

## UNION OF SENTIMENT.

Three Cheers for Home! Made the Opposing Soldiers Good Friends.

Stories of individual friendship between the soldiers of our two armies during the Civil War are among the commonplaces of history. As one Confederate soldier says, in his "Recollections," "The war could have been settled in ten days if the question had been left to the soldiers."

A short time after the Battle of Fredericksburg the men on both sides were perfectly friendly though so lately they had been arrayed against each other with all the ferocity of wolves. The Yanks sent us newspapers and coffee, and we sent them tobacco. This neighborly feeling grew, until the officers thought it was going too far, and ordered us to stop all communication, and shoot at every man we saw.

Still it was impossible to choke out our friendliness. Sometimes a Confederate might be heard calling, "Say, old Yank! how you getting on?"

"All right, old Johnny," would come the answer, "What's the news?"

"Say, old Yank! send me a newspaper and some coffee!"

"All right, old Johnny. I'm going off duty now. See you again to-morrow. Good-by."

It was here, in the spring of '63, that a beautiful incident happened. The two armies were encamped on either side of the Rappahannock, and as twilight fell, the Union bands began to play "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "Rally Round the Flag." The challenge was taken up by the other side, and it responded with "The Bonnie Blue Flag" and "Dixie."

Suddenly a single soldier in one of the bands was inspired to begin a sweeter, more tender air, and as he slowly played it, all the instruments on the Union side joined in, until a great and mighty chorus swelled up along the line of both armies, "Home, Sweet Home."

When the music ceased, there came a challenge from the boys in gray: "Three cheers for home!" And as they went resounding toward the skies from both sides of the river, something washed off the stains of powder from many a soldier's cheek.

## FUN ENOUGH.

He Knew a Game That Could Beat Chess and Golf Hollow.

If you would enjoy your work, go about it as if it were a game you were set upon winning. According to the Detroit Free Press, a certain old farmer learned this secret—which is not a new one—while watching two "city fellows" playing chess. The game was long, and he ventured to interrupt it.

"Excuse me," he said, "but the object of both of you is to get them wooden objects from where they are over to where they ain't?"

"That partly expresses it," replied one of the players.

"And you have to be continually on the lookout for surprises and difficulties?"

"Constantly."

"And if you ain't mighty keeful, you're goin' to lose some on 'em?"

"Yes."

"An' then there's that other game that you dress up old fur, an' play with long sticks an' a little ball."

"You mean golf."

"I think prob'ly that's what I mean. Is that game amusin'?"

"It's quite interesting, and the exercise is very beneficial."

"Well, I reckon it's a mighty good joke on me."

"To what do you refer?"

"The way I've been havin' fun without knowin' anything about it. If you gentlemen want to really enjoy yourself, you come over an' git me to let you drive pigs. You'll git all the walkin' you want, an' the way you have to watch for surprises, an' figger so's not to lose 'em, would tickle you most to death."

## A Queenly Milkmaid.

The Queen of the Belgians and Princess Clementine, while driving in a pony cart one day last summer, had a charming rural adventure, which the London Post describes: They stopped at a farmhouse to buy a glass of milk. Nobody but an old, paralyzed woman was in the house, and she replied that no milk was left in the pails, and that she was unable to milk a cow.

"Never mind," said the queen; "if you will allow me, I will go to the pasture. Just tell me where the jugs are."

"But my dear lady, you are from the town, and you will never be able to milk a cow," objected the old woman. She was mistaken, however, for a little later her majesty returned with a half-filled jug. Meantime, Princess Clementine had laid on the table three bowls, a loaf and the needed knives and plates. The old farmer's wife was served by the princess, who it appears, greatly enjoyed the adventure.

## Practical.

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"Cannibals!" snorted her husband. "What in the world are you talking about, Debby?"

"Why, I have just been reading an item in this paper that Cousin Ed, who lives out there, sent us, which says that 'The Imperial Hotel had a couple of Chicago capitalists for dinner yesterday.'"

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## INFLUENCE OF A BOOK.

One Life Upon which a Good Book had a Great Influence.

Pope's line, "Just as the twig is bent the tree inclined," has caused much apprehension to nervous parents, who have sometimes mistaken a boy's slight curvature for a permanent inclination. Perhaps their anxiety may be soothed by reading about the early life of Joseph Henry, the first secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, and a scholar whose contributions to electrical science enabled Professor Morse to invent the modern telegraph.

When Joseph was nine years old his father died, and he was forced to go to work in a country store. His employer, a good hearted man allowed him his afternoons to attend school; but the boy showed little inclination for learning and no fondness for books.

For two or three years there was nothing to distinguish him from any "country boy"; but one day, in chasing a rabbit, he crawled through the broken foundation wall of the village church, and attracted by a glimmer of light made his way up into the vestibule of the building, where the village library was kept. Young Henry took down a volume, which happened to be Brooke's "Fool of quality," a novel with a moral purpose, and became interested in the story.

"That was the first book I ever opened voluntarily," said he telling the incident after he had become famous. He returned again and again by the underground passage to the library, and regaled himself upon the fiction therein.

When about fourteen years of age young Henry left the country store and went back to his mother's house in Albany, where he found temporary employment with a silver smith. He developed a great fondness for the theatre; obtained entrance behind the scenes, and learned the methods of producing stage effects. He joined the "Rosarum," an amateur theatrical society, and distinguished himself by his ingenuity in stage management. The failure of his employer gave him to write a comedy and to dramatize a serious story.

Doubtless his mother looked with apprehension on her son's inclination toward the theatre and play-writing; but it was temporary. The bent of his mind was disclosed to himself when he took up during a slight illness, a book entitled, "Lectures on Experimental Philosophy. Astronomy and Chemistry, intended chiefly for the use of the use of Young Persons, by G. Gregory." The volume led him to the road in which he walked for sixteen years. After his death it was found in his library, with following inscription written upon its leaf:

"This book, although, by no means a profound work, has under Providence, exerted a remarkable influence upon my life. It accidentally fell into my hands when I was about sixteen years old, and was the first work I had ever read with attention. It opened to me a new world of thought and enjoyment; invested things before almost unnoticed with the highest interest; fixed my mind on the study of nature, and caused me to resolve at the time of reading that I would immediately commence to devote my life to the acquisition of knowledge."

The boy at once resigned from the "Rosarum," and ceased writing plays. He attended a night school at first, then he entered the Albany Academy, where he paid for his own tuition by teaching a "district school." Subsequently, while serving as assistant in the academy, he was made its professor of mathematics, and developed the principles which, when applied to Morse's telegraph, made it effective at a distance. His subsequent brilliant career as a professor in Princeton College and secretary of the Smithsonian Institution illustrates the tremendous influence of one good book.

## LEARNED A LESSON.

Miss Fidelia had the Cat and the Hotel People were Paid for it.

A man who stopped at a crowded hotel in a city where a national political convention was in session stepped up to the clerk's desk on the morning of his departure to settle.

"Aw, how much is it, me good fellow?" he asked the clerk.

"Thirty-six dollars," replied that functionary, after a glance at his accounts.

"How do you make that out?"

"Four dollars a day for three of you. You have been here three days. Three times twelve are thirty-six."

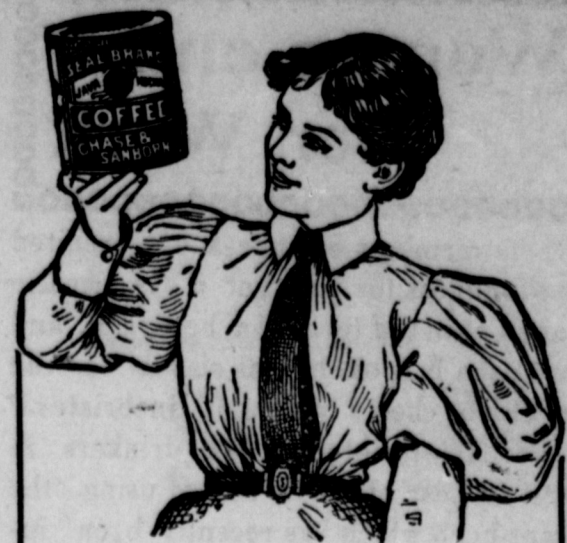
"But, me good fellow, there are only two of us—my wife and myself."

"You registered as 'Mr. and Mrs. Up-Smith and Fidelia.'"

"Aw, me good fellow, 'Fidelia' is my wife's lapdog. You can't charge for a lapdog, you know!"

"All I know is that we put an extra cot in your room for Miss Fidelia," rejoined the inexorable clerk, "and every cot in the house has got to bring in money this week. Thirty-six dollars, sir."

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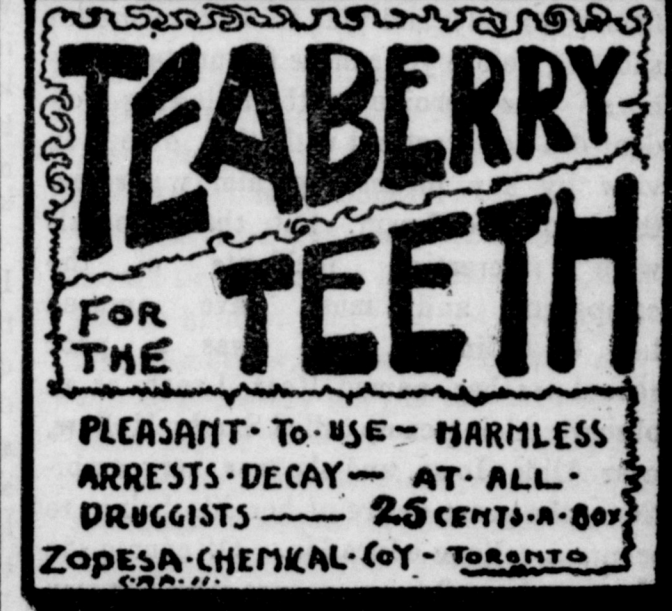
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