

"We Never Drink."

The anecdote related below is worthy the attention of both soldier and civilian, for the denial of indulgence to the appetites is alike a virtue in both classes:

On the stand were seven or eight soldiers of the Eighth Maine Regiment—civil, well behaved, intelligent men, as was apparent from their conversation. While at the same house in Lincoln, there came into the office a poor old blind man—stone blind—slowly feeling his way with his cane. He approached the soldiers and said in gentle tones:

"Boys, I hear you belong to the Eighth Regiment.—I have a son in that Regiment."

"What is his name?"

"John ———."

"Oh, yes, we know him well. He was a sergeant in our company. We always liked him."

"Where is he now?"

"He is now a Lieutenant in a colored regiment, and a prisoner at Charleston."

For a moment the old man ventured not to reply; but at last slowly and sadly he said:

"I feared as much. I have not heard of him for a long time."

They did not wait for another word, but these soldiers took from their wallets a sum of money amounting to twenty dollars, and offered it to the old man saying:

"If our whole company was here we could give you a hundred dollars."

The old man replied:

"Boys, you must put it in my wallet for me, for I am blind."

But mark what followed. Another individual in the room, who had looked on the scene, as I had, with feelings of pride in our citizen soldiers, immediately advanced and said:

"Boys, this is a handsome thing, and I want you to drink with me. I stand treat for the company."

I waited with interest for the reply. It came:

"No, sir, we thank you kindly; we appreciate your offer—but we never drink!"

The scene was perfect—the first act was noble, was generous; the last was grand.

INFLUENCE OF IRON ON VEGETATION.—A curious discovery has recently been made regarding the influence of iron on vegetables. On the chalky shores of France and England where there is an absence of iron, vegetation has a sere and blanched appearance. This is entirely removed, it appears, by the application of a solution of sulphate of iron. Haricot beans watered with this substance acquired an additional weight of sixty per cent. Mulberries, peaches, pears, vines and wheat, derive advantages from the same treatment. In the cultivation of clover, wonderful advantages have been gained by the application of the sulphate of iron on soils in which that ingredient is wanting, and in cases it is desired to produce an early crop. The material is of course cheap, and the quantity applied small. All the scales falling around the blacksmith's anvil should be saved for the land—they are worth five cents a quart to gardeners. No fruit is so much benefited by iron rust in soils as the pear.

A GOOD ANSWER.—At a banquet, when solving enigmas was one of the diversions, Alexander said to his courtiers:

"What is that which did not come last year, has not come this year, and will not come next year?"

A distressed officer, starting up, said:

"It certainly must be our arrears of pay."

The King was so diverted that he commanded him to be paid up and his pay increased.

The philosophical Josh Billings, who appears in the Troy News, says "the married state is a good deal like falling out of a cherry tree, if a person don't happen tew git hurt, it is a good reason for not tricing it agin."

GENERAL CHAMBERLAIN, of Maine, who was so severely wounded in the first assault on Petersburg, has so far recovered as to be able once more to proceed to the front, at his own request.—*American.*

Managed her Husband.

"How do you manage your husband, Mrs. Croaker?—Such a job as I have of it with Smith." "Easiest thing in the world, my dear; give him a twitch backwards when you want him to go forward. For instance, you see to-day I had a loaf of cake to make. Well, do you suppose because my body is in the pastry room, my soul need be there, too? Not a bit of it. I am thinking of all sorts of celestial things all the while. Now, Croaker has a way of tagging round at my heels and bringing me plump down in the midst of my aerial flights, by asking me the price of sugar I am using. Well, you see, it drives me frantic; and when I woke up this morning and saw this furious storm I knew I had him on my hands for the day, unless I managed right; so I told him that I hoped he wouldn't go out to catch his death, this weather; that if he was not capable of taking care of himself, I would do it for him; that it was a very lonesome rainy day, and that I wanted him to stay at home and talk with me; at any rate he musn't go out, and I hid his umbrella and India rubbers. Well, of course he was right up (just as I expected,) and in less than ten minutes was streaking down the street at the rate of ten miles an hour. You see there's nothing like understanding human nature; no woman should be married until she is thoroughly posted up in this branch of education."

"PUT A HOLE THROUGH IT."—An exchange paper relates the following of a Georgia general:—

One night General ——— was out on the line, and observed a light on the mountain opposite. Thinking it was a signal-light of the enemy, he remarked to his artillery officer that a hole could easily be put through it. Whereupon the officer turning to the corporal in charge of the gun, said:

"Corporal, do you see that light?"

"Yes, sir."

"Put a hole through it," ordered the captain.

The corporal sighted the gun, and when all was ready, he looked up and said:

"Captain, that's the moon."

"Don't care for that," was the captain's ready response; "put a hole through it anyhow."

OLD ABE'S LAST.—A good story is going the rounds in this city in regard to President Lincoln. He said to one of our New Hampshire politicians the other day, that many meetings had been held in widely separated places, to take measures to supersede him as a Presidential candidate. But wherever the meeting was held, three men, well known to him, were found to be the moving spirits. It reminded him of a little story of a boy in a certain district school, who stumbled at the names of Shadrach, Meshech and Abednago, in reading the scriptures. The teacher, after vain endeavors to correct him, gave up in despair, and turning over a few leaves, set him to work on a fresh passage. He went on very glibly for a moment, then stopped, scratched his head, eyed the page very savagely and exclaimed: "I'll be darned if here aint them three fellers again."

They're always giving things different resignations from what they used to have," said Mrs. Partington to Ike. "In my opinion what they call the new ralgia is catamount to old rheumatiz."

Conundrums.

WHAT stock in the yard is likely to rise highest?—That with wings. When will it probably go down?—On Thanksgiving-day.

WHY are the shores of the Chesapeake like a hand-saw? Because they have many fine Points.

WHEN is a lady like a tea-spoon? When she is in-tea-resting.

WHAT kind of autumn leaves are most desirable in Hospital? Leaves of absence.

WHY is the Sanitary Commission independent of puffs? Because it has a good BELLOWS of its own.

WHY should butter rise and rule the market? Because it has always been "put down."

TALENTED YOUTH.—A good anecdote is told of a house-painter's son, who used the brush dextrously, but had acquired the habit of 'putting it on too thick.' One day his father, after having frequently scolded him for his lavish daubing, and all to no purpose, gave him a severe flagellation. "There, you young rascal," said he, "after having performed the painful duty, 'how did you like that?' 'Well, I don't know, dad,' whined the boy in reply, 'but it seems to me that you put it on a thunderin' sight thicker than I did.'

AGREEABLE MISTAKE.—Not long since, the physician of a Western village had a call to see a patient living a few miles out of town, and as his mule was nearly as far away as his patient, he concluded to go on foot, and started about eight o'clock in the evening. When about half way he heard some animal stealthily creeping towards him, and knowing there were grizzly bears in the country, he at once surmised that he was about to be attacked by one. He made up his mind that discretion was the better part of valor, and made hurried tracks for the nearest tree. After ascending about twenty feet, he found a convenient limb on which he could hang, and listen to his enemy. He soon heard him approaching, and could see his great eyes glistening like balls of fire. The grizzly approached near the tree and seated himself, keeping his great fiery eyes steadily fixed upon his victim, as if confident that he was yet to furnish his supper.—Thus beleaguered the poor doctor was compelled to hang and watch the huge, shaggy monster through the long, weary night; and he says his prayers for daylight and relief were deep and heartfelt. At last daylight appeared, and as objects began to appear more distinct, the size of the monster began to diminish and appear less frightful, and after wiping the mist from his eyes he found that he was treed by his own big dog!

Report of Changes in Division No. 1.

B. A. VANDERKIEFF, SERGEON IN CHARGE.

Admitted:

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS:		COMMISSIONED OFFICERS:	
Maj. H. N. Brown, 36th Wis. Vols.	1st Lt. E. Eyde, 45th Pa. Vols.	do D. A. Shriver, 3d Md. do	do W. K. Snow, 2d Mass. Art. do
do S. W. McPherson, 25 N. Y. C.	do J. S. Lovell, 36th Mass. Vols.	do Samuel Sully, 8th N. Y. do	do J. D. Babb, 5th Md. Vols. do
Capt. R. O'Beirne, 14th U.S. Inf.	do J. S. Vanderlinger, 10 do Art.	do J. W. Steele, 190th Pa. do	do W. J. Pernell, 1st Pa. Cav. do
do M. Sutor, 4th Md. Vols.	do Geo. W. Platt, 122d N. Y. do	do H. Howard, 157 N. Y. Vols.	do E. R. Hilliard, 122d Ohio do
do G. W. Weeks, 36th Wis. do	do V. J. Pierce, 47th N. Y. do	do N. Waterfield, 109 N. Y. do	do J. P. Alcorn, 1st Pa. Art. do
do E. M. Fuller, 39th U. S. C. T.	do W. J. Hinkle, 48th Pa. do	do J. Wagener, 87th Pa. Vols. do	do C. A. Vedder, 14th N. Y. H. A. do
do J. F. Simpson, 14th Conn. V.	do C. C. Burton, 22d N. Y. Cav.	do H. Watts, 8th Me. Vols. do	do G. W. Osgood, 6th N. H. do
do Geo. W. Platt, 122d N. Y. do	do H. H. Daniels, 2d Mich. V.	do A. Pinder, 59th Mass. do	do A. D. Limberger, 3d N. Y. do
do J. S. Lovell, 36th Mass. Vols.	1st Lt. W. A. Calhoun, 3d Mass. do	do L. F. Brahm, 184th Pa. do	do G. W. Campbell, 60 Ohio do
do V. J. Pierce, 47th N. Y. do	do J. S. Lutman, 31 N. Y. do	do D. S. Wells, 126th Ohio do	do C. E. Patterson, 126 do
do W. J. Hinkle, 48th Pa. do	do E. Lowler, 147th do do	do Wm. Durham, 1st Vt. Cav. do	do Wm. Henry, 116th Ohio V.
do C. C. Burton, 22d N. Y. Cav.	do Z. Martin, 4th Va. do		
do H. H. Daniels, 2d Mich. V.	do G. W. Campbell, 60 Ohio do		
1st Lt. W. A. Calhoun, 3d Mass. do	do C. E. Patterson, 126 do		
do J. S. Lutman, 31 N. Y. do	do W. Van Buskirk, 14th [N. Y. H. Art]		

Transferred:

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS:		COMMISSIONED OFFICERS:	
1st Lt. Theo. Tyrn, 64th N. Y. V.	2d Lt. S. C. Fulton, 8th do Cav.		
do D. O'Brien, 7th N. Y. Art.			

Returned to Duty:

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS:		COMMISSIONED OFFICERS:	
Col. E. Blackwell, 1st Conn. Cav.	Capt. C. C. Burton, 22d N. H. Vols.	do G. A. Beck, 37th Wis. Vols.	do E. M. Fuller, 39th U. S. C. T.
Maj. A. Wyman, 1st N. H. do	do J. W. Parker, 4th N. H. Vols.	do A. Washburne, 29th Conn. do	do J. Alcorn, 1st Pa. Art. do
do W. M. Biddle, 4th Pa. do	do J. Hinkle, 48th do Vols.	1st Lt. W. T. Pinnock, 1st N. H. C.	do S. T. Vyman, 39th Mass. V.
Adj. A. W. Wheelock, 10 N. H. V.	do R. Schuyler, 13th N. Y. C.	do T. G. Smith, 69th do Vols.	do J. J. Holton, 38th Wis. do
do Jas. Campbell, 140 N. Y. do	do S. W. Flown, 10th N. H. A.	do B. Martin, 14th Va. Vols.	do H. H. Nevers, 28th Iowa do
do J. J. Healy, 23d Ill. do	do Theo. Sounders, 1st Me. A.	do W. S. Turch, 26th Mich. V.	do W. J. Purnell, Purnell Cav.
Asst. Surg. A. D. Rockwell, 6th [Ohio Cav.]	1st Lt. D. R. Wells, 126th Ohio-V.	do H. S. Curtis, 2d Conn. Art.	do L. D. Kurts, 148th Pa. Vols.
do do C. P. Lawrence, 4th [N. H. Art.]			
Capt. G. H. Baker, 7th Me. Vols.	do T. G. Smith, 69th do Vols.		
do E. S. Kyes, 32d do do	do J. J. Holton, 38th Wis. do		
do Wm. Hyser, 6th Mich. Cav.	do S. W. Flown, 10th N. H. A.		
do A. Schneider, 4th N. Y. do	do B. Martin, 14th Va. Vols.		
do J. T. Simpson, 14th Conn. V.	do H. H. Nevers, 28th Iowa do		
do A. H. Nixar, 84th Pa. do	do Theo. Sounders, 1st Me. A.		
do Sam'l Bryan, 84th do do	do W. S. Turch, 26th Mich. V.		
do George Weeks, 36th Wis. do	do W. J. Purnell, Purnell Cav.		
do C. M. Nute, 1st Me. Art.	2d Lt. D. R. Wells, 126th Ohio-V.		
do J. S. Vanderberger, 10th [N. H. Vols.]	do H. S. Curtis, 2d Conn. Art.		

Discharged:

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS:		COMMISSIONED OFFICERS:	
Col. C. W. Le Gender, 51st Mich. V.	Capt. M. J. De Forrest, 81 N. Y. V.	do R. F. Hersey, 1st Me. Art.	do S. Zimmermann, 81 N. Y. do
do C. J. Powers, 168th N. Y. do	do R. H. Harding, 126th Ohio V.	1st Lt. O. S. Harbut, 142d do do	do G. W. Westlake, 39th U. S.
Chap. R. Dickson, 100th Pa. do	do S. Zimmermann, 81 N. Y. do	do G. W. Westlake, 39th U. S.	
do J. F. Wade, 2d N. Y. Mt. Rif.	do O. S. Harbut, 142d do do		
Adj. J. E. Mullette, 81st N. Y. V.	do G. W. Westlake, 39th U. S.		
Asst. Surg. W. W. Wilson, 118th N. Y. Vols.			
Capt. H. N. Dodge, 6th Mich. Cav.	do F. H. Sweet, 10th N. H. Y.		
do L. B. Little, 19th N. H. Vols.	do Amos Savage, 39th Ill. do		
do P. C. Kavanaugh, 108 N. Y. do	do V. P. Donnelly, 61st Pa. do		
do J. C. Brown, 20th Ind. N. Y. V.	2d Lt. R. Marrow, 14th N. Y. Art.		
do L. R. Prior, 6th Ohio do	do A. Eastman, 1st Me. H. A.		
do G. W. Joseph, 3d Del. do	do P. H. Welch, 111th N. Y. Art.		

Died:

Captain J. W. Dougherty, 1st Va. Cav.