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Chichester, February 11th, 1918.

**MUNITION WORKERS AND APARTMENTS.**

SIR,—In reply to Mr. H. H. Gibbs' letter, with regard to the circumstances of the munition workers of Middleton, I am sure we wish them every success in securing apartments so that they may bring their wives and families to enable them to go to work with a CONTENTED MIND. These men do not know what hardships are. When their work is finished they can go to their comfortable lodgings and a good bed to sleep on, whereas our dear brave soldiers have to give up every home comfort for the battlefield. What would some of them give to have their families with them? They have to fight on 18s. a day (with a contented mind at that) while their wives at home have to stand for hours in a queue fighting for food for their children. Many of these men have gone to work at Middleton for the simple reason of dodging the khaki.—

From a "SOLDIER'S WIFE."

P.S.—My husband answered the country's call on August 5th, 1914, and is still with the B.E.F. after being wounded for the third time.

SIR,—In reference to the letter which you put in the "Observer" re munition workers of Middleton, I and all the inhabitants of Bognor wish them every success. Being chiefly fighting men's wives it seems a pity these poor things haven't got their wives with them. Perhaps Mr. Gibbs will try and make arrangements for Tommy to have his wife with him out in the first line, where a good many of those men should be, and perhaps he will let us know before long how many houses of his own he intends putting at their disposal, and how many rooms of the beautiful large house he lives in. Surely he could spare at least six. I don't see why all this should fall on the soldier's wife.

Re Baths. Wouldn't it be doing a greater service to Bognorians and the poor munition workers if he thought about getting a cottage hospital in the place—a thing which is badly needed for all. But, there, I suppose Tommy's wife must put up with all illness, etc., in her own house.

I admit these workers can't be managed without, but so long as they have got a bed to lie on at night and the comfort of a fire when they get home from work what more do they want? Think of that compared with what the men from Bognor are getting in France.

"A SOLDIER HOME FROM THE FRONT."