As she talked all the glory of war and the spirit of conquest evaporated from the flying Hun. He shrank till he looked like a small boy caught in a mean theft; his aeroplane, with its gaudy splashes, resembled a broken toy, and he tugged ruefully at his hair, and flushed and stammered and edged cautiously away.

As he retired the old woman advanced, and I am convinced that but for the prompt arrival of a guard of grinning Tommies she would have spanked that unhappy Teuton youth. Never did a man surrender so eagerly.

When he and his escort had departed, the dame "shooed" away the hens and then industriously picked up the assorted fragments of the aeroplane for firewood.

Daily Mail, July 31, 1918.

The above incident happened east of Poperinghe and part of it was observed by some of our men.

The clipping below shows that the work of our aeroplanes is beginning to effect the nerves of the German people. As soon as we have over here sufficient of the large planes with the Liberty motor, so that we can carry out a continuous schedule of bombing parties over into Germany, we will be able to break down their nerves.

(Enclosure in diary)

DEPRESSED GERMANS

No Paris, Little Food, and Too Many Raids

FROM CHARLES TOWER

The Hague, Tuesday.

The following information reaches me from a correspondent:

The Spanish sickness in Berlin, chiefly among the troops, has been of a very fatal character. In a Reserve Division of the Guard, the deaths during the week before last amount to 10 in one company, 12 in another, and 5 or 6 in several others. Underfeeding has made fatal an epidemic which otherwise might have had no very serious effect. As far as can be ascertained, every man who can be spared has now been summoned to the colors. Of Krupp's 200,000 workers, between 30,000 and 40,000 have been called up, and the comb-out elsewhere has been even more rigorous.

Food conditions, instead of getting better, are in many places worse. Even quite well-to-do families in some places have swede soup three times a day. The conditions of the clothing market is best illustrated by the fact that the people have been glad to pay £50 for a new suit recently, when a rare opportunity has offered. Speaking generally, the crops are pretty fair for present conditions. In many districts, however, potatoes have suffered, first from drought, and then from excessive damp, and now their haulms are curled up.

In Berlin today, in some circles, you hear appalling stories of the havoc wrought by the Allied airmen along the Rhine. Mannheim people, in particular, are in an overwrought state, which has resulted, to my knowledge,