AMONG US MORTALS

Around Town

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Mike, the elderly war waiter, with six tables to manage and no extra pay

A strict observer of military discipline is Frederica, of the Sam Browne Belt, who never forgets to rise and salute her superior officer, even though it's only her voice over the 'phone

"Oh, dear, I wonder if I ought to go up and tell him that string is hanging down—I know how mortified I should be if anything came undone about me

"Sure, Emil, it don't seem right that the Kaiser should let them drop bombs on the Cathedral!" "Ach, you talk like a pro-English—ain't it been proved that the French was putting their wounded in the churches and using them for hospitals? Sure it's right!" Mr. and Mrs. Rausmitt, pro-German (in private), discuss the ethics of the war

"My dear, how are we ever going to enter it in the accounts?" Something in the nature of a panic occurred around the war stamp desk when Wun Lung, Mrs. Fitzen Start's prize Pekingese, was found to have eaten a bunch of war savings stamps

Keeping up with the war. At the meeting of the Suburban Current Events Club Mrs. Mabel Haddock announces that the week past was a very busy one and she hadn't a moment to spend reading the newspapers. "But I did notice this item, which may interest those present, about an elephant named Kaiser in one of the Southern amusement parks which had been trained to pick up rubbish," etc.

Your Aunt Minnie feels terrible about your going—the very day you went to camp she started reading the casualty lists. Do write her now and then

"Aw, what th' 'ell's the matter with you—there ain't any such color!" Tense moment at the passport office, where J. B. Brody, who is going across to help "investigate" something, is filling in his weight, height, the color of his eyes, etc. Cousin Art, who came along to help, has just decided after close inspection that Mr. Brody's eyes are "brownish gray"

"Of course he was a white slaver, you oughta known that! You're lucky to be here to-day!" The conversation behind the soda fountain has changed somewhat since the clerks were drafted