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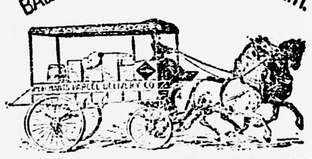

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To tell you love's old song—
Some little, happy, blushing verses,
Sweet as the summer breeze rehearses,
To play your thoughts among.

To tell you how your magic spells,
Your love's mysterious incantations,
Bewitch me with the fascinations
Their gentle music tells.

And, thinking of the golden days
When love was sweetest sung, I breathe
A thought as fair as love can wreathe
And sing it in thy praise.
—M. H. Douglass in Donahoe's.

MILITARY OFFICERS.

THE VARIOUS RANKS FROM CORPORAL TO GENERAL.

Only Four Americans Have So Far Succeeded In Obtaining the Much Coveted Highest Military Title — The Rank and File of the Army.

To begin with the military unit, private is an adjective that has become a noun. Originally the man in the ranks was a private soldier. The word soldier has been dropped, for brevity's sake, and now the man with the gun is simply a private.

The rank and file is what the private belongs to. A rank is a line of men standing side by side; a file is a line of men standing one behind another. The front of a file is always one man; its depth may be any number. When men are formed in two ranks, a file consists of two men. The rank and file therefore constitutes the body of a force of soldiery.

The title of the lowest noncommissioned officer is corporal. He has charge of a squad, posts and relieves sentries and has certain disciplinary control in camp and barracks. Sergeant (which is properly pronounced sargent) is appointed to preserve discipline, teach the drill, command detachments of escorts and the like.

The lowest grade of commissioned officers is lieutenant, and the title comes from the French lieu, place, and tenant (from the Latin tenens), holding. A lieutenant therefore is one who holds or supplies the place of his superior in the performance of any duty or in his absence and consequently the officer is one who acts for his captain.

The title captain, applied to the commander of a company, is from the Latin caput, a head. In the Bible the title was given to kings or princes, generals or commanders of armies, governors of provinces, etc., and Shakespeare used it in the sense of a chief commander.

Major is the title of the officer next in rank above a captain. He commands a battalion. The word is compounded with the titles of certain noncommissioned officers to show that they are the chiefs of their ranks, as sergeant major, drum major, etc.

A lieutenant colonel is an officer who holds the same relationship to a colonel that a lieutenant holds to a captain. In some European armies the lieutenant colonel is the actual commander of his regiment, the colonelcy being honorary. For example, Queen Victoria and the Prince of Wales are honorary colonels of certain regiments in the German army.

Colonel was originally coronel and was introduced into English from the Spanish about the middle of the sixteenth century.

With each regiment are a number of staff officers, commissioned and noncommissioned. A commissioned officer is one to whom the head of the national or state government has given a document conferring upon him authority to perform the various functions of his rank. A noncommissioned company officer holds his place by appointment of the company commander with the approval of the commander of the regiment; a member of the noncommissioned staff is appointed by the regimental commander.

A very important commissioned officer of the regimental staff is the adjutant, whose title comes from adjutans the present participle of the Latin verb adjutare (to assist), and whose province it is to aid his commander in the discharge of the details of his military duty. The records of the regiment are in his charge, he receives the returns from company commanders, receives and communicates orders, forms the parades, etc. His duties are multifarious, and he is altogether the busiest officer of a regiment if he performs them all faithfully.

The functions of the regimental commissariat in the United States army are divided between the quartermaster and the commissary of subsistence. These officers are usually, like the adjutant, lieutenants. The quartermaster furnishes transportation, quarters, clothing and camp and garrison equipage, fuel, horses, forage and stabling, and the commissary of subsistence provides food supplies. A quartermaster is literally an officer in charge of the housing of troops. Headquarters is naturally the quarters of the head or commanding officer of a company, battalion, regiment, brigade, division corps or army and may be in the field or elsewhere.

The noncommissioned staff includes the sergeant major, who is an assistant to the adjutant, the quartermaster sergeant and commissary sergeant, assistants to the quartermaster and commissary, the hospital steward, assistant to the surgeon, etc.

Officers above the rank of colonel are called general officers. The holder of a general commission came to be called a general, and general commissions were in course of time granted to officers lower in rank than a commander in chief. A brigadier general ranks next above a colonel and commands a brigade, a major general is the next step higher and may command a division, a corps, an army or a department. A major general is the highest permanent rank in our army. In the British and German armies, however, major generals are the lowest permanent general officers and in action usually command brigades. In modern European armies the specific rank of general is usually subordinate to a marshal or field marshal. In this country it is the highest military rank attainable.

The president is titular commander in chief of the armies of the United States, but the rank of general has been conferred, under temporary laws only, upon four American officers—Washington, Grant, Sherman and a short time before his death, in 1888, Sheridan. The rank of lieutenant general is, like that of general, honorary and conferred by act of congress. It has been held by Washington, Grant, Sherman and Sheridan and is now held by Schofield, who is on the retired list. General Scott was only brevetted lieutenant general.

The United States army has at Washington an adjutant general, a quartermaster general, a paymaster general, a commissary general, a surgeon general, an inspector general, a judge advocate general (the chief law officer), a chief signal officer, a chief of engineers and a chief of ordnance, all with the rank of brigadier general, and each of these departments is represented on the staffs of commanding generals by officers of lower rank than a brigadier.—New York Press.

How British Ships Salute.

A salute in the British navy between two ships of equal rank is made by firing an equal number of guns. If the vessels are of unequal rank, the superior fires the fewer rounds. A royal salute consists of, first, in firing 21 great guns, second, in the officers lowering their sword points and, third, in dipping the colors

WOMEN AS MEN IN ARMY.

Disguised, Many Have Served For Months Without Discovery.

Military records contain quite a number of instances in which women, disguised as men, have entered the army and distinguished themselves on the battlefield, their sex not being discovered for many years afterward.

In 1872 a soldier who had enlisted under the name of Paul Daniel attracted the attention of a sergeant while drilling a body of recruits at Portsmouth. At the conclusion of the parade he sent for Daniel and stated his suspicions in regard to the recruit's sex. On seeing that the game was up, Daniel confessed to being a female and burst into tears when informed that she could no longer continue with the regiment. It appeared that her husband, after getting through a large fortune, had fled to Germany, where he had enlisted, and his wife performed the deception in the hope that as a soldier she might be dispatched for service in that country and thus discover her unfaithful partner.

A most remarkable woman was found to be serving as an ordinary soldier in a certain German corps toward the end of the last century. Her sex was revealed owing to a false charge of theft being made against her after she had been performing her military duties of the regiment for over six months. Before this she had served in a regiment of the cuirassiers for two years, in one regiment receiving a wound in the arm, and afterward joining the grenadiers. Being captured by the enemy, she managed to escape and promptly enlisted in a regiment of volunteers, and but for the unfortunate charge referred to might have spent her life in military pursuits.

In 1769 a woman made a determined effort to enlist in the East India company forces. Although she was disguised perfectly as a man, her voice and her manner gave her away. When the magistrate told her that her application was hopeless, she burst into tears, saying that this was her only chance of seeing her husband again, who was then serving in India.—Chicago Tribune.

DOUBTFUL TESTIMONY.

She Took His Answer Down, but Will Hardly Make Use of It.

"I'm the president of the Progressive Woman's league," said the spare female with sharp features as she gripped the conductor by the sleeve and made him involuntarily ring the bell of his punch and thus register an additional fare.

"I can't help that, ma'am," replied the conductor in a rather short tone—one fare short, as it were.

"Nobody asked you to," she went on. "I'm gathering statistics, and I entered this car on purpose to interview you. The statement has been made in some newspapers in an attempt to prove that our sex is incapable of handling the reins of government that one woman gives more trouble in a public conveyance than a dozen men."

"Well, ma'am"—

"As I was going to say," she rattled on, "such an assertion is a falsehood on the face of it, and it wouldn't be worth our while to contradict it if men weren't so prejudiced that they believe everything that's written against our sex. Now, in your daily experience, do you find that women give you more trouble than men?"

"Well, ma'am"—

"Perhaps I had better put it more plainly," she said, interrupting him again. "Let me ask you now as a conductor would you find your work easier if no women at all rode in trams?"

"It might be a little easier, ma'am," he replied, "but I don't see how in the world we should ever get along without them."

"Wait a minute," she cried joyfully. "Let me write down every word you've said. Once more, see, we shall be able to silence our enemies. Now, my good man, tell me why female passengers are indispensable."

"Because, ma'am," returned the conductor, "if it wasn't for the women we should be landed with any bad money we might happen to take in."—London Mail.

SPARED THE ENEMY.

Spanish Governor Showed Great Generosity In the War of 1746.

In the year 1746, when England was engaged in war with Spain, Captain Edwards of the Elizabeth of London, coming through the gulf from Jamaica richly laden, met with a violent storm. The ship sprang a leak that obliged it to run into the port of Havana. The captain went on shore and waited on the governor and told him of the occasion of his putting in, adding that he surrendered the ships a prize as well as himself and crew prisoners of war, only requesting good quarters.

"No, sir," replied the governor; "if we had taken you in fair sea or approaching our own coast with hostile intentions, your ship would then be a lawful prize and your people prisoners, but when, distressed by the hand of Providence, you come to our port for safety of your lives we, being men, though enemies, are bound by the laws of humanity to afford relief to the distressed who ask it of us. We cannot, even against our foes, take advantage of the act of God. You have leave therefore to unload your ship, if that be necessary to stop the leak. You may fit her here and traffic so far besides as shall be needful to pay the charges. When repaired, you may depart. I will give you a pass, to be in force till beyond Bermuda. If after that you are taken, then you will be a lawful prize, whereas now, as you are only a stranger, you have a stranger's right to safety and protection."

Here was fairness. The ship departed and arrived without any further accident in the port of London.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Her Love Test.

How many young men, candidates for matrimony, could win a wife were they unexpectedly put under the test of the shrewd Scotch girl who surprised her mistress by announcing:

"Lady, I maun tell ye I am to leave your service and to be marrit."

"Is not this very sudden, Mary?" inquired the lady. "Who is the person you expect to marry?"

"It is John Scott, mistress."

"But you have known him but a short time. How can you trust a stranger?" persisted the woman, reluctant to part with a good servant.

"Yes, 'tis true, but he's ken himsel' mony years, and he says he's all right, and I believe he is, for I asked him, 'Did he ken the Ten Commandments?' and he gave them ivery one. I asked him could he say the Shorter Catechism, and he had it every word; then I told him to grip his hands quick and hard, and then, lady, I saw he was a strong man, and I'm goin to gie him my hand."—Youth's Companion.

Cold Comfort.

Breathless Would Be Passenger—When does the half past 5 train leave?

Porter—Five thirty.

Passenger—Well, the new church is 27 minutes past, the postoffice is 25 minutes past and your clock is 32 minutes. Now, in the name of Joey, which clock am I to go by?

Porter—Yer can go by any clock yer like, but the train's gone.—London Fun.

Empty Talk.

Higgins Hall—Have you heard that empty box story?

Rustic Bridge—No.

Higgins Hall—It's just as well you haven't; there's nothing in it.—Chautauqua Assembly Herald.

DOGS AND A MAD DOG.

SANE ANIMALS QUICK TO RECOGNIZE HYDROPHOBIA.

A Curious and Highly Interesting Illustration of the Intelligent Sense That Is Possessed by Canines and Not by Human Beings.

That dogs possess certain attributes of sense which are lacking in the human being is generally recognized by scientific men. A curious case which occurred in Brooklyn last summer exemplifies this trait in a very clear manner, showing how canine instinct warns of danger where human intelligence is at fault. It was a very hot evening, the thermometer having fluctuated in the nineties all day. A pug dog, which had been lying on a doorstep arose and began to walk to and fro on the sidewalk, whining in a peculiar tone.

Presently it lay down, stretched out and rolled over; then got to its feet and resumed its sentrylike march more slowly than before. Its owner came out of his store and spoke to it, but it paid no attention to him. From time to time the pug would stretch out, groaning, only to get up again and pace to and fro. Several persons in the crowd which gathered said that it was going to have a fit, and this impression gained ground when it lifted up its voice in a plaintive howl with a strange catch at the end of the note.

Attracted by the gathering of people, an elderly man, leading a magnificent St. Bernard in leash, approached to see what was going on. As he reached the front of the circle the pug gave its broken howl again. Instantly the great St. Bernard sprang back. The hair on its neck bristled and it showed every evidence of terror. In vain did the man try to calm the animal. With paws extended and braced and uttering deep growls of protest it struggled to retreat.

"That's a strange thing," said the owner. "I never saw Prince act that way before. Come back here, boy."

But Prince gave so sudden and fierce a leap that the leash was freed from the holder's grasp and the big fellow fled up the street at the top of his speed. A few minutes later a small cur trotted around the corner as the pug was lying stretched and panting and proceeded to investigate. Once the new arrival walked around the sufferer, then approached with the evident intention of touching noses, an intention which was never carried out, for the pug just then lifted its head and sounded that strange note. With a howl of abject terror the cur turned and ran. At the same moment a setter which had been nosing around in the gutter diagonally opposite bounded in the air at the sound of the pug's howl and set off at a swift lope in the opposite direction.

That part of Brooklyn is populous with dogs, and many passed that way, every one without exception that heard the voice of the sufferer turning tail with all evidences of the liveliest alarm. One large Newfoundland bolted straight through the crowd, knocking down a woman and a boy in its desperate haste to get away. For a moment the cry of "Mad dog!" was heard, but it referred to the fugitive and not to the pug, which was now whimpering under the caresses of its master. Even at the severest of its suffering it was quite gentle and did not even exhibit such paroxysms as a dog in a fit shows. As its owner was debating with a friend the advisability of taking the pug indoors two men, one of whom had a bulldog in leash, stopped to look at the sufferer. The man with the bulldog, who was obviously a sport, handed the leash to his companion and bent over the pug.

"Let's have a glim at him," said he. "I know a thing or two about these animals."

"I was afraid at first that it was a case of going mad," said the owner, "but I guess it's only a fit."

"That's all," said the sport, feeling in the pug's mouth and examining its eyes. "Folks always think that it's hydrophobia if a beast cuts up a little when it's warm weather. Stand up here and let's see your paces."

Lifting the pug, he set it on its feet gently. For a few steps it staggered uncertainly forward, then, giving a howl, sank down again. There was an answering howl from the bulldog, and it strained at its collar until its eyes started from its head from the pressure on its throat. At the sound of his dog's terror the sport's face changed and he jumped away.

"Come here, Nero," he commanded his dog, catching at the leash and dragging hard, but the animal snarled so savagely that he gave over the attempt to force it and simply held it where it stood. Still it tugged with all its power, trembling through all its powerful body.

"See here," said the sport, turning to the owner of the pug. "You can't kill that dog too quick. If ever a dog was mad, that's a case right there."

"You told me it was a fit a minute ago," protested the other. I don't believe it's mad."

"Don't you?" cried the sport. "Well, I didn't either, but my dog does, and you can bet your last cent on a dog's judgment in any case like that. This bull of mine was never afraid of anything before in his life, and now look at him, so scared he's shaking like a leaf. He knows he's in danger of his life, that's what he knows, and if every doctor in the country told me that dog of yours didn't have hydrophobia I'd back Nero for knowing better."

"A dozen other dogs have acted the same way as soon as they heard that howl," put in a man who had been there from the first.

"I'd look like a fool killing my dog just because other dogs are afraid of him," said the owner.

Meantime the bulldog had been taken across the street, where it howled dismally. A policeman appeared and entered into the discussion, taking the side of the pug's owner, who declared his willingness to sacrifice his animal if there was any reasonable ground for belief that the trouble was really rabies. Presently another dog appeared, wandered around unconcernedly until it heard the pug's howl and then ran away shrieking shrilly, a circumstance which went far toward bringing the policeman around to the sport's opinion. He got out his revolver, and none too soon, for without warning the pug sprang into the air and began whirling around, uttering short, choking snarls and snapping at the air furiously. That settled it, and two shots from the revolver ended the dog's sufferings, while the bystanders fled in all directions.

After the pug was dead Nero's owner tried to persuade the bulldog to approach the body, but met with such determined resistance that he gave it up. The crowd went away, debating the mystery of that unanimous and instantaneous canine diagnosis to which they had been witnesses, which perhaps had saved some of them from a terrible death.—New York Sun.

Correcting Her Papa.

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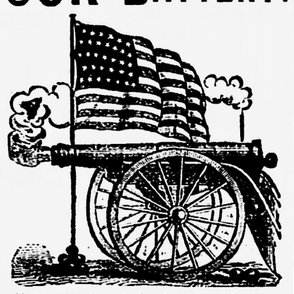

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CHARLES W. GAITHER,

late of Howard county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, on or before the 2th day of February next; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

Given under my hand this 16day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

W. H. FORSYTHE, Administrator.

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MARY E. RAY,

late of Howard county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, on or before the 29th day of February next; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

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