

ABOUT SWEETHEARTS

SOMETHING WAS STARTED BY
"JIM" OF C ROW.

The entire editorial force of The Caduceus has been hunting for the base hospital patient who signed himself "Jim" of the C row when he wrote a treatise "About Sweethearts" two weeks ago. We have not found him. He is either gone from the hospital care or is in hiding like the mysterious and powerful Junius of English literary history.

But "Jim" started something when he discussed the gentle topic of love. A mother, living on Elizabeth avenue, launched an attack against the phase of "Jim's" philosophy which seemed to disregard a certain element of self restrained on the part of the maid enamored by the khaki show of the loyal lad.

This week we have two more letters which take up the vital subject from yet different angles.

Soldiers Need Friends.

"Dear Mr. Editor:-

"It seems as though Jim of "C" row is causing a great discussion on the subject of soldiers' sweethearts. I think Jim was right about it is best for soldiers to have a sweetheart and most of the soldiers have a real sweetheart back home, that are true as steel, while others have not.

"The Elizabeth avenue mother seems to think that soldiers are wrong in having a girl in every camp; I think it is nice for a soldier to make friends with the young ladies in every camp town if it is possible.

"I am a Charlotte girl the same age of this mother's daughter.

"I have a soldier sweetheart who is now on the battlefield of France. I am being true to him, but would he want me to sit at home and mope all the while he is away? No, he would not. While there is so much I can do to make life happier for the boys now stationed at Camp Greene.

"These boys are away from home, lonely I am sure because I have met many of them. I invite them to my home as often as possible for me to do so. As yet I have not met one fellow who has told me I was the first love and has not been a perfect gentleman.

I am just a friend to one and all, I never get sentimental with them and a sensible girl does not. I invite the soldiers to my home to meet my parents and my mother helped me entertain, and my girl friends come over. As yet I have not had one of the girls to tell me about their falling in love, and they tell me all about their friendships, they are just good friends. A girl does not have to be in love every time she goes with a boy a second time like a great many seem to think.

"No mother should be uneasy about her daughter going with a soldier if she has the confidence of her daughter like every mother should. From experience, if every mother teaches her daughter right she will not fall in love with every soldier that she meets."

Signed

"A Charlotte Girl."

From A Sweetheart.

"The interesting subject, concerning the soldiers' sweetheart" has caused some real excitement for the readers of the Caduceus. There seems to be room for argument on the matter and since I am a soldier's sweetheart I think I have a right to give my opinion of it. There's always two sides to an argument so naturally I will express the thoughts of an American girl in my own way.

"Since all of our own playmates, the boys we grow up with, have left our little town to become a part of our magnificent army we, the girls they left behind, have opened our hearts and homes to the playmates of other girls. No true American girl will snub the brother, or refuse to let him come into her home, of another girl. If we should fall in love with every soldier we met I'm afraid our poor hearts would be having a terrible war all their own. Some of us haven't met our life long playmates till the soldiers came here. Sometimes I think that is one of the blessings of the great conflict—to bring the sons and daughters of the NORTH and SOUTH together.

How else would we have met them? If the "Mother" had already talked with a soldier who has a sweetheart "back home" she will know that that is the very first thing he tells you beside his name and home town, especially if it is New York, or within a hundred miles of it. It is very easy to pick them out so I really can not see where the argument comes in. Can you? Some of them say that the thoughts of "the girl he left behind" are what make the boys fight with a determination to wipe the Hun from the earth. It is up to us to keep the heart-fires burning—so what Mother is going to object to this true friendship? I agree with Jim.

A GIRL IN DILWORTH.

CHANGE IN "LINE OF DUTY."

A new and more liberal policy has been adopted by the war department in reference to determining when a soldier discharged for disability shall be regarded as having suffered the injury or contracted the disease "in line of duty." This policy is announced in General Order No. 47, paragraph 2, as follows:

"Hereafter any soldier who shall have been accepted on his first physical examination after arrival at a military station as fit for service shall be considered to have contracted any subsequent determined physical disability in the line of duty unless such disability can be shown to be the result of his own carelessness, misconduct or vicious habits, or unless the history of the case shows unmistakably that the disability existed prior to entrance into the service. The same rulings shall apply in the cases of officers who have been passed as fit for service on physical examination upon entrance into the service."

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