

## THE CADUCEUS.

## RECONSTRUCTION



(BY SERGT. RAY J. DERWORT.)

## TO PROSPECTIVE PATIENTS.

There seems to exist in the minds of some men the idea that the reconstruction section of this hospital was built for the express purpose of providing a place wherein "Goldbricks" might live in ease and comfort. With the intention of disabusing those minds of this idea this short article was written. These wards are a place to themselves where men who are convalescent may get the necessary exercise and drill to fit them to join their commands in as good condition as when they left them considering, of course, the fact that most of them have undergone operations which to some extent have put them slightly below par of their normal physical condition. A day here starts with reveille roll call at 6 a. m. At 6:30 a. m. they are marched to breakfast by the NCO in charge of quarters. After breakfast the beds are made up and quarters policed for inspection which takes place at 8:45. Then comes sick call at 9 a. m. when each man is questioned as to the amount of sleep and also if it was restful. Immediately following this comes drill call which consists of infantry close order drill and short hikes. A rest period of ten minutes is given after which the physical director of the Y. M. C. A. puts them through a series of setting up exercises until 11 a. m. Then the pulse and respiration is taken at five-minute intervals for fifteen minutes to determine what affect the exercise has had on the heart action. At 11:30 they are marched to the mess hall for dinner;

## SHE RUNS HER WORDS TOGETHER

Have you met the girl who runs her words together all the time?  
If you have, no doubt you will appreciate this little rime.  
When she starts to talk she finds she has a lot of things to say,  
So she runs them all together just to get them out of the way,  
And if what she says were printed it would make an awful muss,—  
Set up in type her prattle would resemble something thus:

I went downtown to a bargain sale this afternoon at three;  
I had no business going. I was tired as could be.  
Last night we girls made fudge. Some of the boys were up, you know.  
We played whist till after twelve. Tonight I'm going to a show.  
Was you at the concert last night? Heard it was simply fine!  
Do I want nice cream soda? Sure! A maple nut for mine!

Have you met the girl who runs her words together? Don't it sound  
Like a hedge-hog teaching Sunday-school three miles below the ground?  
If you could understand her it might not be so very bad,  
But she predigests her lingo till it makes folk hopping mad!  
Do you blame a man for getting sore? Or wonder that he balks  
When he meets a girl who runs her words together when she talks?  
—Howard C. Kegley.

## CHANGES OF THE WEEK.

Arrivals: Slattery, Dawber, Hoffenberg, Stalvey, Armstrong, Lambert, Ketchen, Thompson, Lee, Swanberg, Hansford, Bay.

Departures: Markus, Weiss, Mullins, Confer.

Transfers: To C-7: Golgodian.

## WISE AND OTHERWISE.

Sergeant Derwort to Mullins: Will you run an errand for me?"

Mullins: "I don't know how to run one of them things."

Be careful, Slattery, and don't sneeze in company, you might say something.

Lufgreen and Handel set the pace on the hikes. Some speedsters.

Collville accidentally got hold of a broom and nearly spoiled his spotless attire.

1 p. m. fatigue of a light character takes up a part of the afternoon; the rest of the afternoon the men engage in games, basket ball, volley ball and indoor baseball predominating. At 4:30 they are marched to supper after which they are free to go and come as they please until 7 p. m. when they are all checked up. They are again allowed their freedom until 11 p. m. which time all must be abed. Lights are put out at 10 p. m. This daily routine soon fits them for active duty and they are again sent to their commands strong, healthy soldiers.

## GETS TRAINING.

Sergeant Irving Weil, first sergeant of Base Hospital No. 92, formerly of New York, is now at the detachment office receiving instruction on the proper way of taking care of records, filling insurance, etc., from the hand of Hospital Sergeant P. J. Dempsey.

## ANOTHER BIRTH.

Sergeant Irwin Kerenblatt, of Camp Headquarters, is now the happy father of a bouncing baby girl born at the obstetrical ward here on August 21st. The little girl is endowed with the poetic name of Virginia May. Both mother and daughter are progressing nicely.

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