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THE CADUCEUS.

MEANS EFFICIENCY

Learn to say the name properly when you call for your copy of The Caduceus.

The correct pronunciation is—

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It is the name of the insignia of the medical department of the United States army. It stands for the honor, the efficiency and the lauded reputation of that branch of our military service.

The Caduceus, as the Camp Greene Base Hospital magazine, is striving by its bearing to maintain those qualities. It makes no exception of its business announcements. It will pay you to read The Caduceus advertisements.

SPORTSMANSHIP.

The base hospital should have as many men as possible in as many events as possible in the Fourth of July athletic meet of Camp Greene. No opportunities should be lost in developing athletic prowess and the spirit of real sportsmanship. Every man possible should be on hand to fight his race or contest every inch of the way.

America has led the world in the promotion of sports. In her athletic games which follow the trail of the seasons, she engages more men in the tests of skill and strength than any other three nations use in a year in their athletic fetes. "Young America" has never failed to take "time out" whenever possible to develop a pitching arm, a booting leg and a tennis swing. It has been time well spent.

The body trained in sports is the finest controlled machine that ever moved. It is one which can develop its full striking power in an instant. It can hold its self-control when all about is din and chaos. It can give and take with no thought of quitting the battle until the victory is won. It can smile when pain is greatest.

It is sportsmanship that has beaten Germany—for no matter how long the conflict may continue that nation was defeated when she challenged the "sporting blood" of England and America. A German statesman has well said that these two nations do not know when they are beaten. England has bled until her women are operating nearly every form of industry and yet her reconstructed fighting men go over the top with the same easy determination that her fresh soldiers showed in 1914. America has joined the contest with the ambition to win. Her men can never be whipped. The ninth inning rally is near at hand. The rush for the tape will soon be called and every athletic trained muscle will respond. The "center rush" will carry our fighters across the Hindenburg line.

It is the high school and college cry of "fight to the finish, never give in" that will beat the coaching methods of German schemers and it is the spirit that should be developed at every chance.

A MAN.

A man who is worthy to be called a leader amongst men is one who never thinks about the inferiority of mankind, the inappreciation of the public, the stupidity of his helpers; all of these are a part and parcel of the great game of life and the man who meets these conditions face to face and who does not go down before them in discouragement and defeat is a final proof of power.

MANY NEW BOOKS.

Five hundred new books were transferred from the camp library to the base hospital library on Wednesday. The volumes, which hold a wide variance of text, are being assorted and placed on the shelves of the branch library.

THE GLORIOUS FOURTH

On the fourth of July, one hundred and forty-seven years ago, the American colonies startled the world by the declaration that "all men are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights among which are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

While the nations of king-ruled peoples gasped at their audacity, those common folk who feared only the judgments of the Lord declared for "the station to which the laws of Nature and of Nature's God" entitled them and with the finest profession of political faith that man has ever written into his state documents they closed that immortal declaration by the solemn words—"with a firm reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our Sacred Honor."

They asserted the rights of freemen in an open way that the earth had never known before. King George paced his palace halls in wild fury. Parliament declared that such an unruly spirit must be broken. Armies of professional warriors were martialed and fleets were dispatched to crush the very life of those who dared to question the power of might.

You know the hallowed story. The little ships of the colonists carried the strength of ten in their conflicts on the seas. The bare-foot soldiers were heedless of toil and death as they battled for the honor they had proclaimed. All meagre savings were placed unreservedly at the disposal of Alexander Hamilton, when he begged from door to door for the soldier's pay.

In the end a new democracy was given to the world.

On the Fourth of July, for a century and a half of sunshine, made possible by the courage and sufferings of those mighty men, we have paid our tribute to them, in song and story.

But this year it will be different. We are not to give the day over to reveling in the glory of a noble ancestry. We are to reconsecrate our lives and our resources to the maintaining of the ideals they established. We are to renew our pledge to the allies. We are to live one of the greatest epochs in American history.

A century and a half ago there were less than a dozen races represented in the men who dared to stake their all against tyranny. Today a mighty polyglot of peoples, millions strong, gathered from every corner of the globe, but assembled for one purpose, form the army of Truth. When Liberty calls to America today the earth trembles with the tread of armed freemen. On the Fourth of July this year there are to be more ships given to the sea from American ports, for the cause of independence, than were ever loosed from the docks of the world on any one day before.

The resources of the forest girt and Indian harried colonists of 1775 were scarce enough to feed the little army of Washington. Today the sons of Democracy haul out treasure chests of gold and steel that overtops the wealth of all the rest of the earth combined. In the spirit of their ancestors they are placing it all at the feet of Liberty.

On July Fourth, 1775, a galaxy of statesmen proclaimed that the ideal of freedom was just. A land of patriots who have had the courage to live or to die for that ideal have established it in our hearts as a living truth. Today we have taken that text as our gospel in our stand against Kaiserism.

On this new Fourth of July we are standing before the world as willing to give our all for that principal. The promise of Independence day this year is that the ideals of Franklin and Jefferson and Adams, of Washington and Hamilton and Hancock—shall not perish from the earth.