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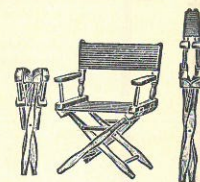
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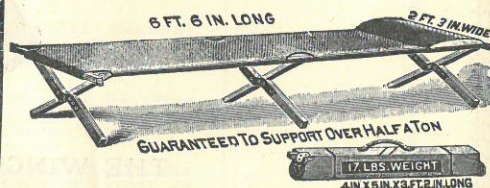
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**W**ITH this issue THE NATIONAL GUARD MAGAZINE begins its sixth year in a slightly altered form. It will be noticed that there is one additional column to each page and that the page is a little longer and that there is one more "em" in width to the column.

The constantly increasing size of our monthly edition and the necessity for crowding more vital material into it each month and for publishing it more nearly on time than has been possible in the past, and the necessity for reducing the time of process of manufacture in order

to get the news to our readers while it is yet fresh, has forced the change.

The size of the publication is now the same as the popular *Literary Digest* size, not too small for hampering the display of illustrated matter and yet not too large for making a neat file or volume for the

library. The change is made only after a thorough canvass of our subscribers, a large majority of whom consented to the alteration.

We feel satisfied that the new plan will be much more satisfactory than the old and that the opportunity for displaying illustrations and feature articles will make the publication much more attractive, to say nothing about the greater ease of manufacture and the consequent gain in time in getting the edition out each month.

No pains will be spared this year to make THE NATIONAL GUARD MAGAZINE better than it has ever been. Already word has been passed to the editors and correspondents to "get busy" and there is no doubt but that the feature articles and technical articles, the news stories and short fiction stories will all be of a higher class than ever before, and that the Washington Letter, Small Arms Practice department and the States' News department will be brighter and fresher than ever.

The Magazine will continue its active campaign for the passage of the Federal Pay Bill and will be particularly active in its support of laws for better armories and more equipment, of the plans for an international shooting tournament and of all reforms both state and national in our service. It is our desire to make this publication as valuable to the National Guard service as *The Army and Navy Register* is to the regular services, and with the continued hearty co-operation of the officers and men of all the states, it is believed that the same may be speedily accomplished.

We extend to all our readers the season's greetings and wish them a most Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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