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PASTEBOARD SOLDIER BUILT TO AID CAMOUFLAGE



Two Sammies, One of Flesh and Blood,
the Other of Papier-Mâché Made to Fool the Enemy

Papier-mâché soldiers may yet be used against the Germans. Camouflage, the art of fooling the enemy by disguising and concealing the implements of warfare, has brought about the development of a dummy soldier that defies binoculars. As is well known to those who are in touch with the trend of things at the front, field guns are made to look like broken tree trunks, and broken tree trunks are made to look like fields guns, all for the purpose of hampering the enemy's observers and misdirecting its gunners. In making stumps and old carts pass as artillery pieces it is necessary to provide inanimate gunners for the sake of appearances, hence this pasteboard soldier, the recent invention of an American student officer. As must be obvious, there are innumerable ways in which the dummy might be used to advantage.

The photograph bellow illustrates the variety of papier-mache heads that were created by the British Camouflage School in order to fool German snipers.

