

ROMANCE OF THE WAR.

Friends in the Franco-Prussian Trouble Reunited in America.

STRANGE DINNER IN HOMESTEAD.

Sweet Memories Recalled at the Sight of a Silver Watch.

PRUSSIAN SOLDIERS TO FEED THE FRENCH

There was a Thanksgiving dinner eaten in Homestead last Thursday, for which the sauce was furnished amid a time as troublesome as ever known, and it is doubtful whether there was another feast that day in all this broad land that was more thoroughly enjoyed, although the eaters were strangers in a strange land. It isn't stated whether the dinner was one of herbs or of stilled ox, but it is certain that it was spiced, not only with love, but with the most ardent and disinterested esteem on the part of all participating.

About the middle of the Franco-Prussian war two German soldiers, one named Andrew Ahrens and the other—Jacobs, belonging to Company 2, Battalion 4, Regiment 82 of the German army of occupation, were stationed in a village in France along with some others and instructed to subsist on the enemy. These two were quartered with a Frenchman and his family, whose name J. W. Kinnear, who was made acquainted with the narrative, has forgotten. It did not take Ahrens and Jacobs long to learn that the family that was to subsist them could scarcely keep itself in food, as it wasn't to be had for either love or money, the contending armies having devoured everything digestible. The subject family was at first very fearful of its guests, but in comparing notes, they found they had no necessary animosity toward each other and would have been friends at sight, but for the different colors of their uniforms.

Robbed Their Own Provision Train.

When Ahrens and Jacobs found their French host could not feed them they decided to feed him and his family. One day they came home after a foray laden with provisions which they threw into the common stock and distrust vanished at once. Their German guests had robbed a Prussian provision train. The act was unauthorized, but as the robbers belonged to the invading army they were not suspected and they carried to the Frenchman's house, bread, hams, bologna sausage, coffee and sugar sufficient to last a month. Though they could not understand each other's tongue they were all hungry and sign language went a great way. The Frenchman's wife was a good cuisinier and all soon became the best of friends. The two Germans continued their raids until they had laid in a supply of provisions sufficient for all for six months. None had any money, but all had plenty to eat. In less than a month there came an order for a forward movement on the part of the Germans, and hosts and guests parted with fervent protestations of undying friendship. The members of the French family had exercised themselves to the utmost to make the two Germans comfortable, and as the weather was bad Ahrens and Jacobs found their wardrobe in such good condition that they got along in comparative comfort until the end of the war. Before leaving, Ahrens made the family a present of a watch.

Friends Reunited in America.

After the war was over Ahrens, Jacobs and four companions came to this country, and they have been for considerable time and are at present working in a mill at Bradock. Some ten days ago Ahrens happened to be at Munnah station and noticed a man approaching in a military uniform, the most violent demonstrations of a friendly character. Ahrens not knowing exactly how to receive the overtures, the man began asking him if he were not a Russian, if he had not been in the army, etc. until pretty well satisfied with the result of the catechism he drew a watch out of his pocket and asked Ahrens if he had ever seen it before. Ahrens recognized it at once, and then the two men embraced as ardently as two schoolgirls after 48 hours' separation, and the Thanksgiving dinner at the Frenchman's house was the finale. Though the families are still unable to converse in either French or German, both have learned enough of our flexible Anglo-Saxon to express themselves intelligently, and they kept it up until the small hours of the night. The French family came to this country several years ago, and the parties have been living in sight of each other for years without knowing it.

The incident shows how little real interest the masses ordinarily have in wars waged by their rulers, and adds to the infamous character of most national duels. "Nations separated by a narrow Irish abhor each other," and it is but little to their credit that their rulers can make them tear each other like a pack of strange dogs without knowing why.

A Leading Pittsburg Citizen.

While stopping at a hotel in the central part of New York State, where he went to enter his trotters in the county fair about to take place there, in coming out of one of the rooms accidentally ran into the arms of one of the managers of the fair, who was meaning with pain from rheumatism and deploring the fact that he could not attend the fair the next day, but must go to bed and nurse his aching limbs. The Pittsburg man, taking in the situation at once, went to his room, and taking from his valise a bottle of medicine, offered to cure the manager in 24 hours. After a sneer and "I have heard that before," the Pittsburg offered to wager his best trotting horse if he failed to bring him around in time for the fair. The medicine was taken, and the man appeared the next day and attended to his duties as usual. "Rheumatism" did it. This new remedy is attracting wide attention in Pittsburg.

The mammoth sale of \$90,000 worth of overcoats for \$60,000 is now in progress. These are the goods closed out by Kaufmann from the manufacturer for \$57,000. Kaufmann will make \$3,000 (minus expenses) by the operation, while the public will clear a net profit of \$30,000.

The People's Store—Fifth Avenue.

Books, books at our grand Christmas opening to-day. See display at this paper. Then look in the window. Her that you'll buy. CAMPBELL & DICK.

Baby Died and Not a Trace

Of its dear little self was left for the mourning parents, which could have been avoided had the parents taken the little one to Ayer's new gill net, 7 1/2 Fifth and gotten 12 of his best cabinets for \$1.00. Mothers take heed.

CAN it be done? Yesterday's sales show that it can. Ninety thousand dollars' worth of overcoats, bought by Kaufmann's for \$57,000, to be closed out to the people of Pittsburg this week for \$60,000, is the great problem to be solved this week.

Holiday Fancy Articles, Fancy Baskets.

Beautiful new designs, both useful and ornamental. Special offering of cushions and covers. See them. A. G. CAMPBELL & SONS, 27 Fifth Ave.

JUST 873 gentlemen bought overcoats at Kaufmann's "Quick Turn" yesterday. Every one saved one-third on his purchase. The sale will close Saturday. Be on time.

THE Union Pacific is the only road running through the famous Alpine tunnel, 11,396 feet above sea level.

Securing Convention Business.

No sooner was the announcement made that the Republican convention would be held in Minneapolis, than the railroad agents of the country set to work to capture the business. John R. Pott, of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road, was in Pittsburg yesterday laying his plans to get some of the traffic for his line out of Pittsburg. In 1888 fully 1,000 people from the two cities went to Chicago, and as many are expected to go to Minneapolis. The American Club will probably charter a train, and whoop it up for Blaine around the town and in the convention hall. There will be plenty of Blaine shouters, if he will consent to run.

FINE \$700 UPRIGHT PIANO—\$250.

\$500 Upright Piano—\$210.

A first-class upright piano, in perfect condition, of magnificently carved hard wood case, fine French action and excellent tone. This \$700 instrument will be sold, fully warranted, at \$250, plush cover and stool included. Also a handsome \$300 upright, grand as new, at \$210, and a \$450 square grand at \$150.

Call and secure a piano at a great sacrifice. J. M. HOFFMANN & CO., 537 Smithfield street.

Agents for the unrivaled Sohmer, Colby, Schubert and Hallet & Cunston pianos.

SMART men they are—those who took advantage of Kaufmann's great one week's overcoat sale yesterday. The sale continues till Saturday—if the goods last that long. Don't take chances.

The People's Store—Fifth Avenue. Are you ready for Christmas? We are ready to-day. Read our display at this paper. CAMPBELL & DICK.

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SIMEN'S cork sole shoes at \$3 for men's wear, 78 Ohio street, Allegheny, Pa. Turb

SAY?

Have you visited our store lately? Noticed the handsome Merchant Tailor Made Overcoats we carry? New styles, new features, new shades. Certainly worth your while to do it; our Overcoats are so much different than those of the ready-made make-up. Ours are made up by the best class of merchant tailors. They are made to wear well—beauty and service combined.

1,200.

TWELVE HUNDRED Overcoats to select from, in all sizes, weights and colors.

Our Prices \$10.00 to \$25.00.

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Original Price \$20.00 to \$50.00

A PERFECT FIT GUARANTEED.

Misfit Clothing 516 Parlor SMITHFIELD

DO YOUR BUYING NOW.

Money Saving Suggestions Regarding Holiday Gifts.

It will pay you handsomely to purchase your Holiday Presents at once. The early purchaser has the advantage of an unbroken assortment and lower prices than will prevail week before Christmas. Besides, shopping is much easier at present, as the eleventh hour rush is avoided. Our stock of Holiday Goods was never so extensive. Come and see how far a few dollars will go here. Prices are right—they're lower than at any other house in this vicinity. A few of the hundreds of articles displayed are enumerated below. The list, though short, may aid you in making a selection:

SENSIBLE XMAS PRESENTS.

- Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, \$1 and 1/2 up. Embroidered Silk Handkerchiefs, 25c up. Fine Brushes and Combs. Leather and Plush Boxes. Wooden and Oxid. Silver Boxes. Manicure Sets, Workboxes. Smoke's Sets, Leather Cases. Music Rolls, Wall Pockets. Sterling Silverware. Bonn, Dresden, Royal Hungarian, Victoria and Carlsbad Wares. Toilet Bottles, Pin Cushions. Inkstands, Ornaments. Pictures, Photo Frames. Thermometers, Esels, Screens, Lamp Shades, Lambrequins. Plush Pillows and Table Covers. Linen Table Scarfs. Dressers, Ties, Head Rests. Hand-worked Table Squares. Chenille Table Covers. Mohair Covers, Portieres, Purses. And 1,000 other articles suitable for presents.

ART GOODS: In our Art Department will be found an endless variety of articles useful and ornamental. All the novelties in Embroidered Linen Goods, Fancy Baskets, Plush Pillows, Table Covers, Dresser Scarfs, etc. Besides these, we show a grand line of Holiday Umbrellas at all prices, from \$1 to \$15—every one a bargain. Umbrellas from \$7 up engraved with initials free of charge.

Rosenbaum & Co. 510-518 MARKET STREET.

IRON AND STEEL BUILDINGS, ROOF TRUSSES, COLUMNS AND GIRDERS. PITTSBURG BRIDGE COMPANY, Thirty-Eighth St.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE LAST WEEK

-OF OUR-

CLEARANCE SALE

-OF-

FINE FURNITURE!

AT COST.

We still have many exceptional bargains in

- Chamber Suits, Hatracks, China Closets, Leather Chairs

-AND-

Couches.

A rare opportunity to get good furniture at bottom prices. Next week HOLIDAY GOODS will be on our floors for inspection.

JACOBS & MCGILVRAY, 51 AND 53 FEDERAL ST.

P. S.—Goods purchased for future delivery stored at our expense.

TAILORING. Correct Winter Suitings and Overcoatings. H. & C. F. AHLERS, Merchant Tailors, 420 Smithfield st.

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR GRAND WINTER OPENING CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3 AND 4. AMERICA'S GRANDEST DISPLAY FURNITURE, SILVERWARE, CHINAWARE, CARPETS, PICTURES, DOLLS, TOYS, etc. EDMUNDSON & PERRINE, 635 AND 637 SMITHFIELD ST.

A MILESTONE! Our Store Established 1832. America's Largest Homefurnishing House, 1891.

EXCELSIOR! 15,000 People Visited Us On Our Last OPENING DAY, Which was something previously unknown to the trade. COME!

CHILDHOOD HAPPINESS

Is our first subject to-day, and well it should be. Many a little toddler's life is dreary because she does not have a



Its height is 2 feet 2 inches, with long curly hair and pretty face. Just such a doll as you have always paid \$1 for.

25c. HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A DOLL WITH A BISQUE HEAD, JOINTED ARMS, Long Flowing Hair, 13 Inches Long 10c?

We have them, and here's a small picture of it. These are only two prices of the many thousand. The prices start at 5c for a 9-inch China Doll; then 10c for a (10-inch) Bisque Head and Kid Body Doll, up to the handsomely dressed Doll at \$3, \$4 and \$5.

FURNITURE.

Cowper, the poet of Cabinet makers, writes: Necessity invented stools, Convenience next invented elbow chairs, And Luxury the accomplished sofa last.

Prosaic certainly for poetry, but suggestive of the present. Luxury controlling Cabinet Wares combines need, convenience, utility and economy. A choice modern stock of Furniture is to the cultivated mind a collection of beautiful form and color, a joy to the intelligent beholder.

Such a stock we invite you to look over to-day. Don't dash through our Furniture Galleries like a flash of lightning. No, don't; save yourself the trouble, 'twill be useless. Take it deliberately.

We first want to call your attention to our line of



FANCY COMFORTABLE ROCKERS, Some with Leather, Plush or Tapestry Seats, at \$25 TO \$30.

Then on down the ladder to at \$17, \$13, \$10, \$8, \$6, Any price that will fit your purse.

BEDROOM SUITES, Consisting of 1 Bedstead, 1 Bureau (large glass), 1 Washstand, 2 Chairs, 1 Mattress and 1 Spring, \$25.

DINING ROOM SUITE, Consisting of 1 Sideboard, 6 Chairs and 1 Extension Table, round or square, \$25.

PARLOR SUITES, In Plush, \$29 to \$100; in Rugs, Brocatelles, etc., from \$150 to \$250; in Tapestry, from \$45 to \$150.

HALLRACKS in all the woods, at every known price, \$6 to \$100.

SIDEBOARDS, \$15, \$25, up to \$100, with rich carving and handsome mirrors.

BOOK CASES AND CHINA CLOSETS, TABLES AND LOUNGES.

LADIES' WRAPS.

The duty that lies nearest us, now that cold weather is here, is to tell the Ladies and children something about our



COATS AND JACKETS

We extend you a general invitation to drop in and try on two or three just to see the styles and get the prices.

Everybody knows that our garments are bringing us a fame. The sales tell a wonderful story, for the best makers and the best dyers have had a hand in the matter. To please you was their aim.

CARPET DEPARTMENT.

There's many a cozy home ruined by an old carpet. In buying



FLOOR COVERINGS

To start right is good, but to end right is better. We are doing a great business in Carpets. Why? We have just the right sorts and prices.

Rag Carpet, 45c to 75c. Ingrain Carpet, 35c to 85c. Brussels Carpet, 65c to \$1. Moquette Carpet, \$1.25 to \$1.75. Velvet Carpet, \$1.25 to \$1.75. Smyrna Rugs, from \$1 up, all sizes. Oil Cloths, from 30c to 60c.

CHINAWARE.



The wonder increases in this branch of our business. These elegant

DINNER SETS, 72 Pieces, \$7.15 101 Pieces, \$9.67

With elegant decorations; honest and durable, very pretty and wonderfully rich at the price.

THEN THERE'S THE DECORATED CUPS AND SAUCERS

At 5c, 10c, 20c up to \$1.

Pretty Plates and Dishes for the beautifying of your home and tables.

ALSO, RICH SILVERWARE

AND CUTLERY

At only a part of the usual price. The several kinds are well assorted and much sought for, because of both price and quality.

PICTURES

See the glories of Niagara; visit the galleries of the Old World; study The Angelus—if you please, then visit our

PICTURE GALLERY.

It will be a revelation to you in the Picture Art. This is a half hint—you should see it.

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