

KEBLE'S GAZETTE – 9TH AUGUST 1918.

This week a pleasant hour has been spent in company with our blind friend, George Millen, who in the temporary business premises selected for him, may be seen each morning and afternoon assiduously plying his trade. Here old school and sports mates gather and cheer one another on.

The present shop comprises a room of a cottage in the New Inn yard. It is furnished with bench, etc., and fitted with frames, tools, and all the necessary apparatus for basket and mat-making, and the cupboards are well stocked with osiers, canes of varied colour and thickness, and piles of rope and fibre. The sumptuous outfit, entirely provided free, by St. Dunstan's, cost about £80.

In addition to the splendid start each man leaving the Home for those blinded during the War who has passed in typewriting. is provided with a No 10 Remington machine. This is only a small proportion of the expenditure upon these brave men, for which Sir A. Pearson, in his own blindness, has made himself responsible. Know them and watch them at work, and you will say they deserve it every bit. When trained, a man is not deserted. An After-care Committee looks after him, and undertakes to purchase any unsold stock that may remain.

George was making a fancy basket in three colours for a lady customer, who wanted something to swank with, and our artist saw that she got it. You can have any pattern of basket. The variety is surprising. We watched the making of the one with blue and pink strands interwoven, almost from start to finish. The article was well and strongly made and pleasing to look upon.

Here is a copy of card, also supplied from St. Dunstan's: "G. A. Millen (late Machine Gun Corps), 2. Chapel Place, Birchington, Kent, trained at St. Dunstan's, the Blinded Soldiers' and Sailors' Hostel, Regent's Park, London. N.W.1, Basket and Mat-Maker. Any description of basket or mat made to order. Your kind patronage solicited." When buying a present, remember where you can get something useful, worked in the very best material.

Light is failing, and Mr. Bingham is unfailingly punctual in having that letter-box cleared in the Square. So, in order not to fail you - "Goodnight and good luck" Write a line when you can. Thanks to Fred Sayer for his message. Glad he is getting down for a spell. F. Laming was sorry not to be able to see A. Millen. He has been away on a trip, but is back now.

Best wishes to all – Yours very sincerely
Charles Laming