

WASHINGTON'S ARMY AT CAMBRIDGE.

It was a motley assembly, in all sorts of uniforms and without any uniform at all, with all sorts of weapons and with precious little powder. So little was there, that Washington was very anxious lest the British should find out how little he had; and while he was urging Congress to provide supplies, he had barrels of sand, with powder covering the top, placed in the magazine, so that any spy hanging about might be misled. Some of the soldiers were in tents, some were squatted in one or two college buildings then standing, and some built huts for themselves. The most orderly camp was that of the Rhode Island troops, under General Nathaniel Greene.

The men were in companies of various sizes, under captains and other officers who had very little authority over the privates, for these usually elected their own commanders. A visitor to the camp relates a dialogue which he heard between a captain and one of the privates under him.

"Bill," said the captain, "go and bring a pail of water for the men."

"I shan't," said Bill. "It's your turn now, Captain; I got it the last time."

But the men, though under very little discipline, were good stuff out of which to make soldiers. Most of them were in dead earnest, and they brought, besides courage, great skill in the use of the ordinary musket. A story is told of a company of riflemen raised in one of the frontier counties of Pennsylvania. So many volunteers applied as to embarrass the leader who was enlisting the company, and he drew on a board with chalk the figure of a nose of the common size, placed the board at a distance of a hundred and fifty yards, and then declared he would take only those who could hit the mark. Over sixty succeeded. "General Gage, take care of your nose," says the newspaper that tells the story. General Gage, as you know, was the commander of the British forces in Boston.

ICE-WATER BAD.

Americans are a dyspeptic people; they drink much iced-water at meals, ergo, iced drinks at meal times are bad! They may be, when carried to excess; this is not denied. But iced drinks are not the cause of the widespread dyspepsia in the United States. There are other potent factors in action. Iced drinks are very grateful to the thirsty, but too much indulgence therein produces a torturing thirst, as the person who indulges in eating snow in the Arctic regions discovers quickly. Just as a snowballing causes the hand first to feel cold, and then to glow with heat if continued, so the constant application of an iced fluid to the fauces, at first grateful, becomes a source of intense discomfort; for the blood-vessels are at first contracted and ultimately paralyzed, and then the fauces glow with blood, like the skin of the snowballer's hands. Iced fluids are not desirable for dyspeptics, to say the least of it. Ordinarily at dinner the ice-pudding is followed by a glass of liquor—"to correct it." A certain temperature is requisite for digestion, and too much cold is considered bad.

SMART BOYS CAUGHT.

Three lads all under sixteen years of age were prisoners in a New York Police Court recently on the charge of stealing a satchel from a lady street-railway passenger, which they did in this way: The first lad who evidently was riding on the car, attached a line to the satchel and threw the loose end into the street. At 42d street the second boy jerked the satchel from the car, picking it up; ran off and hid it in an arseway. The lady left the car to recover her property when the third boy offered to get it for her if she paid him enough. The other two boys came up to assist in the negotiations. A policeman then appeared and the boys look to their heels, but were captured. The satchel was found and restored to the owner.

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BIRDS KILL A SNAKE.

A California newspaper letter tells of a remarkable habit of a sort of birds called "roadrunners." From this it appears that these birds have a deadly antipathy to rattlesnakes, which they attack and destroy upon every possible occasion. The possible occasion occurs when the rattle is asleep. Taking great care not to disturb it, the birds collect a quantity of the fallen leaves of the prickly pear, which they arrange in a circle about the snake until they have built a considerable wall. When it is done, the reptile is awakened by the stroke of a roadrunner's beak. The snake coils and strikes, and is wounded by the innumerable needle-like points of the leaves. Smarting with the sting it strikes again and again at the agile birds hovering near, and its rage at the ever-recurring thrusts of the spears of the terrible leaves is such that its activity only ceases when it has become exhausted by its countless wounds. When it can no longer strike, the birds quickly despatch it with their powerful bills.

FALL OF A BIG CHANDELIER.

A heavy chandelier in the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in Richmond Hill, N. Y., fell on Sunday night week, with its twenty five oil lamps all lighted, just as the congregation was leaving the church after the service. No one was injured, but had it fallen a minute before a panic and loss of life must have resulted. Door-mats were thrown on the blazing oil, and the fire was thus kept down until the residents had time to answer the alarm and save the church.

WATCH THE MAN WHO

Is on the fence.
Has no opinion.
Takes no papers.
Sneers at religion.
Frowns at charity.
Is cruel to animals.
Lies about everybody.
Is afraid to speak his mind.
Has no business of his own.
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Knows more than all the rest of mankind.

BREAKING UP A PRAYER MEETING.

On Sunday evening an unusually large number of people had gathered at the prayer meeting in the Methodist church in the village of East Mansfield. The service had hardly begun when a lad rushed in at the door calling in a loud voice to his father and mother, who were among the congregation, to come out quickly and save themselves. Many persons thinking that the building might be on fire or that something dreadful was going to happen, were making their way out as fast as possible when suddenly a man named John Randall made his appearance among them, swinging an axe and shouting at the top of his voice that he was going to kill every one of them, except his mother. The women and children were very much frightened. The church was soon vacated, many making their exit from the windows. No one present dared to make an attempt to arrest the drunken maniac. He soon had full possession of the church. His mother prevailed on him not to hurt any one, and no one was injured. Word was immediately sent to constables, but upon their arrival on the scene, one hour later, Randall had taken to the woods, after he had chased one man into the swamp.—*Providence Journal.*

FROZEN TO A DEPTH OF 600 FEET.

Scientific men have been perplexed for many years over the phenomenon of a certain well at Yakutsk, Siberia. A Russian merchant in 1828 began to dig the well, but he gave up the task three years later, when he had dug down thirty feet and was still in solidly frozen soil. Then the Russian Academy of Science dug away at the well for months, but stopped when it had reached a depth of three hundred and eighty-two feet, when the ground was still frozen as hard as a rock. In 1844 the Academy had the temperature of the excavation carefully taken at various depths, and from these data it was estimated that the ground was frozen to a depth of six hundred and twelve feet.

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