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COL JACOB H. SMITH COOLY DRILLS HIS MEN UNDER GALLING FIRE.

Soldiers Had Just Been Rallied From a Disorganized Rattle and the Whistle of Messes Was Not calculated to Quiet Their Nerves.

During the war with Spain Lieutenant Colonel Jacob H. Smith, was a Major in charge of a battalion of the Second United States Infantry.

At Bloody Ford the battalion came upon the Seventy-first Regiment. "What is the matter here?" shouted the Major as he came upon the scene.

The officers said that they were willing to proceed upon the enemy and a number of men came forward and said that they were anxious to go with them and fight.

The remainder of the Seventy-first New York was left behind at the creek. A mile beyond lay San Juan Hill. Already there was fighting there, and the zip of the bullets which sped over the moving columns was annoying to say the least especially to the rallied companies of the Seventy-first New York.

Major Smith had been ordered to take position at the foot of the hill as a support to the regular line, which had already advanced and was in the thick of the fray.

Major Smith simply smiled and said: "That was the result of an inspiration." The General had seen the men going through the manual under a galling fire, and knew the significance of the reply.

Major Smith has since been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel of the Twelfth Infantry, another brave regiment worthy of the gallant commander who now controls its destinies.

SHE HAD BEEN THERE.

Something of the Way She Had of Meeting Agents.

"This man, who came up from the bottom of the ladder and now owns the majority of stock in a big piano factory, can afford to tell jokes on himself and enjoys them just as heartily as though some one else were the victim."

"I first began on organs," he relates, "on a very small scale and with a very small amount of capital. My first trip was to Michigan, and out in Van Buren county I had an experience. Walking from farm to farm, I met a little young fellow of whom I made inquiry as to where I would be most likely to make a sale. He seemed to be immensely tickled over something at the time, but I had no suspicion that I was mixed up in the reason for his being so tickled on to the house of a Scotch widow."

"Now, I had no way of knowing that the widow had been taken in by a professional organ seller who secured her name to a note that was represented as a contract, or that she was a sworn enemy to all traveling agents because of her loss. She was a big woman with a strong face and her eyes grew fierce as I scouted my business."

"Mon," she exclaimed, did anybody see you come in?" "No one," I answered in a puzzled way. "That's well for nobody will see you going on," she said, and she turned to the man who had been with me. "See here," she said, and she pointed to the man who had been with me. "I don't know what she would have done, but I do know that I took a header through an open window and struck out cold lots for the depot."

Just what He Wanted. One of the first men to reach San Francisco with a board of Klondike gold was a Fishman named Finegan. He was a rich man and consequently was unfamiliar with any ordinary wages of a life of luxury.

The oysters were soon set before him and Finegan looking about him on something to put on them, and away knowing what the something should be, sped a bottle of Tabasco, and proceeded to season the bivalves not wisely, but too well.

While waiting an oyster upon his fork, he thrust his into his mouth and then heaped to his lips with a terrific roar of pain and began dancing about and yelling like a madman.

"See here," cried the proprietor, "put me out, I'll give you five dollars if you wish you could put me out." "Well, Finegan, he inhaled his blazin' look a match-factory."

Blissful Ignorance.

"Will you be crippled for life?" "It was done by a dreadful Mauser bullet," asked one.

"Will you be crippled for life?" queried another. "I'm sure he was shot while carrying a wounded comrade off the field," gushed a third.

The crippled veteran, as modest as he was brave, was visibly embarrassed by these tributes, and as soon as he could master his emotion he remarked quite simply: "Ah, g'wan! 'Taint nawthin' but a boil on me knee!"

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