries, rather than to develop special trades, devices and machinery. A man who has had this training should be able to go out and get a job in the same way that any other man would, fitting into normal demands, using regular tools and machines, getting ahead by his own ability.

Special concessions are not expected, or desired. The object is to make a man normal again. If he receives special consideration, the purpose of the work will be defeated. Every man or woman who gives

aims but not opportunity to the disabled man—be he soldier, sailor or civilian—is an enemy of reconstruction, one of our own army officers said recently. One gift of money that is not actually earned may utterly stifle the ambition of a handicapped man.

A Chance, Not Charity.
"They don't want your charity—they demand their chance," is the way that a magazine-writer has well put it. "We, the stay-at-homes, the brothers and sons of scarred and maimed men, sitting in agony for our sakes—we must be reconstructed, too—must reconstruct our impulses—must lose the Tarpeian Rock attitude toward the crippled—must learn to measure the worth of a fellow by his enterprise and capacity and give him the preference at every post and in every engagement—if he can deliver the goods. A civilization that won't do its duty by its defenders isn't worth fighting for—prepare to prove that this one is."

Avenues of usefulness open up in the most unexpected directions. Besides training men who have lost one or both legs in such pursuits as stenography, telegraphy and other usual occupations involving manual dexterity, less well-known vocations are being pursued with gratifying success.

At Walter Reed Hospital, in Washington, for instance, returned soldiers are making rugs, by the methods used by nomadic tribes of Asia. The beauty of the hand-made Oriental rugs has never been attained with modern machines, so the secrets of making Persian and Turkish rugs are being taught to ex-soldiers, bricklayers, men of countless former trades, who have given their best on the battlefields of France and are now applying that same enthusiasm in cheating the war devil.

All reconstructed soldiers are not to be returned immediately to civil life as soon as they are restored. Some will have a chance to get back into the war organization. Some injured soldiers will be able to go back to full duty and return to their units, after getting special training. Others, who can only be fitted for limited service, will be trained to act as instructors in hospitals, typists, bookkeepers and in similar vocations.

Special vocational training is for men no longer fit for military service. But no soldiers will be discharged from the service, it has been announced, even though they are unfit for further military duty, until they have attained a complete recovery, according to the nature of their wounds.

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hills
That seem to guard the sleeping
town.
And in the hush and in the pause
That mark the ending of the year,
As softly as the falling snow
Your gentle spirit draweth near,
At Christmas.

At Christmaside an angel leaves
The door ajar a little space,
And peace and joy and charity
Beam on us from the Shining Place:
And you, I think, slip through the
door,
Drawn by the well-remembered
days,
The silent house breathes out again
The blessing of your quiet ways,
At Christmas.

At Christmaside old friends es-
tranged

Renew their long-forgotten ties:
"Peace and goodwill," the angels'
sung
In benediction from the skies.
And you—for what can hinder love?
I think you leave the Happy Host
And come with comfort, for you
know
This is the time we miss you most,
At Christmas.
—GEORGIA DAVIES.

For motion picture makers apparatus has been invented for photographing silhouettes of grotesque animals moved by human actors as they appear on a screen.
An electric lamp to be mounted on the handle of a safety razor and take current from a light socket has been patented by an Englishman to aid shavers.
A jointless railway crossing that has been invented has pieces of rail at the intersections which are turned in the direction that a train is travelling.



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Fashion Tips.

Evening wraps are more beautiful than ever this season, though war modes prevail. Fur figures to a large extent, especially in the limousine garments, the more perishable fur being used for evening wraps, and the furs that stand hard wear for the touring wraps. Unusually attractive is a wrap, a dolman cape, for evening wear made of apricot and cream colored shaded silk, and the entire wrap is edged with a wide band of monkey fur. An embroidered band runs down the front, white satin embroidered in silver and gold thread, growing wider at the bottom; there it is lost in the fur band. The fur collar is high and is caught with two large white satin buttons embroidered to match the panel. Another dolman cape is in black velvet and gold tinsel brocade. The lining is of lilac and green shaded silk and the fur used is skunk.

Fur robes mounted on shawl rugs are as much used as ever for touring; seal, beaver, muskrat and skunk are the furs generally used for these robes. There are a few crush plush robes with fur linings that are a bit more dressy, but not quite as warm. Many tourists favor the individual robes as affording greater warmth and comfort and most of them have the foot and muff pockets as well. Waterproofed robes are always carried for emergency as repeated wettings are not good for the best of furs and the protection lengthens their wearing qualities.

Hints for the Tops of Cars.

If a top is folded when it is wet or damp it is likely to be ruined sooner or later if the procedure is kept up very long. Dirt or grease on the top should not be removed with gasoline. The reason for this is that the latter tends to dissolve the rubber in the fabric and causes it to blister. Leather tops should be washed with soap and warm water, after which a suitable top dressing can be applied. The top will hold its shape better if it is left continually up. Whenever it is lowered care should be taken that the folds are pushed well in from the bows to prevent pinching and sharp creasing. A good brushing inside and out will do much to lengthen the life of the top. Top curtains and celloid windows that have been scratched considerably may be restored to their original transparency by giving them a coat of acetone varnish.