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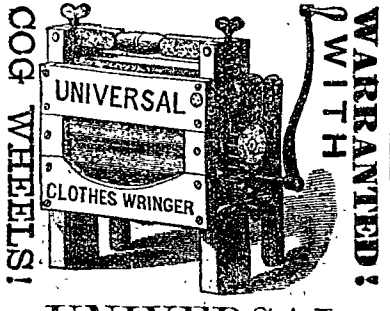
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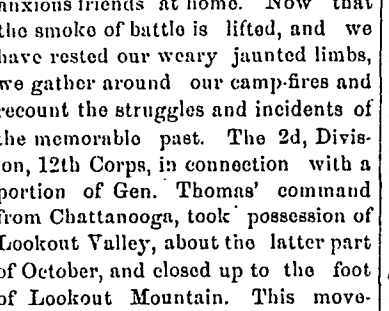
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The Diseases and Infirmities Exempting From Draft.

WAR DEPARTMENT, PROVOST MARSHAL GEN.'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, NOV. 9, 1863. CIRCULAR No. 100.—Paragraph eighty-five of the regulation for the government of the Bureau of the Provost Marshal General of the United States, is amended to read as follows:

85. The following diseases and infirmities are those which disqualify for military service and for which only drafted men are to be rejected as physically or mentally unfit for military service:

1. Manifest imbecility. 2. Insanity. This includes what is established recent insanity, with liability to recurrence. 3. For this disability the statement of the drafted man is not sufficient, and the fact must be established by the duly attested affidavit of a physician in good standing who has attended him in the disease within the six months immediately preceding his examination by the board.

4. Paralysis; general, or of one limb, or chorea, their existence to be adequately determined. Decided atrophy of a limb. 5. Acute or organic diseases of the brain or spinal cord; of the heart or lungs; of the liver or spleen; of the kidneys or bladder, which have so seriously impaired his general health as to leave no doubt of the man's incapacity for military service.

6. Confirmed consumption. Incipient consumption does not exempt. 7. Cancer; aneurism of the large arteries. 8. Invertebral and extensive disease of the skin, such as will necessarily impair his efficiency as a soldier. 9. Decided feebleness of constitution, or deficient size of chest, sufficient in degree to leave no doubt of the man's unfitness for military service.

10. Scrofula, or constitutional syphilis, which has so seriously impaired his general health, as to leave no doubt of the man's incapacity for military service. 11. Habitual and confirmed intemperance, or solitary vice, which has so materially enfeebled the constitution as to leave no doubt of the man's incapacity for military service.

12. Chronic rheumatism, unless manifested by positive change of structure, or wasting of the affected limb, or puffiness, or distortion of the joints, does not exempt. Impaired motion of the joints and contraction of the limbs allowed to arise from rheumatism, and in which the nutrition of the limbs is not manifestly impaired, are to be proved by examination, while in a state of anæsthesia induced by ether only.

13. Pain, whether simulating headache neuralgia in any of its forms, rheumatism, lumbago, or affaction of the muscles, joints or bones, is a symptom of disease so easily pretended, that it is not to be admitted as a cause of exemption, unless accompanied with manifest derangement of the general health, wasting of a limb, or other positive sign of disqualifying local disease.

14. Great injuries, or diseases of the skull, occasioning impairment of the intellectual faculties, epilepsy, or other manifest nervous or spasmodic symptoms. 15. Total loss of sight; total loss of sight of right eye; cataract of right eye; loss of crystalline lens of right eye.

16. Partial loss of sight of both eyes, vision being so greatly impaired as to leave no doubt of the man's inability to perform military duty. Se-

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17. Total loss of nose; deformity of nose so great as seriously to obstruct respiration; ozena, dependent on caries in progress. 18. Decided deafness. This disability must not be admitted on the mere statement of the drafted man, but must be proved by the existence of positive disease, or by other satisfactory evidence; and it must be so decided as to leave no doubt of the man's unfitness for military service. Chronic purulent otitis.

19. Incurable diseases or deformities of either jaw, such as will necessarily greatly impede mastication or speech. Ankylosis of the lower jaw; caries of the bone of the face, if in progress; cleft palate (bony); extensive loss of substance of the cheeks, or salivary fistula. 20. Dumbness; permanent loss of voice; not to be admitted without clear and satisfactory proof.

21. Total loss of tongue; hypertrophy, atrophy, mutilation, or obstinate chronic ulceration of the tongue, if sufficient in degree to interfere seriously with the use of the organ. 22. Stammering, if excessive and confirmed; to be established by satisfactory evidence under oath. 23. Loss of a sufficient number of teeth to prevent mastication of food. This applies to those cases only where the loss of teeth is so great that, if the man was restricted to solid food, he would soon become incapacitated for military service.

24. Tumors or wounds of the neck impeding respiration or deglutition; fistula of larynx or trachea; toriculous, if of long standing, and well marked. 25. Deformity of the chest, or excessive curvature of the spine, sufficient to prevent the carrying of arms and military equipments; caries of the spine, ribs, or sternum. 26. Abdomen grossly protuberant; excessive obesity. 27. Hernia. 28. Artificial anus; stricture of the rectum; prolapsus ani. Fistula in ano is not a positive disqualification, but may be so, if extensive or complicated with visceral disease. 29. Old and ulcerated internal hemorrhoids, if in degree sufficient to impair the man's efficiency. External hemorrhoids are no cause for exemption.

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