

The Pity of It

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Just an even hundred men answered "Here!" as the sergeant called the roll...

A few weeks went by, and we stood shoulder to shoulder in battle line again...

And so could you wonder that when recruits came down to us we looked upon them as intruders...

And at last came Appomattox and the surrender and then peace and the return to Washington...

It was not the sergeant who had called the roll after Gettysburg...

"Berry, Bloomington, Benson, Barston, Benjamin" No one replied.

"Cary, Carter, Canabun, Cummings, Comstock" No one replied.

And so he called, and so the silence of the death roll grew deeper.

"Young, Yeomans, Yager" No one replied.

"York!" "Here!" And so he of all was the sole survivor...

Perhaps no act of war engendered more bitterness than the burning of the barns and houses in the Shenandoah valley...

No warning was given unless the great clouds of smoke rising up here and there to signify destruction...

By and by, as we rode up to a quaint old farmhouse, half hidden among the fruit trees...

Frederick Palmer predicts that the war will last till spring...

SIRENS AND SONS.

The Margols Imperiali, the Italian ambassador in London...

Henry Abrahams of Boston, one of the best known labor men in the country...

Mr. Marconi has still in his possession the apparatus with which he made his first experiments in wireless telegraphy...

Edward Laska, who recently in a dispute over a girl in certain New York courts...

Pen and Brush.

Josephine B. Brown, the authoress of "The Well of Life"...

Ella Wheeler Wilcox, the "Poetess of Passion" is an expert painter...

Hilario Bellini, who is still a young man, has produced in the last twenty years more than forty books...

From the hand loom to the atelier from a weaver's apprentice to the painter of the American landscape...

The Royal Box.

Queen Mat of Norway has a hobby for bookbinding.

Queen Victoria of Spain abhors pomp and ceremony and goes about all parts of her country practically unattended.

Prime Leopold, the eldest son of the king of the Belgians, who is a pupil at Eton...

The czar of Russia does not care for cavalry, the prepared sturgeon roe which is the daily dish of the Russian peasantry...

Woman's World.

Over 40,000 women are members of the Garment Workers' union in New York state.

Forty-one women out of every 100 marry between the ages of twenty and twenty-five.

Waitresses in the Detroit restaurants are allowed to work only fifty-four hours a week.

The number of women members in trade unions in New York decreased 10 per cent during the last year.

Women vote in all of the forty Zionist colonies in Palestine, the first of which was founded twenty-five years ago.

BRIGHT BRIEFS.

It's a poor neutrality law that doesn't work both ways.

In the battle of life it is always easier to get there than to stay there.

Japan seems to show remarkable progress in everything except her corporations.

Some men go to political meetings with open minds and others with open mouths.

If a fellow could do today all the things he is going to do tomorrow he would get a promotion.

It is not paying for the necessities of life that keeps most of us poor; it is paying for the luxuries.

Despite the growing demand for fresh air, the manufacture of window glass continues to be profitable.

Man may have seen enough to know that he needs reform and yet resent the idea of somebody else doing it.

Servants in Germany.

How the servant question is handled in Germany is told in George Stuart Fullerton's book, "Germany of Today."

"In Bavaria, if I wish to get rid of a servant, I must give her notice on or before the 15th of the month, the notice to take effect on the first of the month following...

Should I prefer to get rid of her at any price I must pay her, not merely her wages, but also a sum to cover her board and lodging up to the legal date...

Such legal provisions may easily be an annoyance to the employer. It is not all employees who seem to deserve so much consideration.

But it is surely better that the well-to-do should suffer some inconvenience than those who have their daily bread to earn should run the risk of being brought to distress."

For Conserving Heat in Pipes.

An excellent covering for steam pipes may be made from materials that are always available.

Take some fine sawdust and screen it through a sieve to remove any foreign bodies. Prepare a thin paste of flour and water and mix the sawdust thoroughly with this paste.

With a small trowel the mixture so prepared should be applied in about five coats to the steam pipes while they are slightly warm.

Each coat should be thoroughly dry before the next is applied. If the steam pipes are in an exposed situation three or four coats of coal tar should be applied after the paste has dried.

If inside a building this water proofing is unnecessary. Steam pipes treated with the sawdust as above lose very little heat.—Popular Science Monthly.

Victoria and the Irish Soldiers.

It was at a royal review of troops that Queen Victoria made an immortal declaration. Regiment after regiment, English, Irish and Scotch, passed before the queen.

When the Grenadier guards went past she expressed the warmest of admiration for the faultless technique of the regiment.

When a regiment of highlanders marched past she became positively enthusiastic. "Magnificent!" her majesty is reported to have said.

"What splendid soldiers those highland men are!" Then came an Irish regiment, which one is not stated. This time it was not so much the faultless marching and the splendid physique that impressed her majesty.

For a moment she said nothing. Then in a low voice she turned to an officer and said, "Ah, that is bloody war!"

The Oldest Epitaph.

The oldest epitaph in English, which is found in a churchyard in Oxfordshire and dates from the year 1370, to modern readers would be unintelligible, not only from its antique typography, but from its obsolete language.

The first two lines of which run as follows and may be taken as a sample of the whole: "Man com & se how schal alle dede be; wen yow comes bad & bare, noth have ven we away fare, all ye werles ye ve for care."

The modern reading would be: "Man come and see how shall all dead be; when you come poor and bare; nothing have when we away fare. All is weariness that we for care."—London Spectator.

First Prize Declined.

Perhaps the most remarkable lottery was that in France in 1900, when the conclusion of peace and the marriage of Louis XIV. were celebrated. It was drawn publicly and under the inspection of the police, and the first prize, 100,000 livres, was won by the king himself.

He would not accept it, however, and it was left over to the next lottery in which he had no ticket.—London Express.

Philological Objection.

"Do you think it proper to call an antagonist names?" "Oh, yes," replied the scholar, "if Press. It is done properly." By selecting epithets sufficiently long and unusual to send people to the dictionary the process may be made positively educational.—Washington Star.

Something Wrong.

Patience. What do you think of Peggy's new diamond ring? "Patience I don't notice it." "Didn't notice it? Go! Are you stone blind?"—Yonkers Statesman.

Nothing to Go On.

"Did you read Binks I could not tell the truth if I tried?" "Of course I didn't. I don't know what you could do if you tried."—Richmond Times Dispatch.

Antipathy.

Margaret—Did you tell the girls at the tea that secret I confided to you and Josephine? Katharine—No, truly I didn't. Josephine got there first.—Exchange.

DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

Mrs. K. E. Harriman has a laboratory on Long Island which she has conducted for her experiments in eugenics.

The Countess of Orkney is fond of sport. She used to hunt a great deal, but was obliged to give it up, her shortsightedness often causing terrible spills.

Dr. Isabella Vandervall, twenty-one years of age, who graduated at the head of her class this year at the New York Medical College and Hospital For Women, is the first negro student since the college was organized fifty-two years ago.

Vesta Tilley has never appeared on the stage in feminine attire. At five years of age, as Tiny Tilley, she made her debut in the full evening dress of a man and sang songs. Since then it has been man's dress exclusively that she has worn before the footlights.

In private life she is Mrs. Walter de Freese, wife of her manager.

Current Comment.

Mexican currency seems to have reached the "buy a bale" stage.—Chicago News.

The dollar is now the world's standard of value, but it doesn't buy any more here than it used to before the war.—Detroit Free Press.

The vice president of China must take himself seriously. He resigned simply because they propose to make the presidency a permanent and hereditary office.—Boston Herald.

So much more than a dollar should purchase more of it than a year ago and so much gold that the purchasing power of a dollar is less. When does the consumer get off?—Wall Street Journal.

PITH AND POINT.

As a rule the crook always slips up on easy ground.

The clock is not the only face on which time tells.

The best years of a man's life are those in which he does his best.

The black sea may turn red before the nations are through fighting for it.

All round determination to win doesn't bring the end of war any nearer.

Economy alone does not get wealth. There must be something with which to economize.

There are too many people who are disposed to attend to public business before their own.

Denmark refuses to take the slightest interest in the ascension of Mount Everest by Dr. Cook.

Never trust your wife with her knowledge. You would probably be single today had she been wise.

Now they say that the dead weight of tradition has been blown sky high.

And now some one is complaining that we have too few army surgeons. Nevertheless, it is to be hoped we will not need any more.

Fashion Frills.

It is likely that by another summer the "sports shirt" will have a bit of lace insertion.—Boston Herald.

What with tall shoes and short skirts the height of fashion is finding it difficult to make both ends meet.—Washington Post.

"Immodesty is not a matter of dress," says a fashion writer who is evidently trying to boost some immodest garment.—Detroit Free Press.

As we expected, fashion greets the approach of winter with the belief that the fur neckpiece is due to be supplanted by the chiffon ruff.—Milwaukee Journal.

Flippant Flings.

Missouri has begun a war to exterminate groundhogs. But, no matter; there will still be plenty of other weather prophets left.—Philadelphia Post.

Health Hints.

Keep your body up to normal. The sickness germ has an uphill fight by a normally healthy body.

A severe cold or influenza can be often relieved by taking a teaspoonful of glycerin in a swallow of hot milk.

Tight lacing prevents the free circulation of the blood, which is so important for young girls. Good circulation is necessary for sound health, and when it is stopped by tight stays anaemia is the result.

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