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**JEERING A HERO.**

*Sir*: I was walking into East Grinstead with a young friend only 18 years of age, who is already one of our British heroes, on Monday last, and was surprised and disgusted at the way in which people looked with scorn and sneered at him as we walked along. On our way to the Railway Station at East Grinstead we met some who have enlisted (I must say I have always admired men who have answered to their country's call), and even these sneered as we walked along. Had I the opportunity I would have thanked them, and informed them that my friend, though in plain clothes, had been on active service both in France and at the Dardanelles, where he was wounded, and is at the present time just recovering from a bad attack of dysentery. I write this to ask such folk to be careful who they jeer at, as it hurts one's feelings when they have done their bit for King and country.

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**The "White Feather."**

Writing from Portfield, Mr. E. Hopkins says:—

"What unkind, thoughtless person is it who is wasting time and money on buying post cards and stamps for the purpose of sending to discharged soldiers and also rejected men a white feather?

I myself enlisted in the 7th Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment on the outbreak of war, but was invalided out, and unfortunately my complaint has become worse, which is the reason I haven't offered myself again.

I have reason to think that the over eager recruiter is of the weaker sex, and her mode of recruiting is rather weak too. I wonder if the sender of these feathers would, instead of spending money in that silly way, buy some badges for the discharged and rejected men to wear. Then the recruiting Sergeant would know who to canvass. I cannot say if the country is still in need of Red Cross nurses or not."

We agree with our correspondent. Now that Lord Derby's scheme is in progress such a practice is mean and contemptible; and is more likely to hinder recruiting than otherwise. In these strenuous times there is plenty of useful work to be done without engaging in this kind of nonsense.