

Only a Private.

Louis Ahear was a private in Company H, Fifth Michigan Cavalry, and made a good soldier. At the battle of Travillian Station he was taken prisoner and before his release he was confined in five different prisons and two jails.

While he was in Milen Prison, an exchange of sixty prisoners was to be made. The officer of the day told off sixty names at the door of the pen, but for some reason, probably because he was ill, or perhaps dead, one man did not come fourth. At that moment Louis, who had been sent out after fuel, under guard, of course, came through the gates pushing a wheelbarrow loaded with wood.

"Here, Louis, here's a chance for you. We want sixty men to go north and are short one. Jump into the ranks here!" exclaimed the officer.

"To be exchanged?" asked Louis, trembling more than he did when under fire.

"Yes. Be quick."

"Then take Hank. He's sick and will die if he remains here," and Louis darted into the hospital ward. Hank had a pair of pantaloons and shoes, but no coat or hat. Louis pulled off his, put them on Hank, and brought him out, weak and tottering. As Hank filed out the gate and once more breathed the air of freedom, Louis, hatless and coatless, took hold of the handles of his wheelbarrow and started for another load of wood.

"Can mortal mind conceive of such an act? It cost him seven months of a living death, and all for a man with whom he was not even intimately acquainted."

"And now for the other side of the picture. Ever since the close of the war, until a few months ago when Hank died, these two men have lived right here in Wayne County, Hank with a home and family, Louis with neither; have met occasionally, but at no time did Hank ever refer to the act in Milen Prison that set him free and saved his life; never invited him to his home; never alluded to the past, or addressed his savior other than as a mere acquaintance. On his deathbed, however, he told the story, and asked his relatives, if they ever had an opportunity, to befriend Louis for his sake. It was tardy acknowledgement of one of the noblest acts the world has ever known.—Detroit Free Press.

A Valuable Waiter.

One morning recently a hungry pilgrim went into Pat Coul's restaurant and ordered some toast, boiled potatoes, poached eggs, a rare steak, and some hot cakes. The waiter, Prof. Harris, went to the kitchen and roared out to the Chinaman: "Gimme a graveyard stew, potatoes in the dark, two men-a-horseback, a moonlight on the lake and a flambeau." When the pilgrim heard this remarkable order, he incoincidentally fled from the house, forgetting to take his hat and muttering that he'd "be gol darned if I propose to tackle that kind of a breakfast, and that if the people lived on such things in this country he proposed to return to Missouri."

A reporter for the Inter-Mountain who happened to be in the restaurant at the time, approached the waiter and asked for an explanation of the order, and the Prof. gave him the following version:

"You see," he said, "we got tired of commonplaces, and besides, we try to teach the Chinaman the language. A graveyard stew means milk toast; eggs circus style means scrambled eggs; rough and ready means pork and beans; a flambeau is light, hot cakes, and moonlight on the lake is rare beefsteak. The waiters all have pet names for these things and we throw potatoes at the China Cooks till they know what we mean."

Another boarder came in and the professor roared out with the voice of a Senator: "Gimme a saddle-bags and a springer, spuds on the side, ten penny nails and a shingle to come a-runnin'." Then the reporter followed in the wake of the Missourian.—Butte City Inter-Mountain.

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Renewal of an old Custom.

Many bells on shipboard have been tolled on the Potomac river opposite Mount Vernon since the death and burial of Gen Grant. This is a renewal of an old custom, more honored in the observance than in the breach, that sprang up in this way: One afternoon long ago a merchant vessel manned by French admirers of Washington passed slowly down the stream, and when Mount Vernon came in sight the tri-color was put at half mast, while minute by minute a deep toned bell on deck tolled as if at a funeral. From that moment it seemed to the rivermen that the thing to do in going by the grave of Washington was to make some sign of respect. Nevertheless, the younger generation had almost forgotten to keep up the custom, until the burial of Gen. Grant served as a reminder of what our fathers done.

Fashion Notes.

Tinsel will again be worn. Polonaise are to be revived. The days of flounces are no more. Redingotes are the rage in Paris. Sashes are a feature in fall toilets. All gray greens will be much worn. Plumb, or lead, is a leading fall color. Belts to be fashionable must tie very wide. White frocks are worn to excess in England. Huge bridal bouquets are no longer in vogue. The V shaped corage is very popular in Paris. Short and long waists are equally fashionable. Olive and reseda shades of green are very popular. Black silk will be more worn than black satin next season. The tailor-made cloth suit will be more worn than ever this fall. Stripes must be horizontal, not vertical, in a fashionable frock. Borders in lieu of flounces and tucks will be all the rage next season. Short jackets and long redingotes of velveteen will be much worn this fall. Mantles and short visites are worn by young girls as well as by older women. Fall hats have very high crowns and more pyramidal front trimmings than ever. Curled mohair and Astrachan borders appear on wool novelties for fall and early winter wear. The coiffure grows higher, but the bangs on the forehead and neck are fuller and more curled. Braid and fine fancy galloons are high favor, and will probably continue so for another season. Lace and moire are admirably combined in dressy frocks for visiting and ceremonious occasions. The dry goods importers say we are to have another season of velvet and velveteen, plain and broche. Black tulle dresses are popular for both young and older ladies' wear. The accessories may be flowers or ribbons, bright or pale tinted, or pure white or jet or gold ornaments.

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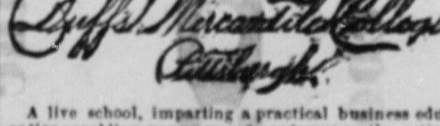
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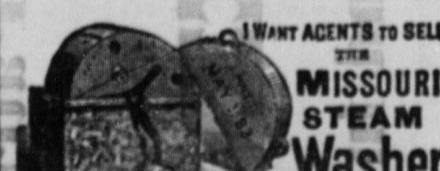
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