

HOW SOLDIERS ARE MADE.

What a Recruit is Obligated to Undergo.

Only About Eight Applicants in Every Hundred Who Pass.

An erect and good-looking young fellow of stalwart proportions and muscular appearance presented himself at the recruiting office, No. 1919 Market Street, for enlistment in the United States army. Captain H. H. Humphreys, the officer in charge, was favorably impressed with the general appearance of the young man, who was of Scotch birth and about twenty-eight years old. The applicant passed the physical examination creditably. No defect in his anatomical structure was discovered to operate against his desire to become a soldier. In giving the final instructions Captain Humphreys noticed that the young man did not seem to comprehend their import. "I didna ken," was his explanation. He was rejected on account of his imperfect knowledge of the English language.

The general supposition would be that rejections on the ground of imperfect knowledge of the English language were very rare, but the books of the recruiting officer show to the contrary. An average of one in fifteen persons fails to pass on this account. The records show that rejections on account of defective teeth, and myopia exceed all others. It is required that the applicant shall have no less than eight good molar teeth, in addition to a fair number of incisors, which are considered necessary to a proper mastication of army fare.

The process of enlistment is of interest. When the applicant presents himself, the recruiting officer asks him a number of questions concerning his health, habits, and occupation. If the answers are satisfactory the examination begins. Commencing with the head, which is closely examined for depressions, the examiner inspects the eyes, nose, mouth, and ears. The would-be soldier then disrobes, and his body is thoroughly searched for physical defects. Every test is applied to learn the condition of the heart and lungs. The arms, hands, fingers, legs, feet, and toes are all minutely scanned. Stiffness in the joints of any of these members is fatal to the chances of an applicant for enlistment. After undergoing the examination, the aspirant to military fame is directed to jump as high as he can and alight fairly upon his feet. If he winces, the indications are that he is troubled with corns on the soles of his feet, which is a cause for rejection, as an affliction of that sort would be an obstacle in marching. If the applicant successfully passes the physical requirements, he mounts the scales. His weight, in order to be eligible, must not be under 120 and not over 180 pounds. He must not be less than five feet four inches high. He is then taken into an adjoining room, where he indulges in a bath.

After taking the oath and signing the papers, he is supplied with an outfit. This consists of a flannel shirt, canton-flannel drawers, a dark-blue blouse, grayish-blue pantaloons, a pair of suspenders, woolen socks, shoes, and a blue cap. Under the escort of two soldiers the new recruit is taken to David's Island, N. Y., where he enters upon his five years' service to the Government. Of the persons presenting themselves for enlistment only about eight out of a hundred succeed in passing the physical examination. About a year ago an applicant was discovered to have winged shoulder-blades. The bones projected in shape of wings nearly two inches. He was considered entirely too angelic for the military service.

Moral Courage in Every-day Life. Have the courage to discharge a debt while you have the money in your pocket. Have the courage to do without that which you do not need, however much your eyes may covet it. Have the courage to speak your mind when it is necessary you should do so, and to hold your tongue when it is prudent you should do so. Have the courage to speak to a friend in a 'seedy' coat, even though you are in company with a rich one, and richly attired. Have the courage to own you are poor, and thus disarm poverty of its sharpest sting. Have the courage to tell a man why you will not lend him your money. Have the courage to "cut" the most agreeable acquaintance you have, when you are convinced that he lacks principle. "A friend should bear with a friend's infirmities," but not with his vices. Have the courage to wear old

clothes until you can pay for the new ones.

Have the courage to prefer comfort and propriety to fashion in all things.

Have the courage to acknowledge your ignorance, rather than seek credit for knowledge under false pretenses.

Have the courage to provide an entertainment for your friends within your means, not beyond.

Have the courage to take a good paper, and pay for it annually in advance.

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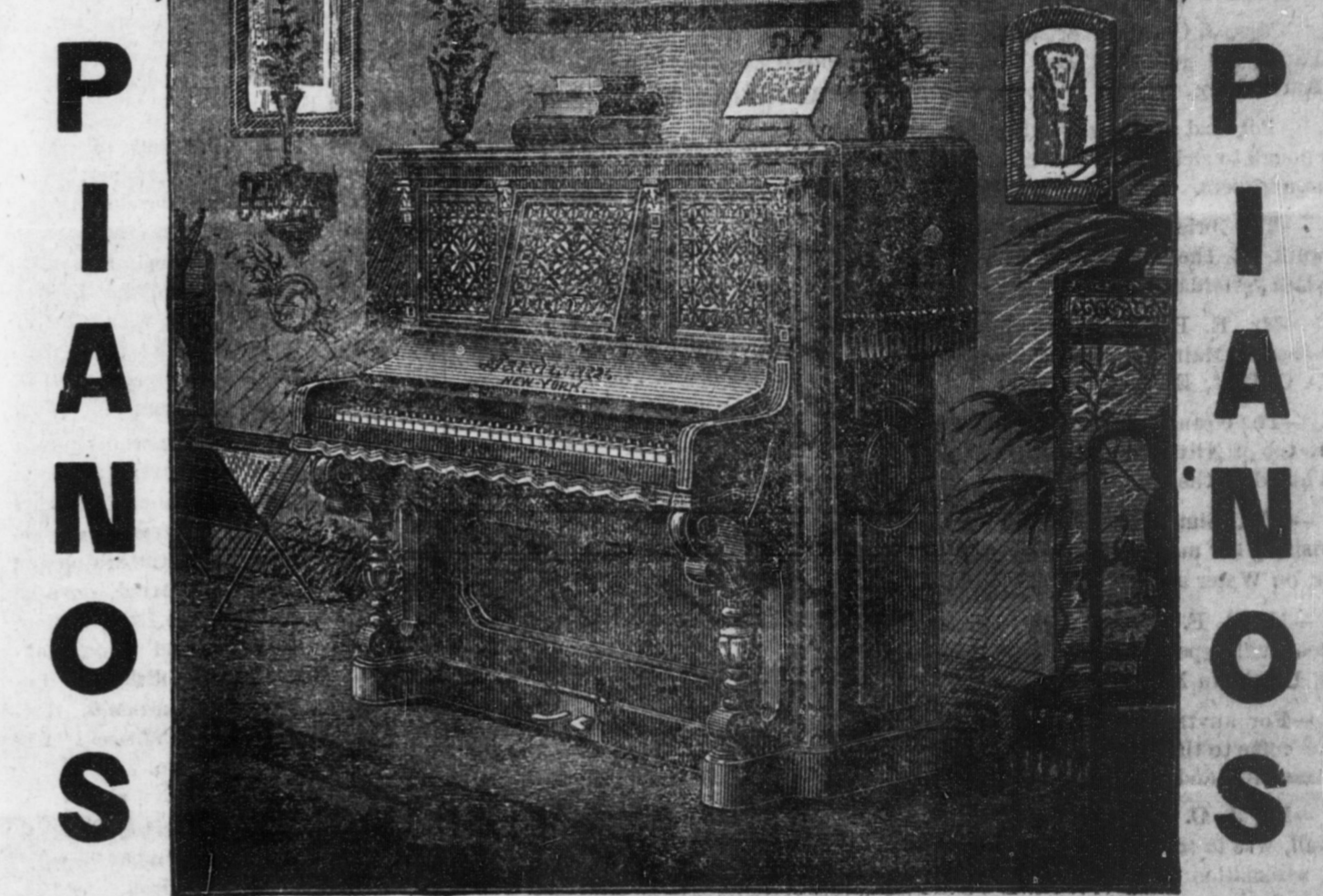
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