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WHEN LOVE WAS SWEETEST SONG.

Dear little sunny heart of mine, I bring to you a Valentine. To tell you love's old song—Some little, happy, blushing verse, Brought as the summer breeze' reversion, To play your thoughts among. To tell you how your magic spells, Your love's mysterious incantations, Bewitch me with the fascinations That only music tells.

MILITARY OFFICERS.

THE VARIOUS RANKS FROM CORPORAL TO GENERAL.

Only Four Americans Have So Far Succeeded in Obtaining the Much Coveted Highest Military Title - The Rank and File of the Army.

To begin with the military unit, private is an adjective that has become a noun. Originally the man in the ranks was a private soldier. The word soldier has been dropped, for brevity's sake, and now the man with the gun is simply a private.

The lowest grade of commissioned officer is lieutenant, and the titles come from the French. Lieutenant, and tenant (from the Latin tenens), holding. A lieutenant therefore is one who holds or supplies the place of his superior in the performance of any duty or in his absence and consequently the officer is one who acts for his captain.

The title captain, applied to the commander of a company, is from the Latin caput, a head. In the Bible the title was given to kings or princes, generals or commanders of armies, governors of provinces, etc., and Shakespeare uses it in the sense of a chief commander.

Major is the title of the officer next in rank above a captain. He commands a battalion. The word is compounded with the idea of certain non-commissioned officers to show that they are the chiefs of their ranks, as sergeant major, drum major, etc.

A lieutenant colonel is an officer who holds the same relationship to a colonel that a lieutenant holds to a captain. In some European armies the lieutenant colonel is the second in command of his regiment, the colonel being honorary. For example, Queen Victoria and the Prince of Wales are honorary colonels of certain regiments in the German army.

Colonel was originally a noun and was introduced into English from the Spanish about the middle of the sixteenth century. With each regiment are a number of staff officers, commissioned and non-commissioned. A commissioned officer is one to whom the head of the national or state government has given a document conferring upon him the charge of his regiment, various functions of his rank. A non-commissioned company officer holds his place by appointment of the company commander with the approval of the commander of the regiment; a member of the non-commissioned staff is appointed by the regimental commander.

A very important commissioned officer of the regimental staff is the adjutant, whose title comes from the Latin verb adiutare (to assist), and whose province it is to aid his commander in the discharge of his duties of his military duty. The records of the regiment are in his charge, he receives the returns from company commanders, receives and communicates orders of his superior, and he is altogether the busiest officer of a regiment if he performs them all faithfully.

The functions of the regimental commissariat in the United States army are divided between the quartermaster and the commissary of subsistence. These officers are usually, like the adjutant, lieutenant and sergeant, furnished with transportation, quarters, clothing and camp and garrison equipment, fuel, horses, forage and stabling, and the commissary of subsistence provides for the supply of a quartermaster is literally an officer in charge of the housing of troops. Headquarters is naturally the quarters of the head or commanding officer of a company, battalion, regiment, brigade, division corps or army and may be in the field or elsewhere.

The non-commissioned staff includes the sergeant major who is an assistant to the adjutant, the quartermaster sergeant and commissary sergeant, assistants to the quartermaster and commissary, the hospital steward, assistants to the surgeon, etc. Officers above the rank of colonel are called general officers. The holder of a general commission came to be called a general, and general commissions were in rank than a commander in chief. A brigadier general ranks next above a colonel and commands a brigade, a major general commands a division, and a lieutenant general is the highest rank in our army.

In the British and German armies, however, the rank of general is the lowest permanent general officers and in action usually command brigades. In modern European armies the specific rank of general is usually held by the next higher rank, and in this country it is the highest military rank attainable.

The president is titular commander in chief of the armies of the United States, but the rank of general has been conferred, under temporary laws only, upon four American officers—Washington, Grant, Sherman and a sixth time before the Civil War, in 1862, when the rank of lieutenant general is, like that of general, honorary and conferred by act of Congress. It has been held by Washington, Grant, Sherman and a sixth time before the Civil War, in 1862, when the rank of lieutenant general is, like that of general, honorary and conferred by act of Congress. It has been held by Washington, Grant, Sherman and a sixth time before the Civil War, in 1862, when the rank of lieutenant general is, like that of general, honorary and conferred by act of Congress.

The United States army has at Washington an adjutant general, a quartermaster general, a paymaster general, a commissary general, a surgeon general, an inspector general, a judge advocate general, a chief of staff, a chief of ordnance, a chief of engineers and a chief of ordnance, all with the rank of brigadier general, and each of these departments is represented on the staff of commanding generals by officers of lower rank than a brigadier.

Two salutes in the British army being two salutes of equal rank is made by firing an equal number of guns. If the vessel of unequal rank, the superior fires the fewer rounds. A royal salute consists of, first, in firing 21 great guns, second, in firing 19 great guns, and third, in firing 17 great guns, the latter being the salute of a general.

Empty Talk. Higgins Hall—Have you heard that empty box story? Higgins Hall—No. Higgins Hall—It's just as well you haven't; there's nothing in it.—Chautauque Assembly Herald.

Breathless Woe. He Passenger—When does the half past 5 train leave? Porter—Five thirty. Passenger—Well, the now church is 23 minutes past, the postoffice is 25 minutes past and your clock is 32 minutes. Now, in the name of God, which clock am I to go by? Porter—You can go by any clock you like, but the train's gone.—London Fun.

WOMEN AS MEN IN ARMY.

Disgraced, Many Have Served For Months in the ranks of the British Army.

Military records contain quite a number of instances in which women, disguised as men, have entered the army and distinguished themselves on the battlefield, the sex not being discovered for many years afterward.

In 1872 a soldier who had enlisted under the name of Paul Danell attracted the attention of a sergeant while drilling a battery of recruits at Portsmouth. At the conclusion of the parade he sent for Danell and stated his suspicions in regard to the recruit's sex. On seeing that the game was up, Danell confessed to being a female and burst into tears when informed that she could no longer continue with the regiment. It appeared that her husband, after being long with her, had fled to Germany, where he had enlisted, and his wife performed the deception in the hope that as a soldier she might be discharged for some fault and thus discover her unfaithful partner.

A most remarkable woman was found to be serving as an ordinary soldier in a certain German corps. Her sex was revealed owing to a false charge of theft being made against her after she had been performing her military duties of the regiment. Being captured, she was taken to a hospital and there she confessed that she had served in a regiment of the cuirassiers for two years, in one regiment receiving a wound in the arm, and afterward joining the cuirassiers. Being captured, she was taken to a hospital and there she confessed that she had served in a regiment of the cuirassiers for two years, in one regiment receiving a wound in the arm, and afterward joining the cuirassiers.

In 1769 a woman made a determined effort to enlist in the East India company's forces. Although she was disguised perfectly as a man, her voice and her manner gave her away. When the magistrate told her that her application was hopeless, she burst into tears, saying that this was her only chance of getting her husband out of the hands of the East India company, who was then serving in India.—Chicago Tribune.

DOUBTFUL TESTIMONY. She Took His Answer Down, but Will Hardly Make Use of It. "I'm the president of the Progressive Woman's League," said the spare female with sharp features as she gripped the conductor by the sleeve and made him involuntarily register the 10 of his punch and thus register an additional fare. "I can't help that, ma'am," replied the conductor in a rather short tone—no fare short, as it were.

"Nobody asked you to," she went on. "I'm gathering statistics, and I entered this car on purpose to interview you. The statement has been made in some newspapers in an article to the effect that you are incapable of handling the reins of government that one woman gives more trouble in a public conveyance than a dozen men."

"Well, ma'am," she rattled on, "such an assertion is a falsehood on the face of it, and it wouldn't be worth our while to contradict it if men weren't so prejudiced that they believe everything that's written against our sex. Now, in your daily experience, do you find that women give you more trouble than men?"

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DOGS AND A MAD DOG.

SANE ANIMALS QUICK TO RECOGNIZE HYDROPHOBIA.

A Curious and Highly Interesting Illustration of the Intelligent Senses That is Possessed by Canines and Not by Human Beings.

"That dogs possess certain attributes of sense which are lacking in the human being is generally recognized by scientific men. A curious case which occurred in the Brooklyn last summer exemplified this trait in a very clear manner, showing how canine instinct warns of danger where human intelligence is at fault. It was a very hot evening, the thermometer having fluctuated in the nineties all day. A pug dog, which had been lying on a doorstep arose and began to walk and sniff the sidewalk in front of a public house.

"Presently it lay down, stretched out and rolled over; then got to its feet and resumed its sentrylike march more slowly than before. Its owner came out of his house and spoke to it, but it paid no attention to him. From time to time the pug would stretch out, growling, only to get up again and pace to and fro. Several persons in the crowd which gathered about the dog went to take a look at it, and this impression gained ground when it lifted up its voice in a plaintive howl with a strange catch at the end of the note.

"Instantly the great St. Bernard sprang back. The hair on its neck bristled and it showed every evidence of terror. In vain did the man try to calm the dog. He was not to be soothed and uttering deep growls of protest it struggled to retreat.

"That's a strange thing," said the owner, "I never saw a dog act that way before. Come back here, boy." But Prince gave no sudden and there a leap that the leash was freed from the holder's grasp and the dog trotted up the street at the top of his speed. A few minutes later a small cur trotted around the corner as the pug was lying stretched and panting and proceeded to investigate. Upon the next arrival walked around the corner, then approached with the evident intention of touching noses, an intention which was never carried out, for the pug just lifted its head and snarled that strange note. With a howl of abject terror the cur turned and ran. At the same moment a setter which had been nosing around in the gutter diagnosed the strange note as a warning of danger. The setter's howl and set off at a swift lope in the opposite direction.

"That part of Brooklyn is populous with dogs, and many a mad dog is every one without exception that heard the voice of the setter turning tail with all evidences of the liveliest alarm. One large setter, which had been nosing around the crowd, knocking down a woman and a boy in its desperate haste to get away. For a moment the cry of "Mad dog!" was heard, but it referred to the setter, who was now whinpering under the caresses of his master. Even at the severest of its suffering it was quite gentle and did not even exhibit such paralytic quivering as its kindred. As its owner was debating with a friend the advisability of taking the pug indoors two men, one of whom had a bulldog in leash, went by and saw the pug. The mad dog stopping at the sight of the pug, he barked and barked, who was obviously a pug, barked the leash with his companion and bent over the pug.

"Let's have a glimpse at them," said he. "I know a thing or two about these animals." "I was afraid at first that it was a case of going mad," said the owner, "but I guess it's only a fit."

"That's all," said the sport, feeling in the pug's mouth and examining its eyes. "Folks always think that it's hydrophobia if a beast cuts up a little when it's warm weather. Stand up here and let's see your pug."

Lifting the pug, he set it on its feet gently. For a few steps it staggered uncertainly forward, then, giving a howl, it sprang forward, and in a moment was howling howl from the bulldog, and it strained at its collar until its eyes started from its head from the pressure on its throat. At the same time the pug sported a face changed and he jumped away.

"He's changed, Nero," he commanded his dog, catching at the leash and dragging hard, but the animal snarled so strongly that he was unable to attempt to force it and simply held it where it stood. Still it tugged with all its power, trembling through all its powerful body.

"See here," said the sport, turning to the owner of the pug. "You can't kill that dog too quick. If ever a dog was mad, that's a case right there."

"You told me it was a fit," said the owner, "and I don't believe it's mad."

"Don't you?" cried the sport. "Well, I didn't either, but my dog does, and you can see his tail curling and his ears drooping in any case like that. This bull of mine was never afraid of anything before in his life, and now look at him, so scared he's shaking like a leaf. He knows he's in danger in his life, that's what he knows, and if every doctor in the country told me that dog of yours didn't have hydrophobia I'd back Nero for knowing better."

"I'd back like a fool killing my dog just because other dogs are afraid of him," said the owner.

Meantime the bulldog had been taken across the street, where it howled dismally. It lay on its side and began to whine during the discussion, taking the side of the pug's owner, who declared his willingness to sacrifice his animal if there was any reasonable ground for believing that the trouble was really rabies. Presently another dog appeared, wandered around unconcernedly until it heard the pug's howl and then it barked and barked, who was obviously a pug, barked the leash with his companion and bent over the pug.

"It is just what I needed," said the sport. "You told me it was a fit, and I don't believe it's mad."

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