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Morning Tonic

THE death of Seneca E. Payne has led many newspapers to allude to the "Old Guard" naughtiness, the stepmother of discipline, the chief author of all mischief, one of the seven deadly sins, the cushion upon which the devil chiefly reposes, and a great cause not only of melancholy, but of many other diseases; for the mind is naturally active, and if it is not occupied about some honest business, it rushes into mischief, or sinks into melancholy.

Uncle Yall Mason

A WINNING smile distorts my phiz, e'en while the jumping rheumatism is scorching through my bones; for I discovered long ago it doesn't pay to voice one's woe, and fill the air with groans. Not Spartan is this soul of mine; by nature I'm inclined to whine, when I am sick or sore; my impulse FER ASPERA is to tear my hair, to shed the briny and to swear, and make myself a bore. Experience has shown to me that if a man wants sympathy, when he is out of luck, he'll make the scalding teardrops cease rolling down his frontpiece, and show some signs of pluck. And sympathy, my friends, is sweet, when one has colle in his feet, or gout all up his back; 'tis good to see his friends come in and praise him for his cheerful grin that does not jump the track. The man who grins and bears his pain in course of time will surely gain a fine and fair renown: the story of his dauntless front when rheumatism did its stunt, will travel over town. The men will say he is a jo, because he faces pain and woe with calm and steadfast eye; and lovely dames will bring him jam, and chicken broth, and deviled ham, and slabs of pumpkin pie. So, self-blied, I jog along, and try to croak a cheerful song, and stop the flow of brine; and as I hobble on my crutch, I say, "They don't amount to much, these dog-gone aches of mine!"

NEEDED IN THE STATE.

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Savoird's Letter

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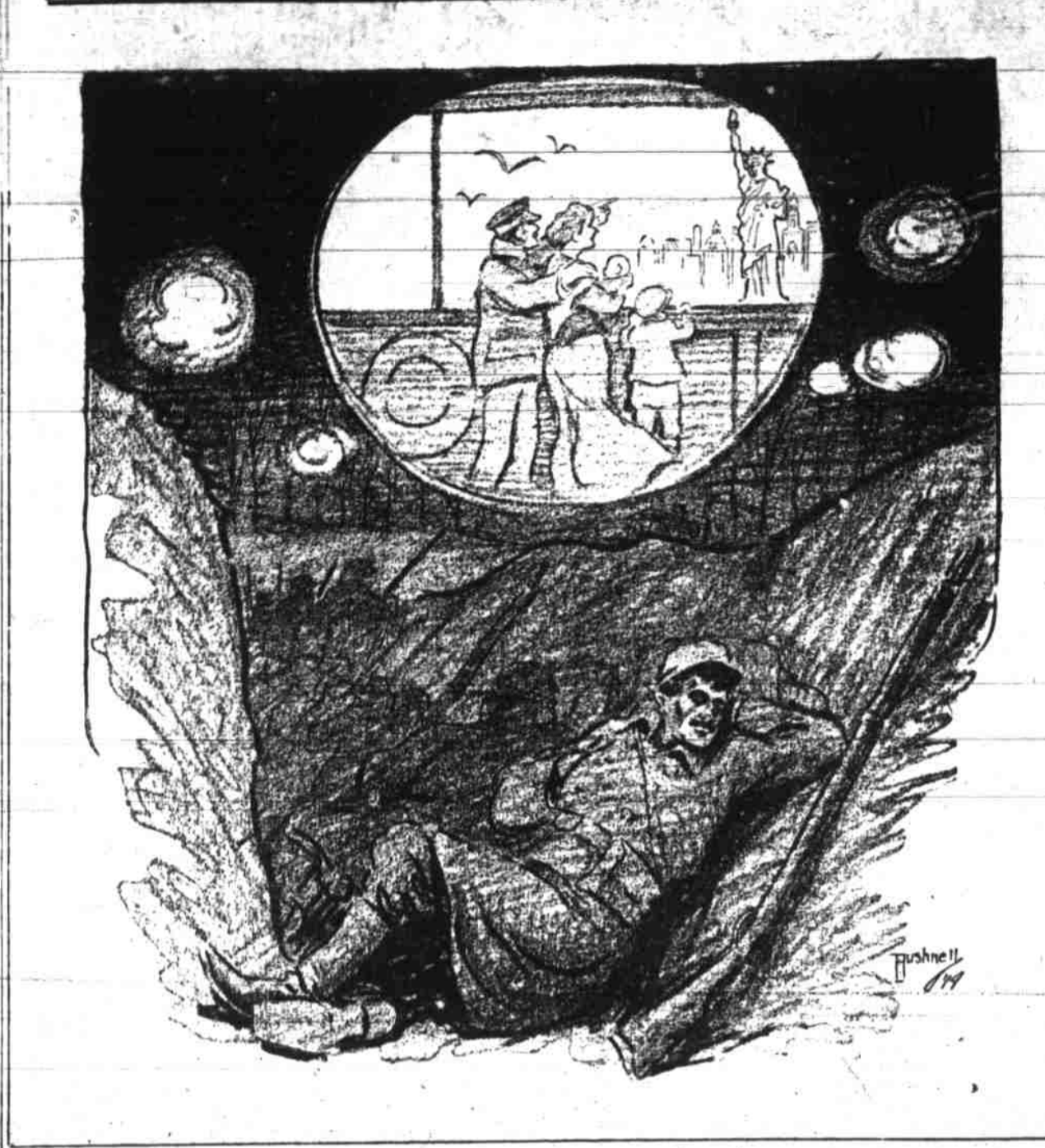
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Racy of the Soil

Wayhew Enterprises. Mr. Knox White, who has recently assumed the responsibilities as assistant postmaster, had always been accustomed to waiting on his customers as a fancy grocer and occasionally he gets the idea that he is selling goods and that he must push his business. For instance, when some one calls at the window for stamps Mr. White will deliver the stickers and then ask in a most pleading manner, "Now isn't there something else?"

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