

Snips and Snaps

Begin a History of the Year 1914-1915, at the Armour Institute of Technology.

Pardon us, dear reader, for intruding upon these pages but we certainly think this is some book. That we have not written a better book is not our fault—had any others been written as well we would not have attempted one at all. That many will hereafter spring up and probably surpass us in excellence, we have very little doubt and still less care; knowing full well that after one book is written a thousand others could do much better. If your name, dear reader, is not enrolled in these presents we congratulate you. Should any reader find matter of offence we would heartily grieve, though we would on no account question his penetration by telling him he was mistaken—his good nature by telling him he is captious—or his pure conscience by telling him he is startled at a shadow. Surely if he is so ingenious as to find offence where none is intended, it were a thousand pities he should not be suffered to enjoy the benefit of his discovery.

THE EDITOR

If aught of what you read below
Should stir your anger, hurt your pride,
Be wise, and learn what you should know,
We aim to aid, not to deride.
Every knock is a boost
For the people who roost
Too high in their own estimation.
Every slam in the book,
Tho' it may seem unfair,
Tends to lessen cerebral inflation.