



CUSTOMER: "I want a pound of butter, please. How soon can you send it?"

EX-DOUGHBOY: "After your requisition has been O. K'd. endorsed, approved, accepted, countersigned and returned by the various departments, you ought to hear something of it in about three weeks"

## THE DISAPPOINTED CENTIPEDE

BY CAROLYN WELLS

THERE was an earnest centipede who  
had a purpose firm  
That he would join a regiment and be an  
army worm.

His soul was patriotic and his courage was  
sublime—  
(In fact, that's why I made him the hero  
of this rhyme).

Well, this ambitious centipede set out, with  
heart aglow,  
To take his physical exam., and find out  
where to go.

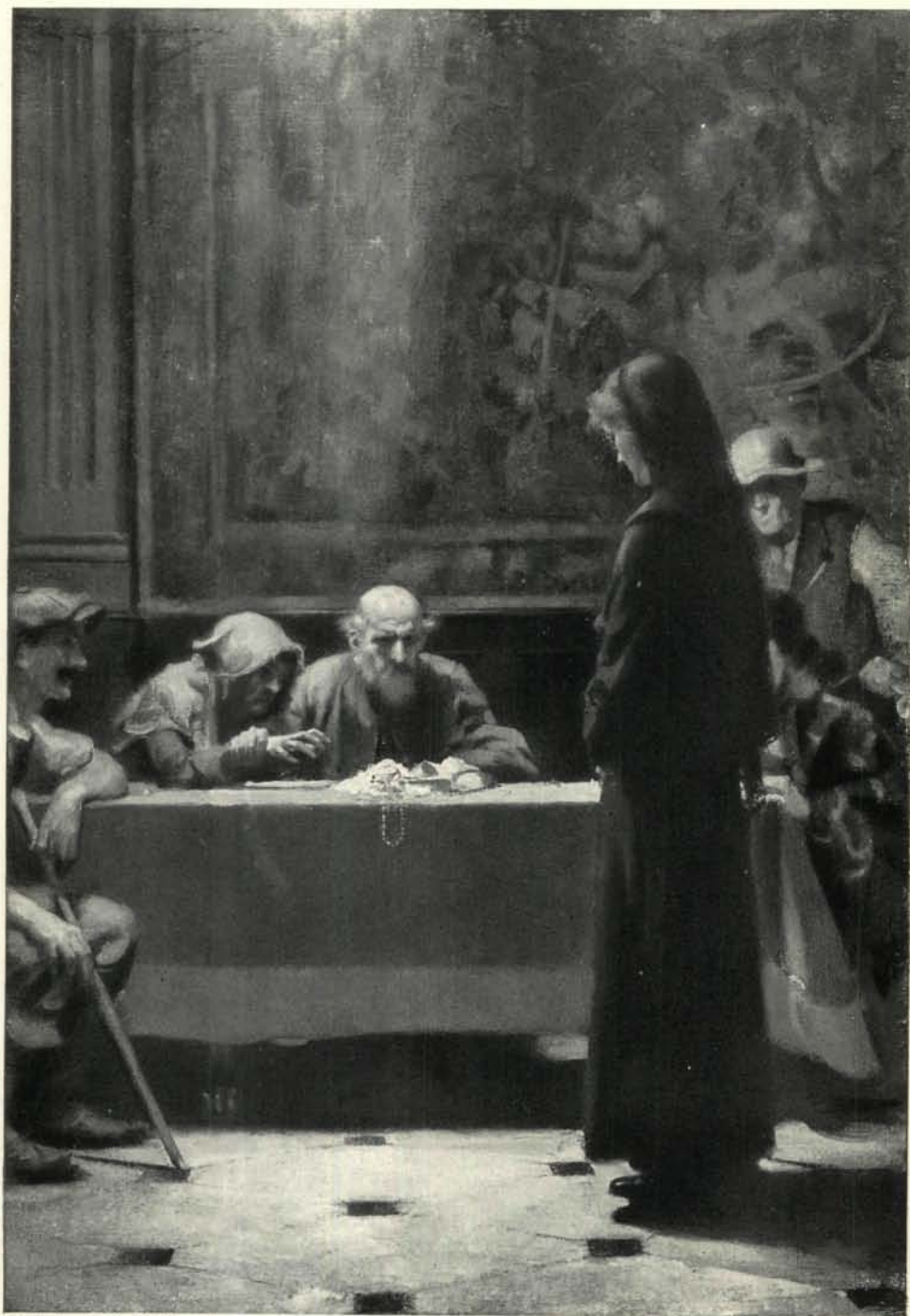
He was young and strong and healthy, he  
had no ache or ail—  
(You see, that's why I made him the hero  
of this tale).

Now as he journeyed onward he thought  
exultantly  
How vigorous and valiant his martial deeds  
would be;

He saw himself, in fancy, at some battle of  
the Marne—  
(And that is why I made him the hero of  
this yarn).

The examination over, he listened breath-  
lessly  
As to what the army doctor's report on him  
might be;  
They said his heart and lungs were fine,  
his thews and sinews strong—  
(Which, of course, is why I made him the  
hero of this song).

But just one thing the kibosh on his ambi-  
tion put—  
He had an aggravated case of multiple  
flat foot!  
And sadly and disgustedly that centipede  
crawled home—  
(And that is why I made him the hero of  
this pome).



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THE WOMAN WHO SAT BESIDE THE PRESIDENT SNATCHED AT THE GEMS