

**NEW UNIFORM FOR TOMMY.**

**British Soldiers Will Soon Be Provided with Fawn-Colored Serge Suits.**

It is probable that in a very brief period there will be considerable changes made in the material used for clothing the army on home as well as on foreign service, says the London Telegraph. The committee dealing with the subject, which has been in session for about a couple of years, has at length been able to come to a final decision. Probably the events in South Africa have helped the members to make up their minds. At all events they have chosen an excellent woolen serge-like material in which for the future practically the whole work of the troops will be performed. It is not khaki-colored, though that well-known and serviceable hue is somewhat closely approached. Trousers will not be made from exactly the same material as the jacket, but of one somewhat rougher and thicker in texture. The new material is of a yellowish-fawn color and is of excellent quality. It was selected from a great number of samples submitted to the committee and has been approved by the war office. Two other materials of the same tint, but of rather stronger texture, have been selected for the mounted branches, and a stout Bedford cord of the same color will be used for riding breeches. No regulation dealing with the new clothing has yet been issued, but one may be expected shortly, and from thenceforward uniforms made of the new cloth will supersede the serges and dark cloth trousers now worn for drill and field work, both at home and abroad. The same pattern of jacket will be used for all branches of the service, but each unit will wear a distinguishing badge on the cap and shoulder strap.

It is not, however, intended that the new clothing shall entirely supersede the old style of dress. The tunic is to be worn for full dress, so that on full-dress parades the familiar blue and scarlet and black will still greet the eye. Of course, it will be a considerable time yet before the uniform will be ready, but it is probable that the spring issue of clothing to the troops will include the new suit. It will be more handsome than khaki, while it will be far more comfortable and serviceable, and so far as experiments go to show it will possess equal invisibility. It is to be hoped that a suitable headdress may soon be devised for the army. The helmets worn by the regular troops in South Africa are excellent and greatly superior to the much-vaunted "smasher" felt hat, but they are hardly suitable for home wear. A peaked cap of the new cloth, picked out with scarlet lines and made somewhat approaching the Russian pattern, would look very smart and be suitable for general wear. At all events the ridiculous forage and field service caps should be relegated to the museums, along with the blue and scarlet serges now about to be superseded by the new uniform.

**YOUNG KRUGER IS A HERO.**

**Grandnephew of the Boer Ex-President Saved a Starving Sheep.**

An English clergyman has had the extreme hardihood of relating an anecdote in a Dublin paper that reflects great credit upon a near relative, a grandnephew, of England's arch enemy, Paul Kruger. He was staying at Glendalough with two friends and while boating on the upper lake, under Camaderry mountain, noticed a sheep pitifully bleating on a ledge about 1,000 feet up the sheer cliff. The animal had been there for days and was in a state of semi-starvation. The peasants about had resolved to shoot it and thus end its misery. Young Kruger however, essayed its rescue. He tied a piece of tarred twine round the sole of his boots and climbed up the face of the precipice, much to the anxiety of his friends. The operation took him quite two hours, during which the slightest unsteadiness or wavering would have cost him his life. Halfway up he shouted down that he could not move further. With a final effort, however, he gradually worked his way up, reached the animal and lowered it cautiously until he regained the boat. His intrepid act excited intense admiration among the spectators. His task seemed utterly impossible and in any event was attended with terrible danger. Young Kruger was at the time a medical student at Edinburgh university and on the declaration of war sailed for South Africa.

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A London exquisite went into a West End restaurant and was far from pleased with the manner in which his order was filled. "Do you call that veal cutlet?" he demanded of the waiter. "Why, such a cutlet as that is an insult to every self-respecting calf in the British empire." The waiter hung his head for a moment, but recovered himself and said, in a tone of respectful apology: "I really didn't intend to insult you, sir."—Youth's Companion.

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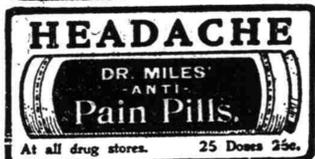
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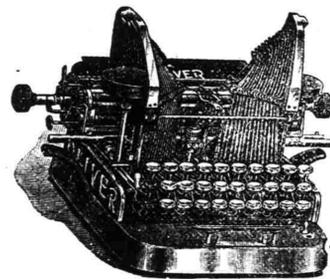
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