

INOCULATED FOR "FLU."

Secretary Danie's has officially commended nine enlisted men of the navy who volunteered to be inoculated with the Spanish influenza serum in order that medical officers of the navy might learn some specific facts regarding the disease and possible means of its prevention.

The experiment took place early in the spread of the epidemic in the first naval district, Boston, and the volunteers understood thoroughly the danger to the disease is not due to a filterable virus, as that which they were to expose themselves.

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JUST THINKING.

By HUDSON HAWLEY.
Standin' up here on the fire-step,
Lookin' ahead in the mist,
And a rifle clutched in your fist:
Waitin' and watchin' and wonderin'
If the man's comin' over tonight—
Say, aren't the things you think of
Enough to give you a fright?

Things you ain't ever thought of
For a couple o' montas or more;
Things that 'ull set you laughin',
Things that 'ull make you sore;
Things that you saw in the movies,
Things that you saw on the street,
Things that you're really proud of,
Things that are not—so sweet.

Debts that are past collectin',
Stories you bear and forget,
Ball games and birthday parties,
Hours of drill in the wet;
Headlines, recruitin' posters,
Sunset 'way out at sea,
Evenings of pay-days—golly—
It's a queer thing, this memory!

Faces of pals in Homeburg,
Voices of womanfolk,
Verses you learnt in school-days
Pop up in the mist and smoke
As you stand there, grippin' that rifle
A-starin', and chilled to the bone,
Wonderin' and wonderin' and wonderin'
Just thinkin' there—all alone!

When will this war be over?
When will the gang break through
What will the U. S. look like?
What will there be to do?
Where will the Boches be then?
Who will have married Nell?
When's that relief a-comin' up?
Gosh! But this thinkin's hell!

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