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DIRGE FOR A SOLDIER

A Famous Memorial Day Poem

By GEORGE H. BOKER

CLOSE his eyes; his work is done!
What to him is friend or foe man,
Rise of moon, or set of sun,
Hand of man, or kiss of woman?
Lay him low, lay him low,
In the clover or the snow!
What cares he? He cannot know.
Lay him low!

As man may, he fought his fight,
Proved his truth by his endeavor.
Let him sleep in solemn night,
Sleep forever and forever.
Lay him low, lay him low,
In the clover or the snow!
What cares he? He cannot know.
Lay him low!

Fold him in his country's stars,
Roll the drum and fire the volley!
What to him are all our wars?
What but death hemocking folly?
Lay him low, lay him low,
In the clover or the snow!
What cares he? He cannot know.
Lay him low!

Leave him to God's watching eye;
Trust him to the hand that made him.
Mortal love weeps idly by;
God alone has power to aid him.
Lay him low, lay him low,
In the clover or the snow!
What cares he? He cannot know.
Lay him low!

FROM A MEMORIAL DAY SERMON.

"As a leaf," in its unselfish, faithful and lasting work for the tree and the world, let each of us be. We are leaves on the great tree of free government that God has planted in this America of ours; leaves which are designed to be for the "healing of the nations of the earth." Those who have gone before us have built up this tree till its mighty branches stretch far and wide, till its lofty form is visible in all climes, and the weary and the oppressed of all lands can come and here find rest and safety.

Let us all be like the leaves in our faithful and unselfish labors to build up this mighty and glorious tree. Let there be no antagonisms between classes, no animosities between sections, no bitterness between parties that shall mar and hinder us. But let each one in his place joyfully and heartily co-operate with all the rest in building up this great tree of our country until it shall be like unto that tree John saw in his apocalyptic vision that yields its fruit every month, whose leaves are for the healing of the nations and which grows in everlasting verdure "in the midst of the paradise of God." Then will our heroes not have died in vain. Rev. Thomas T. Eaton, Louisville, Ky.

Patriotism of the Children.
On Memorial Day nothing is more touching than the adorning of the graves of our fallen soldiers by the children. The day is most beneficial for while it directs the thoughts of the child to our national heroes it stimulates his patriotic devotion, and dependent upon the child's love of country is the patriotism of the man.

The Flag on Memorial Day.
As the 30th of May is our memorial celebration day, it is generally considered more fitting that private flags should be hung at half-mast. This is not, however, a universal custom. Many flags fly at full mast all day and do not vibrate any hard and fast tradition in being thus hung.

GATHERING DAISSIES for MEMORIAL DAY



TELLING OF HIS COMRADES' VICTORY



The Union Soldier And His Deeds

When the drum beat when the first martyr's blood sprinkled the stones of Baltimore, he took his place in the ranks and went forward. You remember his ingenious and glowing letters to his mother, written as if his pen were dipped in his very heart. How novel seemed to him the routine of service, the life of camp and march! How eager the wish to meet the enemy and strike his first blow for the good cause! What pride at the promotion that came and put its chevron on his arm or its strap upon his shoulder! They took him prisoner. He was sent in a hilly and grew camp and suffered with the horror of his sufferings and with pity for the greater horror of the sufferings of his comrades who fainted and died at his side. He tunneled the earth and escaped. Hungry and weak, in terror of recapture, he followed by night the pathway of the railroad. He slept in thickets and sank in swamps. He saw the glitter of horsemen who pursued him. He knew the bloodhound was on his track. He reached the blue and, with his hand grasping at freedom, they caught and took him back to his captivity. He was exchanged at last. And you remember when he came home on furlough how manly and war worn he had grown. But he soon returned to the ranks and to the welcome of his comrades. They recall him now alike with tears and pride. In the rifle pits around Petersburg you heard his steady voice and "brave command." "Some one" who saw him then fancied that he seemed that day like one who forefeet the end. But there was no flinching as he charged. He had just turned to give a cheer when the fatal ball struck him. There was a convulsion of the upward hand. His eyes, pleading and loyal, turned their last glance to the flag. Home they brought him, fairer than Adonis over whom the goddess of beauty wept. They buried him in the village churchyard under the green turf. Year by year his comrades and his kin, nearer than comrades, scatter his grave with flowers. Do you ask who he was? He was in every regiment and every company. He went out from every Massachusetts village. He sleeps in every Massachusetts burying ground. Recall romance, recite the names of heroes of legend and song, but there is none that is his peer. John D. Long.

THE OLD VET'S SPIRIT

He Marched in the Parade
In Washington Fifty Years
After the Grand Review.

Home, and some lived, I'll allow
Sort of a buzz in my head
I've got the old army grit,
Neighbor, or else I'd be dead.

Marched with the best of them, yes!
Just as I did at Seven Oaks
Say when I think of that line
Something right here kind o' shokes.

Me! Keepin' step through them streets
After th' years that's gone by
Me! Come in army blue brags
Broad shouldered, quick keen of eye.

Seemed like the ghost of myself
Marchin' with more shadders there
Just sort o' comradin' on.
Not mindin' how long or where.

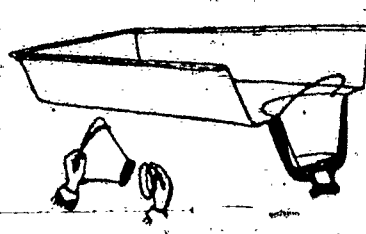
Then came the word an' we knew
Wilson was watchin' our line
If we wuz feeble or stiff
None of us gave any sign.

We just bricked up like young eagles
Walked right along with new vigor
Felt that our swing an' our stride
Must seem consolin' to him.

He an' this nation well know
Though some wild talk has been said
If he but needed to call
Others would march where we led!
Ella A. Fanning in New York Times.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR HOUSEWIVES

Sink Strainer That Prevents Clogging of Pipe.



A kitchen sink that shall be sanitary and not likely to get stopped up is the recent invention of a Los Angeles man. It has a pall-like strainer and garbage drainer that catches all vegetable purings, meat trimmings, grease and refuse of all sorts and prevents clogging of the drainpipe. This can readily be removed and the refuse emptied. The bottom of this pall is provided with two screens, the upper being a plate with holes punched through it and the bottom a finer screen attached to a pall-like holder that can be engaged over the outwardly turned bottom rim of the pall-like first strainer.

Cheap Ice Cream.
Two quarts of whole milk, a tablespoonful of gelatin, a cupful of sugar, a quart of cream twelve hours old, an eighth teaspoonful of salt, a teaspoonful of vanilla. Soak the granulated gelatin in part of the whole milk, heat slowly the rest of the milk with the sugar to 140 degrees F., pour over the gelatin and stir well. Strain, and when cool add cream and flavoring and salt. Freeze as usual. Take dash or out and ripen for an hour.

Scalloped Cabbage.
Cut a small cabbage in quarters, boil with small piece of pork or spoonful of bacon grease until tender. Drain and let cool. Cut up, not too fine, season with salt, pepper, tablespoonful melted butter or lard grease, one or two well beaten eggs and cupful of milk. Mix well together and put in baking dish. Cover with cracker crumbs, dot with bits of butter, cover and bake three-quarters of an hour. Uncover and brown.

Spice Cake.
One and a half cupfuls of sugar, two-thirds of a cupful of butter, three eggs, a cupful of buttermilk, a teaspoonful of baking powder a teaspoonful of soda, four teaspoonfuls of cinnamon, a small teaspoonful of cloves, a small teaspoonful of nutmeg, a square of melted chocolate, two and a half cupfuls of flour and the whites of the eggs beaten stiffly. Bake in layers and put together with whipped cream.

Baked Ham.
Place slices of smoked ham cut one-third of an inch thick in a baking dish and cover with about two cupfuls of milk, bake slowly, turning once or twice, until ham is tender and has absorbed almost all the milk and is brown on top. Serve hot with baked or mashed potatoes, spinach or string beans. Milk with a little flour added stirred into what is left in pan makes a delicious gravy.

Spanish Rice.
Boil one cupful rice in two quarts of boiling water to which has been added one tablespoonful salt. Fry large onion and two canned pimientos, cut in small pieces in about two tablespoonfuls butter until onion is delicately browned. Add large cupful of tomatoes. Simmer few minutes and add rice. Cook one-half hour or until rice is very tender.

Rice Chocolate Pudding.
Turn one cupful of well washed rice into a buttered dish with three cupfuls of cold milk. Mix together one cupful of sugar and two tablespoonfuls of melted chocolate. Mix this with the rice and milk, scatter over the top butter amounting to one tablespoonful and bake in a slow oven until nearly all the milk has been absorbed.

Potato Puff.
Pare and boil six or eight potatoes until tender; mash and season with two tablespoonfuls of butter, salt and pepper to taste. Add one cupful of milk or cream and beat until white and fluffy. Whip two eggs until very light. Add the potatoes and mix thoroughly. Put in a baking dish and brown. Serve immediately.

Baked Chicken and Lima Beans.
Prepare chicken for baking; season with salt and pepper. Place inside two medium sized onions, put in roaster and pour around it a pint of dried lima beans soaked overnight, onion, tablespoonful of butter, a few small potatoes and a pint of hot water. Before removing from oven add a pint of milk.

Curling Rugs.
Rugs which curl up into a nuisance, but this can be easily remedied. Turn upside down and glue along the edge at the wrong side, being careful to have the glue thickest at the corners. Let harden and place rugs on the floor, and you will find they will lie perfectly flat.

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