

For the Well Dressed Man

For Men in the Service

NATURALLY, in these great days of winning the war, the thoughts of all men, who, for one reason or another, are unable to be of active help in the army or navy of their country, are constantly with the men in uniform. Regulations of the War Department, of course, limit rather closely the exercise of individual taste when it comes to dressing for war. There are no variations, at any rate in theory, in the uniform and the equipment of the men in the over-seas forces or the army at home. Each, in his own rank, from general to private, they are as like as peas in a pod.

Nevertheless, when it comes to supplementary equipment and what might be called accessories of dress, it is quite possible to make a selection and to choose wisely, even for men in uniform.

Things which are intended to see active service must, of course, be of the very best design and quality. A very good trench coat, of a model which has stood the acid test of service on the British front, is illustrated on this page. This coat is made of a strong gabardine with an interlining of waterproof silk. It has, in addition, a removable lining of heavy wool, which buttons in when desired. The coat is



Waterproof trench coat, belted and with wrist straps; oil silk interlining and removable woolen inner lining in addition

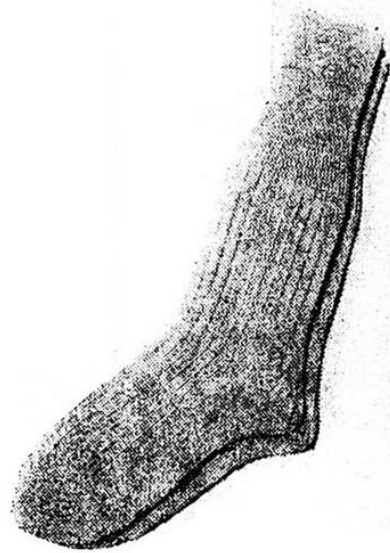
double-breasted, of good length, and has a broad belt. The pockets are slanted pockets with a protecting flap. The sleeves have wrist straps which can be taken out, and the collar buttons up tight to the throat. Such a coat will afford complete protection, even under the most trying conditions of trench or open field.

ANOTHER excellent type of coat for an officer's use in winter is a short-warm gabardine, double-breasted and lined with fleece. This coat has a very deep fur collar which turns far up around the ears. It is an exceedingly snug garment for a winter's night in the open country.

One of the minor annoyances which trouble some of the American men, who have entered the army from civil life in which they were accustomed to exceedingly nice appointments of dress, has been the difficulty

of securing accessories of high quality, which also would meet the requirements of the uniform. The tailors have been ready to supply uniforms of very desirable material and workmanship, but it has not always been so with the shirts, stocks and small articles which accompany the uniform. It is now possible, however, to secure

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Khaki colored, ribbed woolen socks, middle weight

On the left, khaki shirt of light weight flannel; black silk knitted scarf. On the right, light weight silk and wool shirt worn with officer's white stock



Silk handkerchief and fine linen handkerchief, each of regulation olive drab color; webbing belt with locket holder

Trench boot of very clean lines, made of heavy, brown leather

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many of these accessory articles of a quality comparable to that of the similar things at the disposal of the civilian. Some of these articles are illustrated in these pages.

They include, for instance, an olive drab shirt of a very fine quality of flannel, light but warm. This is made in the regulation model, but is of much better material than those usually obtainable. With it may be worn a knitted scarf of black silk. Another good shirt is of silk and wool, very light in weight and of regulation olive drab color. This is a collarless shirt and is intended to be used with a white stock, under the high buttoned collar of the uniform jacket. Light weight woolen stockings, ribbed, are now to be had also in the regulation khaki or olive drab color, as are handkerchiefs made of fine linen and also of silk.

ONE of the useful small things for a uniformed man is an attachment for the belt which consists of a slide of silver bearing the eagle of the United States, and containing a small locket holder, in which may be placed a picture or an identification card. This sliding clasp at the belt takes the place of a locket or other appendage for the neck.

Of course, one of the most important things for the fighting man is his footwear. Probably nothing rouses more universal human contempt than the occasional scandals which become public in all warring countries concerning paper-soled shoes or other evidences of graft which touch upon the foot-gear of the soldier. Fortunately, these occur-



Short-warm military coat, fleece lined; high collar

rences are, comparatively, very rare, but it is, nevertheless, true that there is still a wide difference between perfectly honest army boots and the *best* army boots that can be designed and made. A trench boot of most desirable type and material is illustrated on this page. This is a very heavy, strong boot made of the highest quality of English grained leather. It is laced from the instep to about one-third of the way up the shin, and from there up is fastened by three buckles and straps on the outside. The boot is exceedingly well proportioned, with the requisite broad, flat heel and stout but

cleanly cut sole. Indeed, it is a boot very similar in design to that worn by Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, but perhaps even a little cleaner in line than the General's boots, although not losing anything in the way of strength and stoutness. At any rate, it is a boot to be proud of.

THE strain on boots in marching is, of course, very severe, and no war before the present world conflict has seen such strenuous service required of boots as that with which the fighters in France are familiar. Trench warfare is peculiarly trying for footwear. During the winter campaigns in Flanders, for example, the trenches have been little more than bog-holes, full of mud, and of alternately freezing and thawing slush. No condition is more destructive of good shoe leather, and no condition requires more careful attention to the way in which one is shod. An army moves upon its feet as well as its stomach.