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MORE FRAGMENTS *from* FRANCE



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Capt. Bruce Bairnsfather

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When he writes home—

The world is brighter, hearts are happier. And in his mind kind smiling faces are pictured as he writes. Opportunities for writing at the Front are fleeting. Many are lost for want of an every-ready pen. So a happy suggestion is, send him a "Swan" Fountpen.

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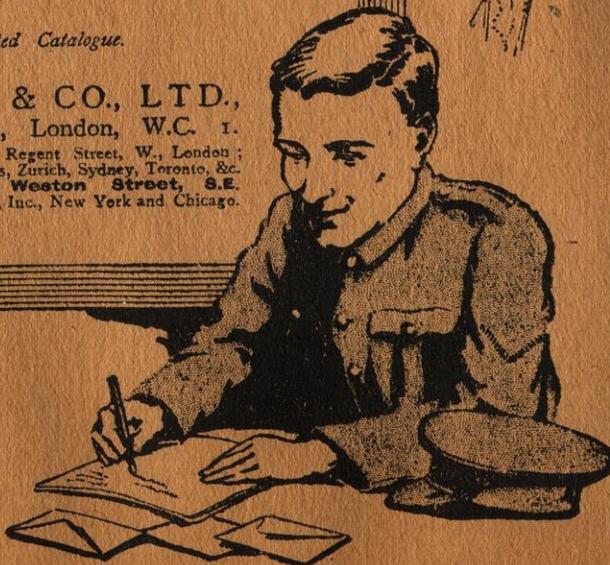
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FRAGMENTS FROM FRANCE

By
CAPTAIN
BRUCE
BAIRNSFATHER



To - J. J. N. and Sister
with love from

Uncle Graf.

7/19/18.

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Captain Bruce Bairnsfather

Whose fifth volume of laughter-making "Fragments" is here presented



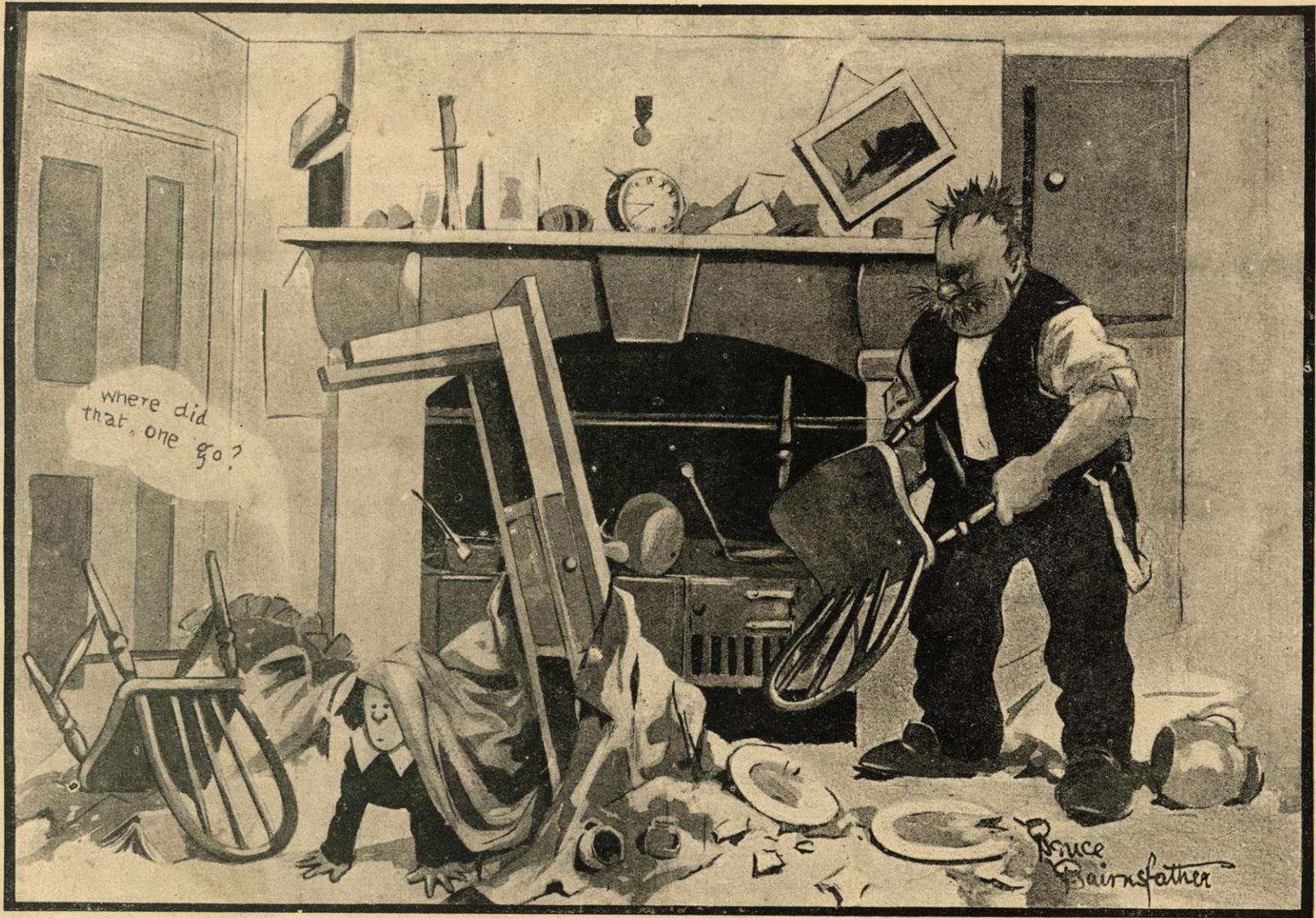
Envy at the Chateau

"Bit of alright, bein' one of these 'ere dukes, Bert, and 'ave a bed like this to sleep in"



A Tidy Job

"S'pose we'll 'ave to stop behind and tidy all this up when it's over, Bert?"



"The Bystander's" Fragments from France

19...?

No! This isn't an air-raid bomb bother. Only his grandson Harold, aged eight, has just asked Old Bill what he did in the great war



Romance Will Return if We Wait Long Enough

"All shell-holes are the same to me when I'm with you, darling"



Noel

(and they *do* know it!)

"Their Christmas don't seem to fall on the same day as ours, does it, Bert?"



"Duds"

Quoth the raven . . . !



Fish and Chip

"Now, then, you two, there's nothing more till 4.30" (Old Bill is not going to the Zoo again)



Second-Lieut. Mabel Smells Powder (No novelty)

"There you are, Bert; I told you we'd 'ave 'em 'ere before we'd finished"



Down at the Base Camp

"'E 'as to pick up odd bits of paper and match-ends down the camp, sir; but 'e don't seem to 'ave 'is 'eart in 's work, sir!"



"Lead, Kindly Light . . ."

"Yes, I know the road's rotten, but I'm sure this habit of Sec.-Lieut. Smith's of finding his way back to billets with his private repeater Verrey pistol (that his aunt sent him) will lead to trouble"



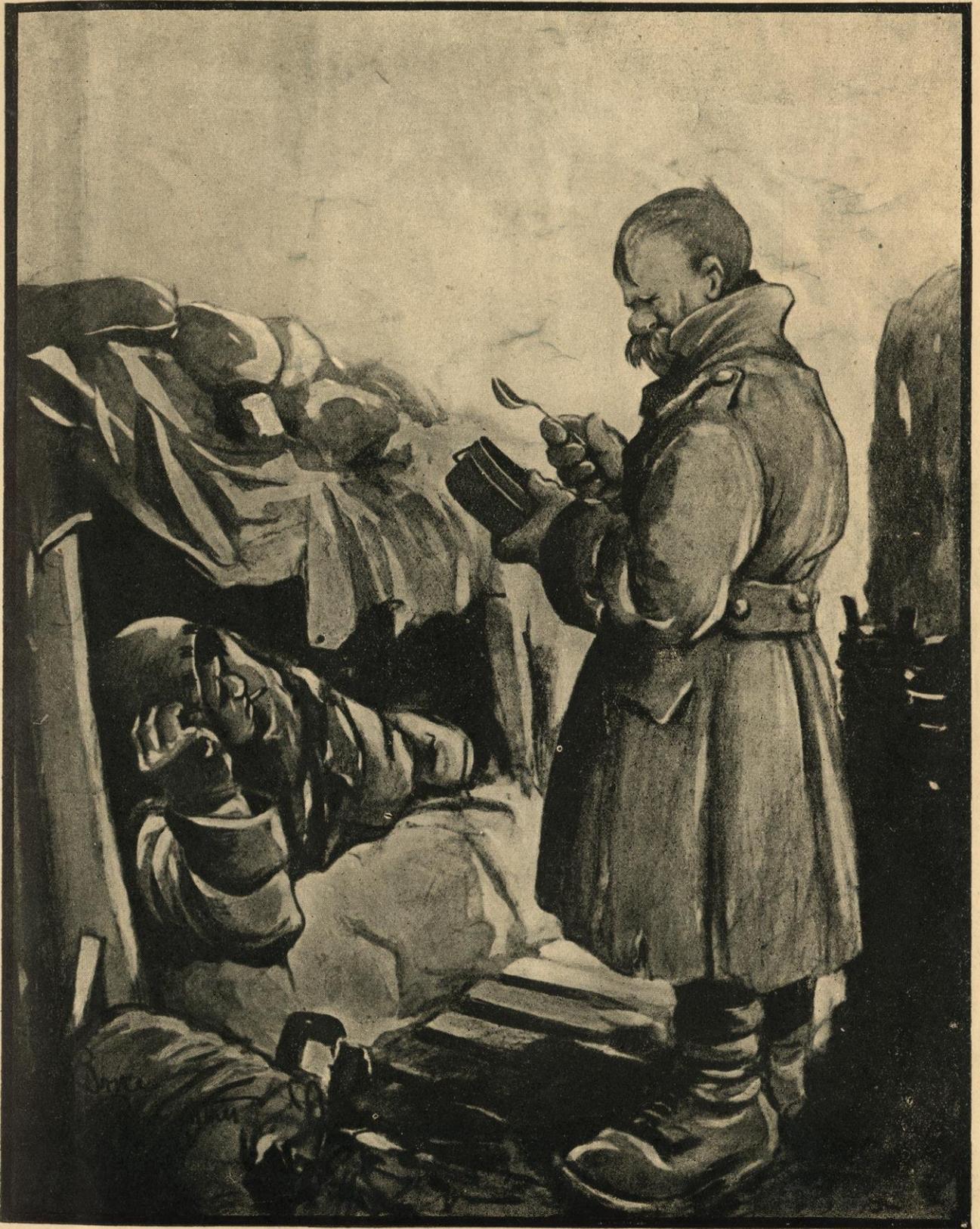
A Parcel Worth Holding on For

"If you'll just 'old that blinkin' ladder tight a bit longer, mate, I'll 'ave the big 'un for you!"



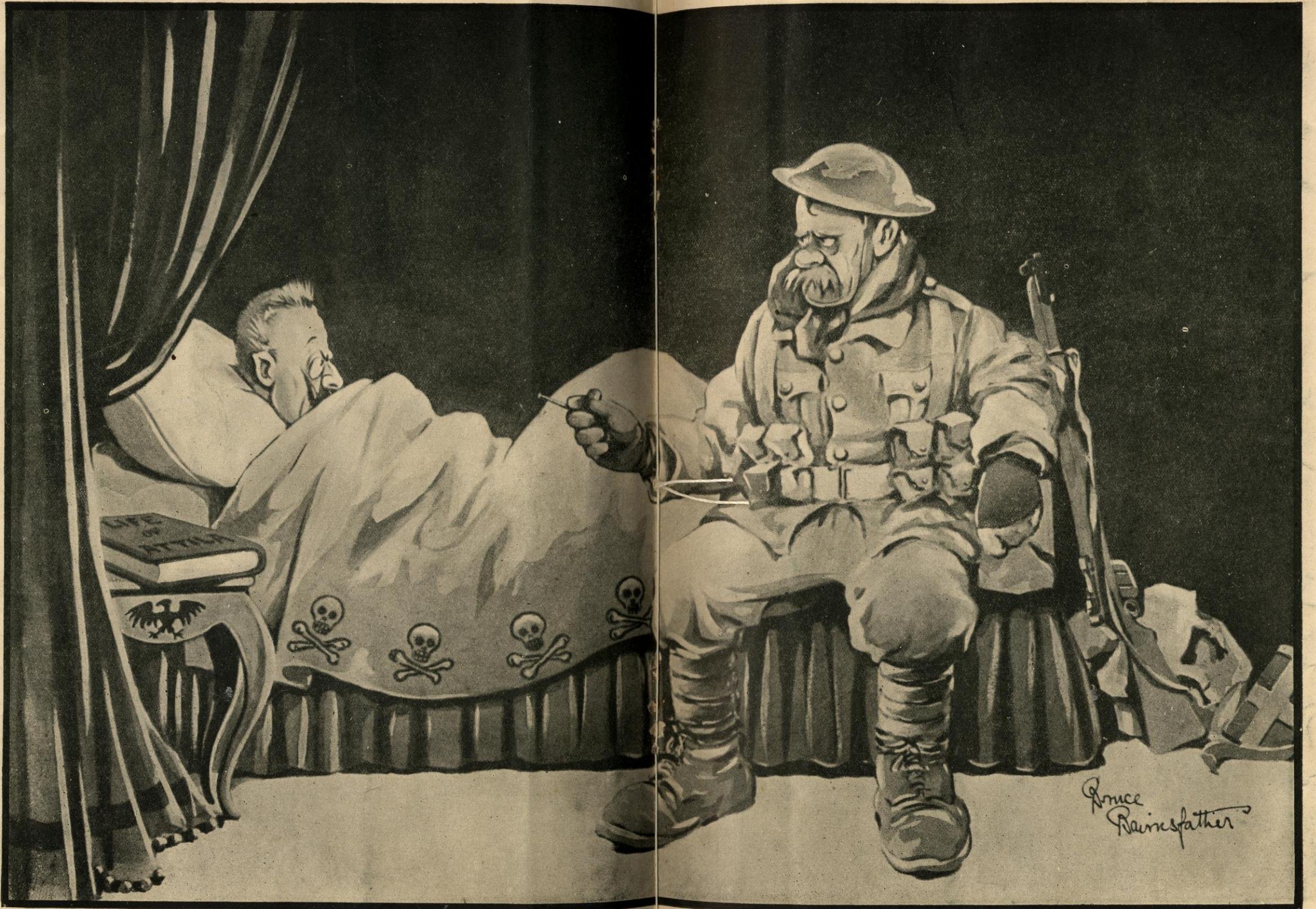
"Old Bill" at Madame Cheerio's

"You are shortly going on a journey across a field ; an ugly man with a square head will cross your path ; you will then hear a loud noise, after which you will rise very high in your profession." (Old Bill, incited by Bert to have his fortune told before returning to the front, didn't like the sound of this forecast at all)



The Soothsayer Without Honour

"Look 'ere, if I gets blown up in any more o' yer dreams, there's goin' to be trouble!"



His Master's Voice

"What an 'ell of a mess you've made of the name of William"



"It's the Little Things that Matter"

"As soon as that fortified incubator on the left of that road is taken, Lille is ours!"



"Dry Ginger" in the Trenches

"Stow that blinkin' row, can't yer? You'll bring on an offensive with that hiccupin' o' yours"



The Price of a Pint!

"As far as I can make out from the papers, Bert, breweries seem to 'ave been 'ard 'it by this blinkin' war!"



The Point of View

"Well, if it don't get nairier than this by Christmas, it won't be up to much"



Duty before Pleasure

"Well, if yer thinks yer ought to, I'll lend yer this bit o' mistletoe o' mine"



Anglo-Saxon

"You're comin' along with me, my lad, as soon as this is over!"

(Hermann feels that he does know a better 'ole.)



Through Mud to Victory

Private 90045 Gerrard, after three-quarters of a mile of this, sincerely hopes it won't be a dud!



Something on Account

"I see it's security for the future we are a fightin' for, Alf"
"A little of that on account, now, wouldn't be a bad idea, Bert"



Old Bill's War-Aim

To live to see a day like this



~~C3.~~ C. C.
THE LAST MAN



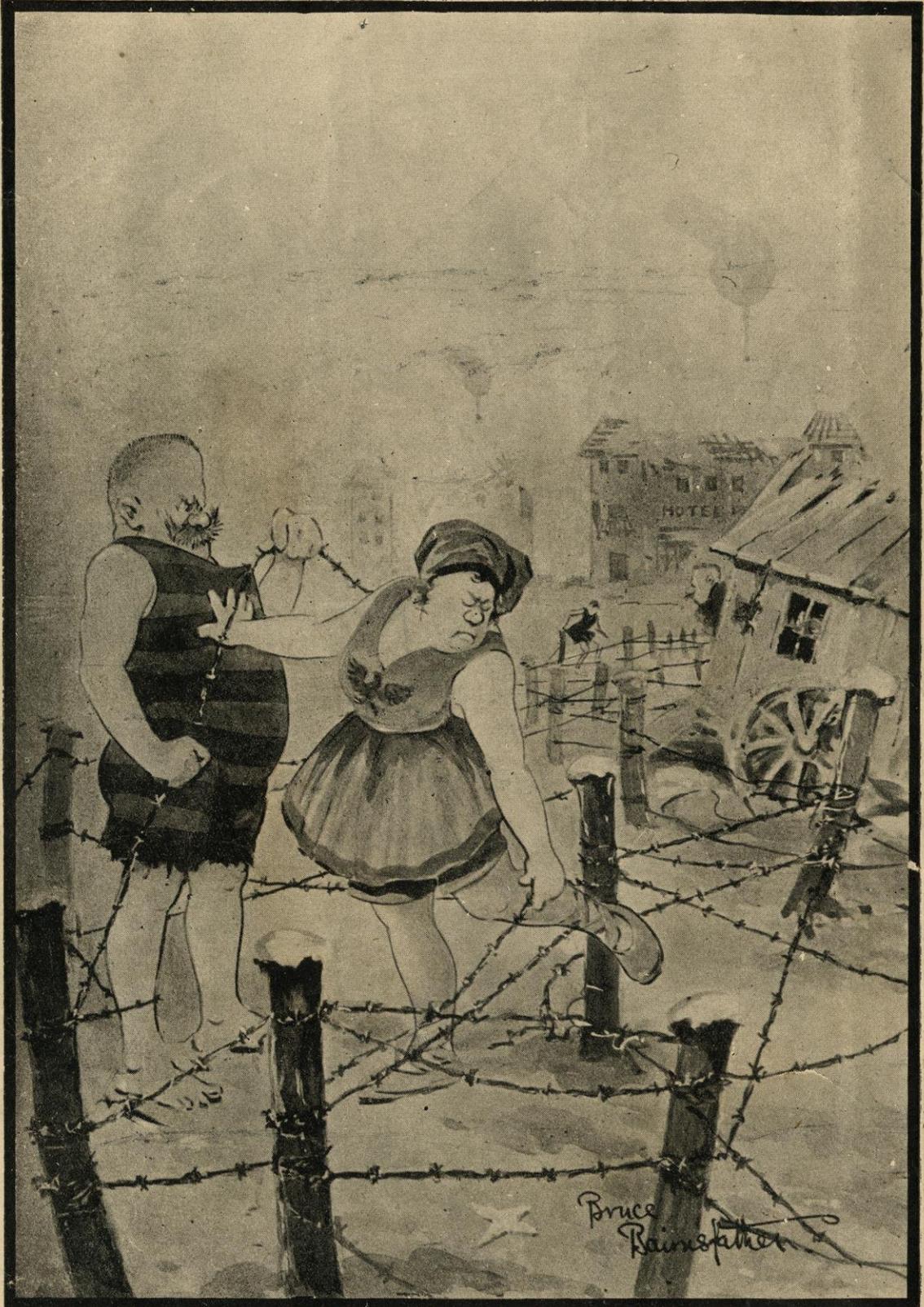
Mars—NOT Venus THE PEPSTEIN OLD BILL

This enthralling work is the latest production of Mr. Ephraim Pepstein, the famous sculptor. You will be glad to see that going into the Army has not spoil his touch



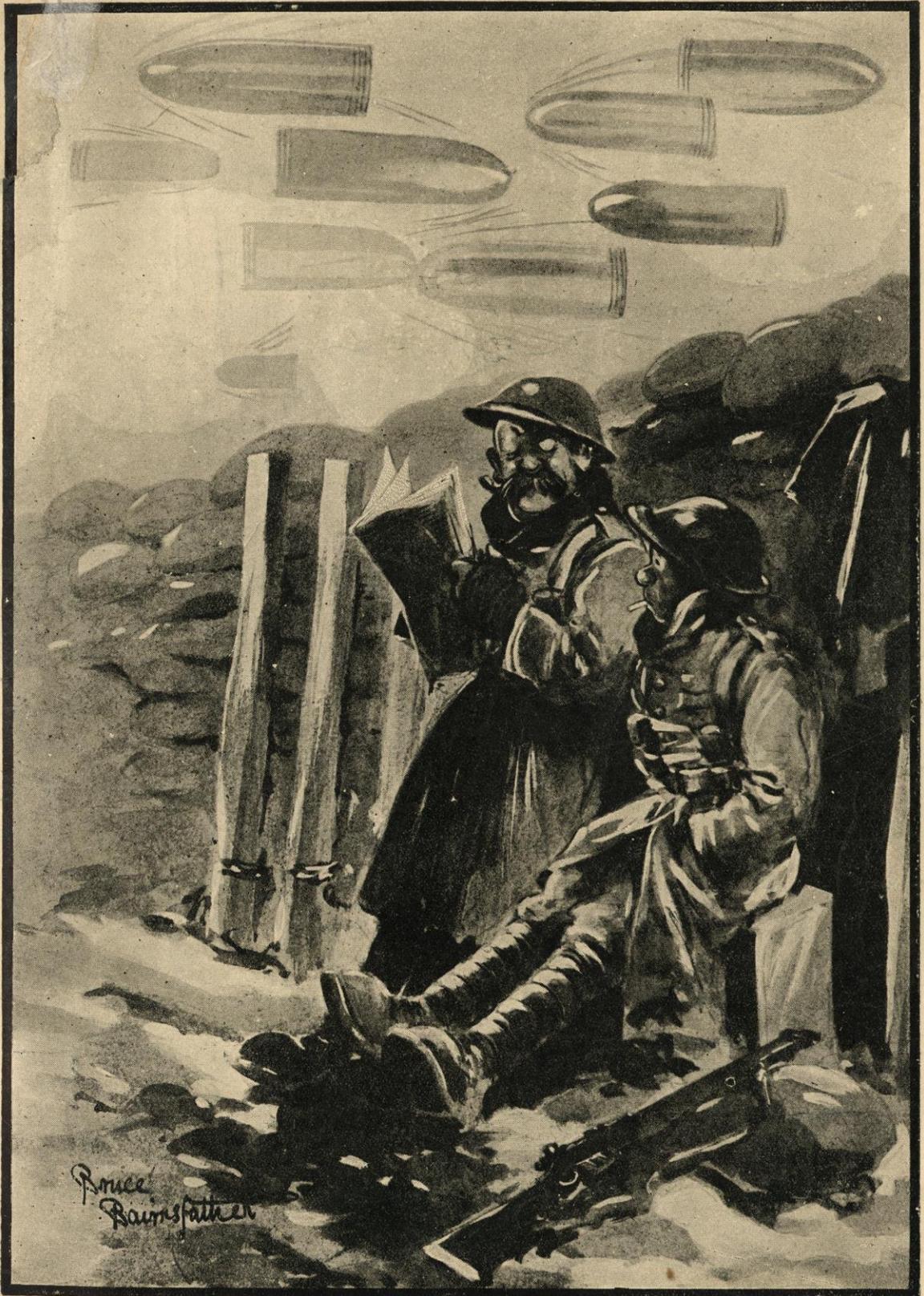
Bill, the Bad Baron

"It was unfortunate that Old Bill had been playing the Baron in 'Puss-in-Boots' at the Armentières Panto., as he hadn't time to change completely before that attack broke out"



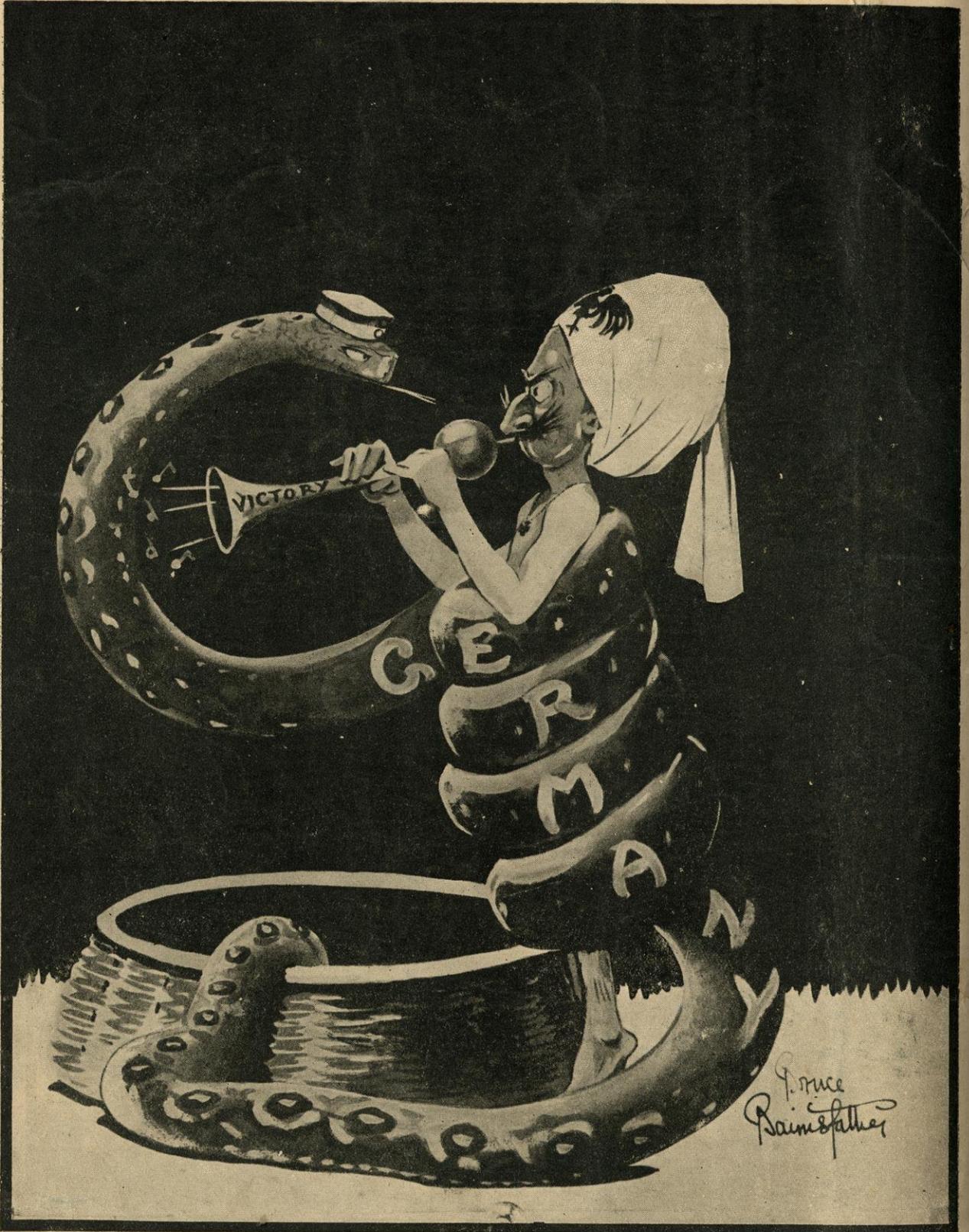
More "Entanglements"

Bathing at Cassé Les Bains is going to be rotten again this year



A Really Welcome Economy

"One shell-less day a week wouldn't be a bad idea, would it, Bert?"



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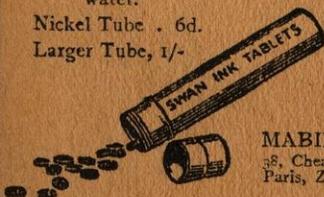
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Now of this book you've reached the end,
I'd like one word with you, my friend:
Of "Bill" and "Bert"—our fighting men—
You've read—and laughed! And if again
You'd laugh with them, their doings seek
In the

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