

Through Rain and Mud.

General Horace Porter draws the following picture of war-time experiences in his "Campaigning with Grants in the February Century." The campaigning was most disconcerting. On May 19 Grant wrote to Halleck: "We have had five days' almost constant rain, without any prospect of its clearing up. The roads have become so impassable that an ambulance with wounded men can no longer run between them and Fredericksburg. All offensive operations must necessarily cease until we can have twenty-four hours of dry weather. The army is in the best of spirits, and feels the greatest confidence in ultimate success. . . . The elements alone have suspended hostilities."

In the Wilderness the army had to struggle against fire and dust; now it had to contend with rain and mud. An ordinary rain, lasting a day or two, does not embarrass troops; but when the storm continues for a week it becomes one of the most serious obstacles in a campaign. The men can secure no proper shelter and no comfortable rest; their clothing has no chance to dry; and a tramping of a few miles through tenuous mud requires much exertion as an ordinary day's march. Tents become saturated and weighted with water, and draft animals have increased loads, and heavier roads over which to haul them. Dry wood can not be found; cooking becomes difficult; the men's spirits are affected by the gloom, and even the most buoyant natures become disheartened. It is much more difficult for an army marching to do, being compelled to move principally on exterior lines.

Staff-officers had to labor day and night during the present campaign in making reconnoissances and in cross-questioning natives, deserters, prisoners, and fugitive negroes, in an attempt to secure data for the purpose of constructing local maps from day to day. As soon as these were finished they were distributed to the subordinate commanders. Great confusion arose from the duplication of the names of houses and farms. Either family names were particularly scarce in that section of the State, or else the people were united by close ties of relationship, and country cousins belonged to a country estate, so many farms were located in some of the localities were occupied by people of the same name that, when certain farms were designated in orders, serious errors arose at times from mistaking one place for another.

Tracing His Family Tree. I met a man in one of the down town hotels yesterday who follows a unique profession. He makes his living by hunting up, inventing or otherwise procuring pedigrees for persons who have newly-acquired wealth and social ambitions.

"Old experience," he said to me, in answer to a question. "Oh, yes, frequently. I've just finished a job for the emigrant old ironmaster that I've done with. He came to me and said that his family was one of the oldest in the United States. In fact, he was confident that some of his ancestors were among the first white men who settled on this continent. I went to work to trace back the genealogy through a succession of obscure New England farmers, and with only two or three breaks, I managed to bring a line for him going back to the Mayflower. I thought that would please him and at first it seemed to.

"But a couple of days after he had paid and discharged me he came around to see me and he was in a towering passion. He accused me of cheating him, of having slighted my work and wanted back the money he had paid me. When I finally got a chance to ask him to explain what he meant, he said:

"Why, I told you distinctly that my ancestry went back to the first white men who landed on this continent. And here you've stopped with the year 1620."

"Well, I said, 'that was the year when the first white men came to this part of the country. You can't go any farther back.'"

"Can't do," he shouted, 'that shows all you know. I didn't have to read a United States history half an hour to learn that white men landed on the New England coast in 1601. I want my ancestry traced back to those men, and, if you can't do it, I'll find some one who can.'"

Something to Depend on. Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and seeing it is of a safe, he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from first dose, and half dozen bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottles at Snyder's drug store, Somerset, or at Bralier's drug store, Berlin.

A writer in the Chicago Times-Herald tells an incident of how honesty was rewarded. He says: "After a cable car conductor had passed me several lines without asking for my fare I turned his arm and gave him a nickel. A few minutes later as I left the car I found him on the next platform. He said: 'Don't ever do that again,' he said. 'If a conductor misses you, don't hand him up. He doesn't want to do it. If I miss a passenger the chances are about even that no one will notice it except the fellow himself. But when he catches up to pay a fare I have missed every cent, and notices the fact that I have been negligent, and if there is a 'spotter' aboard I lose my job. The next time save your nickel; it may help me to save my position.'"

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Four water into a good sized glass tumbler until it is two-thirds full of water.

Stand it upon a canister to give it the necessary elevation. Through the flat cork on the surface of the water is a stout straw, which transversely supports one of the same diameter. To the latter are attached two other straws of smaller diameter, each of these having a bit of straw about an inch in length attached to the end at an obtuse angle, with the outlets out on the slant to facilitate the exit of the water.

All the joints are hollow and are made water-tight with sealing wax. The ends of the depending straws are left open. Now, to start this unique homemade apparatus, first let two persons pour water into the open ends of the depending straws until the water begins to flow, and when they take their mouths away the device will begin to revolve, while the water pours steadily from the open ends.

This revolving siphon will soon empty the tumbler, but you may keep the action up as long as you please by pouring water in as fast as the straws let it pour out.

A Boy and a Banana Skin. One day last week a white haired old gentleman was walking up Fifth avenue with his cane. Not far in front of him dawdled a boy eating a big ripe banana. It was near the noon hour, and the old man had just finished eating his lunch. Presently the boy, having finished the banana, dropped the skin on the sidewalk and went whistling up the street. The old gentleman, who was walking slowly, leaning heavily on his cane, and picked up the banana skin. Just then the boy looked over his shoulder and saw what the old man had done. He stopped, and with his hands in his pockets, and watched curiously. Close to the curbing stood a forlorn old dry hound, with its head hung down and one leg bowed out. He looked up at the boy's feet, and the white haired old man was walking on up the street with his cane. The boy stopped whistling. He was thinking, and so were a score of other people who saw the little incident.—Chicago Record.

Lamp Shades and Screens. Three years ago when women were fond of 1830 in their sleeves—whatever they were in anything else—lamp shades acquired to rival them in their voluminousness and blossomed forth into veritable canopies, covered with elaborate confections of silk, lace and ribbon. Last year innumerable roofs had been taken to rival them in their voluminousness and blossomed forth into veritable canopies, covered with elaborate confections of silk, lace and ribbon. Last year innumerable roofs had been taken to rival them in their voluminousness and blossomed forth into veritable canopies, covered with elaborate confections of silk, lace and ribbon.

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"Since the right of petition is a distinctly political right, the suffrage class enjoys the information that the prerequisite to enfranchisement should be a petition signed by a majority of all the women of the state. 'If they the right of any person or power to demand such a test as a majority petition. The declaration of independence does not say, 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that when all the women of America have petitioned for their inalienable rights they shall receive them. It says that all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, and that to secure these rights governments are instituted.

"If this honored instrument sets forth any one supreme proposition of which all other laws and policies, it is the statement that governments are instituted to secure rights. 'The theory seems to be growing alarmingly prevalent in these latter days that the government should confer rights, and that only when the demand is so strong that it can no longer safely withhold them. If this be true, Columbia no better than old King John. In all the pages of history, ancient or modern, there is not recorded an instance

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well dressed women. Are not always well otherwise. Health, you know, depends very largely on the proper action of the kidneys. It is the duty of the kidneys to filter the uric acid and other poisonous matter out of the blood. If they do not do this, the blood in its never-ceasing journey carries the poison into every part of the system, and diseases of all sorts result.

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Prepared Breakfast Aleep. NEW CASTLE, Pa., Jan. 25.—Miss Vandy Newton was awakened from bed at 4 A. M. to prepare breakfast for her brothers, who work in one of the factories. She arose, donned her wearing apparel, set the table, ground coffee and set the stove on the fire. Her mother, thinking she worked in a very quiet manner and was longer than usual calling the folks to their morning meal, got up and went to the dining room, where she was surprised to find her daughter standing sound asleep. It was with considerable difficulty that she was aroused. With the single exception that she had neglected to kindle the fire in the range and had put her feet on the coal in the grate, she was the first woman ever known to fall asleep while performing her daily duties.

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Why Grant? It is to the start for West Point, Grant had been Hiram Ulysses Grant. The young traveler required a trunk, and Thomas Walker, a local "genius," was the man to make it. He did so, and, to finish it off, he traced on the cover, in big brass-tacks, the initials H. U. G. James Marshall, Ulysses' cousin, set to helping carry the new trunk home. Ulysses looked at the big glaring letters. "I won't have that," he said. "It spells 'H. U. G.'; the boys would blame me about it." And he thereupon shifted his initials to H. G. U. and the trunk into the work.

It is considered at Roe's Hotel, West Point, on the 23rd of May as "U. S. Grant," and the same day reported to Adjutant, George G. Wagonman, deposited \$48, and signed his name Ulysses Hiram Grant. The name as reported from Washington, however, was U. S. Grant, and the error arose in this way: The Hon. Thomas Palmer received a letter of Jesse Grant's the day before the close of his term, and being much hurried set down at once and wrote to Secretary of War Point, asking for the appointment of his neighbor's son. He knew the boy's name to be Ulysses, and inferring that his middle name was Simpson, so filled in the application, and thus it stood when Ulysses faced the Adjutant.

He asked to have it changed, but was told it was impossible without the consent of the Secretary of War. "Very well," he said: "I came here to enter the military academy, and enter I shall. An initial more or less does not matter." He was known to the Government thereafter as U. S. Grant.—McClure's Magazine.

Messages Taken on the Move. Railroad signaling by electricity has been attempted in various ways for some time, but the most successful effort in this direction seems to be that devised by an Englishman, Sir Field & Lincolnshire Railway. Although many electrical systems of communicating with trains in motion have been devised they are either too complex or some mechanical method is adopted of making the contact. In this system an electromagnet on the road actuates two needles in the engine cab, and each of them completes a circuit which works two miniature switches in front of the driver, and at the same time rings a bell. The name of the duplicate needles is to avoid all risk of a danger signal falling to be received. The signalman is thus enabled to have direct communication with the engineer, even when the train is going at full speed. If this system will stand the test of further experience it will make some of the most important improvements in the signaling system of the world.

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