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**Result of the Shot.**  
When the Washington Artillery was at Morgan City on the Fourth of July there were many striking incidents that sprung out of the ceremonies of dedicating Fort Star and practicing with the solid shot, says the New Orleans Picayune. The war and its memories were kept before the people, but it was not a re-awakening in which the bloody shirt had any play, but was more of a thoughtful retrospection, in which the recalling of battles was not bitterness, but with an impartial sadness. But among all the happenings of the day none were more singular and noteworthy than an incident which occurred to Col. Richardson, the commander of the battalion.

It was during the time when the batteries were firing shells at the two targets, which looked like tiny handkerchiefs on the water, they were so far away. A good shot was fired and the spectators were applauding the excellent marksmanship, and the Colonel stepped up to the gun to commend the gunners, when, without cause or without knowing why, the memory of a similar shot, which had been fired 29 years ago almost to the very day, flashed into his mind when he had stepped up to a gunner and complimented him in much the same style. Perhaps it was mental telegraphy, for he began to review in his mind the coincidence of the two occasions. It was when he was in Fort Mahone at the siege of Petersburg, which was known as Fort "Damnation," when the shot 29 years before had been fired, and the Fourth of July was almost the anniversary of the very day. Instead of white targets for a mark it had been the tops of two Sibley tents, which peeped over the ramparts of Fort "Hell," just opposite Fort "Damnation." They were the tents of the Federal officers. He knew that from a deserter, who had informed him; also that the officers of the whole command held a daily consultation there, and that he himself was present when the shots were to be fired.

It was noon the next day when the horses of the Federal officers were seen trotting around to the target. The gunners were told to train their guns upon them and to be certain to make their shots tell. Those two shots were the best of the day. The shot which was called "Damnation," for that day the word was passed round that the destruction of the officers' tents was to be attempted.

After a deal of preliminary arrangement the two shots were fired, and the tops of the two Sibley tents disappeared like cards blown in the wind from the sand of the shot. For that day the word was passed round that the destruction of the officers' tents was to be attempted.

Gen. Mahone complimented the accuracy of the shot and said: "If it were the captain stepped to the gunner and expressed his appreciation in much the same way that he used to the one that made the good shot at Ellicott City. The day had been a day of dissatisfaction about that shot at the Federal tents and that was that he had never ascertained whether anyone had been shot at Morgan City. At that moment one of Morgan City's prominent citizens, Mr. Gray, stepped to the Colonel's side and said: "Isn't this Col. Richardson?"

"Well, I've been wanting to meet you for many years, ever since I heard that you had been in Fort 'Damnation' at the same time that I was in Fort 'Hell'."

"Yes," said the Colonel, "and when you were at Fort 'Hell'?"

"In July, 1864, in fact just 29 years ago today," answered Mr. Gray.

The Colonel instantly thought of those two shots and considered if his question were to be satisfied at last. "Do you remember a day while you were opposite me in Fort 'Hell' when the tents of the officers were taken down by two shots which were almost simultaneous?"

The stranger did not reply for a full minute, a shadow seemed to fall over him, his eyes grew dark, and he stepped back and surveyed the Colonel from head to foot, then he broke out feelingly: "—you! I shall never forget those shots. They swept away the towers of my corps. My first lieutenant was killed and the leg of my second lieutenant was shot off and five others were killed. And you were first to shoot!"

The deep feeling of the man was evident, but a moment later he said: "Well, Colonel, you are now teaching your soldiers to serve in a flag, for which officers laid down their lives. It is Kismet. Let us take a drink."

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**ODDS AND ENDS.**

The fact that an author's nose is red is no guarantee that his writings are good. One feature of a cyclone is worthy of general imitation; it always does its level best.

The long term convict isn't much of a believer in the theory that life is evolved from a cell.

A case where it is not better to give than to receive—a Judge giving a prisoner six months.

A poet sighs: "Where is the Summer foliage?" This is an easy one. It is off on leaves of absence.

"Oh, wiles of preace," murmured the poetic bard, as he detected an oleomargarine symptom in the butter.

"Points in the stock market" are probably so called because the speculators generally get stuck on them.

Willis (lighting a cigar)—"As a rule, the best of a cigar is always last." Wallace—"Then you must be smoking that one backward."

He—"What do you think of cremation? Do you believe in it?" She—"No; I think it is a burning shame."

"It is a wise man who keepeth his own counsel." "Yes, but a wiser one who can sell it, like a lawyer."

Uncle—"Well, Fritz, do you like your new toques?" Fritz—"Oh, very much; he'll use one day out of every three."

Irate father—"I'm going to put a check to your extravagance, sir!" Impudent son—"All right! Give me the check."

He—"Did you say the furniture was Louis XIV's?" "Yes. Why?" He—"The bill suggests the Reign of Terror!"

Son—"Papa, does the doctor pull your leg when it's broken?" Papa—"Yes, my son, and when he sees the furniture was Louis XIV's he says, 'The furniture was pulled down by the Revolution.'" "It is a pitiful sight to see a deaf and dumb man trying to give vent to his feelings when he has stepped on an up-turned tack."

"I have a felon on my thumb." "I have 20 or 30 on my hands." "Nonsense!" "It's a fact. I'm the warden of a State prison."

Traveler—"Now, what ought little boys to say when a gentleman gives them a penny for carrying his bag?" Small boy—"Faint enough."

"Hello, Bingley, how did the doctor succeed in breaking up your fever?" "Oh, he was successful; he present me with a bill and I had a chill in fifteen minutes."

Charlie—"What have you done about the physician's advice to take physical exercise?" "Twice—increased the size of a chair cushion I went to bed."

"Papa," said a boy, "I know what makes folks laugh in their sleeves?" "Well, my son, what makes them?" "Cause that's where their funny bone is."

"It's a very happy family, isn't it?" "O, dear, no! Her husband is jealous of her puddle, and the puddle is jealous of the baby, and the baby cries for his papa all the time." "Why?" "Because the puddle is afraid of the baby's tears."

Scribbler—"This bicycle craze is going to develop a race of novelists." Pedalman—"Why? Scribbler—"Well, I notice that in many cases the bicycle makes its rider langard."

Angry victim (as he looks over the uninhabited prairie)—"Where are the marble fronts?" "Irrepressible boomer pointing to a solitary gravestone—"There, my friend!"

Teacher (hearing arithmetic class recite)—"Mike, if you should see seven recite"—"Mike, if you should see three of them how many birds would remain?" Mike—"Nary one, mum; the rest of 'em would be further flyin' away."

The Hot Blast Furnace Three Thousand Years Old.

Is there anything new under the sun? asked the Railway Review, and then adds Solomon was right. The more the past is explored the more evident this becomes. A prehistoric blast furnace is the latest discovery. Professor Flinders Petrie, in 1893, convinced himself that in a remarkable mound called Tel-El-Hesi, in South Palestine, would be found the remains of what was one of the strangest places in the country down to the invasions of Sennacherib and Nebuchadnezzar. The explorations, said Mr. Bliss at the Palestine exploration fund meeting recently, have fully verified this forecast. Amid all the evidence discovered by Mr. Bliss of the civilization of that remote age—wine presses, alkali burnings and innumerable others—by far the most curious is the "discovery" of an iron blast furnace, arranged to give strong evidence of being intended to heat, in its descent, a blast of outside air forced through passages, before entering the chamber at the level where tuyeres are usually found. "If this theory be correct," says Mr. Bliss, "we find, 1,400 years before Christ, the use of the hot air blast instead of cold air, which is called a modern improvement in iron manufacture due to Neilson, and patented in 1828."

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"Ho!" sneered Willie, "our baby's got teeth, 'n' yours hasn't!" "I don't care," retorted Jimmie, "ours don't need any, coz we feed him on soap in a bottle."

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