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To Florence Smith.

BY ALVIRA WILLIAMS.

When approach the shades of even, And the stars above Deck the mighty arch of heaven As with gems of love;
Then my spirit, ever free,
Holds communion sweet with thee.

When the breeze is softly sighing Through each leaf-crown'd tree, And the lingering sunbeams lying On the scented lea; Thoughts of thee do throng my breast Robbing me of dark unrest.

As I take my morning ramble Through the grassy lawn, Climbing over brake and bramble At the early dawn; Every zephyr seems to bring Thy sweet voice, upon its wing.

Thoughts of thee dear one, shall guide me All life's paths along;
And thy gentleness shall chide me,
When I think of wrong; Ever shall thy memory be Kept a sacred trust by me. Black Forest, Pa.

### OUR ARMY CORRESPONDENCE.

CAMP CALIFORNIA, Va. Head Quarters, Co. G. 53d Reg P. V. Dec. 6, 1861.

FRIEND MAC: As our Company is now

parade" on the 27th of November, our Colonel informed us that he had orders Station, on the Orange and Alexandria Rail Road, some nineteen miles distant tle past noon. We had expected to have taken the ears for the remainder of our journey, but for some reason as yet not fully explained, our first orders were countermanded and instead of proceeding, we should come. In accordance with these more. Yours Respectfully, last instructions we proceeded about two miles this side Alexandria and pitched tents on an eminence known as "Oakshee

over beyond and bear to the Seminary are Forts Ward. Bennett and others, and in that direction too we observe large Secretary of the Navy, occupies twentyencampments. So you see Mr. Editor, one octavo pages. The report commenif the Potter boys are in "Dixie Land"

having nothing better to do, when we and says that they contemplated then This is in a sort of valley where mud is ing regulations of an international blockandria Railroad, a distance of some hing mouth to the federal capital, as the bounlike two miles up the river from Alex dary line between Maryland and Virgin. 600. The number is now not less than The battle of Bull Run is briefly referred lations to society and God. Whenever and ria, in the direction of Springfield is, and also the main connected avenue 22,000. Our encampment runs obliquely across to the principal base of the military operthe valley. Our own Fifty third is sta- ations. tioned with its right flank on the railroad, The second was the organization of a moment's warning to fall in: It is said of the Southern coast, rendering efficient deports ent. that here is to be the scene of a battle, naval co-operation with the position and and to quote an expression of an officer. movements, of such expeditions when ferently however.

ing miormation that the Rebel- were condid not come. Had they, they would might escape the vigilance of the blockception. The "Secesh" about here say ports in writing to you Since writing you that their friends in the rebel army are their making such a display. Our own opinion is that if the rebels do make an to strike tents at 6 o'clock A. M next advance, it is only for the purpose of reday, and to report at the earliest possible treating and thus drawing us unawares moment to Gen. Sumner, at Springfield into the line of their batteries and mines. lantic blockading squadron, had for its making their own assertions of another Bull Run" run in a few days, good. from Washington Pursuant to those for you must know some of them are ju orders, on the following morning we bilant over their certain success. One mand of Flag Officer Silas H Stringham. For the navy proper, "struck tents" and took up the line of of the Teminine gender the other day The other, or Gulf squadron, operating For the marine corps, march for "Sacred Soil," passing over told one of our boys that the Southern the Long Bridge at about ten o'clock bays and their eyes on us daily, that eve A. M. We arrived at Alexandria a litery movement made by us was well known to them, and soon we should get the starch taken out of our shirt bosoms, (mighty little in them to take out!)

I will close by saying that every day adds to our strength and efficiency so far were ordered to encamp for the night on at least as this division is concerned the first suitable ground to which we Did time permit, we would gladly write  $\mathbf{R}$ .

# ABOUT PENS.

Pens of some soft have been in use Farm." This eminence lies directly and from very ancient times, adapted to the about midway between Fort Ellsworth material upon which the written charge and Fairfax Seminary. It was last sum. ters were to be impressed. Upon stone mer occupied by the Fourth Regiment or metallic plates gravers of sted served Maine Volunteers. Strolling out back for writing, and such are referred to by ardnous, on account of the great increase unteers and regulars, as follows:

of this Camp a distance of perhaps hall Job in speaking of "an iron pen." For of the vessels engaged and the continued States. 3 mos. For the War. To a mile we come to what was formerly a the waxen tablets of the ancients a me efforts of the rebels to clude the blockade, beautiful residence, but is now a wreck talic stylus was employed, one end of pressed by the necessities of the people. The design was a good one and the finish which was sharpened for erasing the Two squadrons were therefore organized excellent: I was informed that the firmarks and smoothing the wax. It was on the Atlantic coast. Captain Louis Months as in the Atlantic coast. Captain Louis Months as it Goldborough was appointed to guard the description. But when the three month's is among the Chinese at the present day, the shores of Virginia and North Carolina.

The residue of the Southern Atlantic coast. grated to a more congenial climate, and cil. Pens of reeds also were thade at a coast, commencing at the line which septhe exasperated volunteers out down his very early period, for the use of a fluid arates the two Carolinas and extending otchard, ruined his furniture, tore the ink upon papyrus. The reed selected for to Cape Florida, was intrusted to Captain partitions and floors from out the house, this purpose is described as small and Samuel F. Dupont. and defaced the wails in a most shameful hard, and about the size of a swan's quill. Since the institution of the blockade manner, wantonly destroying about ten It was found in Egypt and Armenia; and one hundred and fifty-three vessels have thousand dollar's worth of property; and Cairo and Alexandria were famous mar. been captured sailing under various flags. this, I am informed, is only one instance kets in which it was sold. Along the most of which were attempting to violate of many. While I have no sympathy for shores of the Persian Gulf reeds are still the blockade. Must of these will be conthose designing men who have so wick. collected for this purpose, and are dis-demned by the courts as prizes. A serzedly brought untold misery and destruct ributed houghout various parts of the ure of some of the important ports on the tion upon themselves, still I could wish eastern countries, being better adapted to coast received the early attention of the that our own soldiers of the free North the ink and paper employed in these re. Department. Two combined naval and might conduct themselves in a manner glons than any other kind of pens! The military expeditions have already been orbetter suited to the cause in which we are introduction of common writing paper ganized and put in action. The expedi engaged, and to the age in which we live. rendered necessary pens of a finer char tions to Hatteras and Port Royal are then Going over the hill and walking a mile acter, and caused a demand for good quills; briefly noticed by the Secretary, who says we came to Fort Ellsworth. I am not A great trade grew up in these arti- that the latter expedition was intended

sufficiently versed in the structure of cles, which even the more recent intro- to have sailed in September, but owing Forts to be able to describe it you. My duction of steel and gold pens has not to causes independent of the Navy De- iar army including the new enlistments under conclusions, however, after rambling thro' materially diminished. Poland and Rus- partment it was unavoidably postponed tal of 660,971: it a half hour were, that with its defences six are large engaged in it. In a single until the 29th of October. properly manned Jeff. would have a sorry year St. Petersburg has furnished Eng. A naval force, auxiliary to and contine should he be hardy enough to at- land over 27.000,000 of quills. Within nected with the army movements on the tempt its capture. There are mounted the last fifty years, steel pens of various Mississippi and its tributaries, has been Infantry upon it sixteen sixty-four nounders, two kinds have been manufactured in Great organized, and is under the command of Cavalry heavy rifled cannon, and four smaller Britain, and the number made annually Flag. Officer Andrew H. Foote. The Artillery brass pieces. In addition to these de. in Birmingham has been estimated at one steamers which have been built or purfences, situated at a few paces from the thousand willions Several attempts have chased for this service by the War De-Fort is a strong masked battery. The been made to establish this manufacture partment are of a formidable character, whole structure, to the inexperienced eye in the United States, but it has been and manned by a class of superior seaof one unaccustomed to such arrange found almost hopeless to compete with men and western boatmen. ments, conveys an idea of strength, and the manufacturers of Birmingham. The The Secretary makes a statement of vice of the fiscal year are computed for a causes him to think he would not like to are of making gold pens has, however, the condition of the navy on the 4th of force of 500,000 men. The numerical be of the number who should attempt to been carried to the highest, perfection in March last, from which it appears that strength of the cavalry force is now great test its capacities for dealing death to the New York, so that the only really excel, there was a total of 42 vessels, carrying or than is required, and as it can only be eveny. Stepping upon the parapets, we lent ren used in Europe is obtained in 555 guns and about 7,600 meu. behold in the distance up the Potomac, this country. The machinery used for Without waiting the arrival of vessels the city of "magnificent distances" and this purpose was invented by Mr Ren. from our foreign squadrons, the departlooming up far above the rest, the Capi dell, and improved by Mr. Fairchild, and ment directed such as were dismantled ized the acceptance of 500,000 volunteers tol and the Washington Monumene. It is curious and elaborate, mo e than twen, and inordinary at the different navy and appropriated \$500,000,000 for their the river we see Fort Lyon, a structure the production of a single pen. There ble, to be repaired and put in commission. Of volunteers it is believed 1,000,000 men the river are seven or eight factories for this man. They are, exclusive of those lost at the could have been obtained, had there been than B. They are, exclusive of those lost at the could have been obtained, had there been obtained. than Fort Ellsworth, and just beyond it ufacture in the city of New York, one in Norfolk navy yard, 3 frigates, 6 sloops, 2 authority to accept their services It will, a large encampment said to contain four-Brooklyn, N. Y., two in Brooklyn, Ot, brigs and 7 steamers.

Secretary Welles' Report.

The report of the Hon. Gideon Welles, ces by noticing the objects of the enlarged Returning to our quarters at noon we service as were contained in his report at were just preparing to write you while the extra session of Congress in July, were ordered to pull up stakes and again different lines of naval operations upon move. . At 122 o'clock we were again on the Southern coast, the first of which was the read. Between marching and halt the closing of all the insurgent ports ing we occupied nearly all the after along a coast had of nearly three thousand moon in reaching our present station miles, in the form and under the exact-

that right quick, too." We think dif landed, and including also all needful naval aid to the army in cutting off in-There was a sort of alarm among the tercommunication with the rebels, and templating an advance upon us, but they pursuit of the piratical cruisers which

last we have moved quite often. I pro- coming up here for their "Christmas din- the Secretary says that it became neces To carry out these plans of operations pose to give you and your readers an uer"-that they are coming down this sary for the department to call into imabridged detail of our various movements valley too. Well we don't know but they mediate service not only the naval forsince that time At dismissal of "dress will, still we may be permitted to doubt ces, but vessels from the commercial ma-

field of operation the whole coast, extending from the easternmost line of Virginia to Cape Florida, and was under the comfrom Cape Florida westward to the Rio For the navy yards, hospitals, Grande, was commanded by Flag Officer William Mervine.

These two squadrons have rendered the of their hasty equipment and the peculiarities of the coast would allow.

The Potomac Flotilla is briefly menplished the purposes for which it was in they have been intrusted. tended until the close of October, when the insurgents erected batteries at suitlry points on the Virginia shore, thereby rendering passage on the river danger-

quipped and ready for service, the con- minetion of the war. It commed to the THE GREAT END IN FARMING.

plenty and dry ground scarce. We are ade, including the naval occupation and this time located on the Orange and Alexdefense of the Potomac river, from its

The aggregate number of seamen in the 25,414 miles, with an interior boundary out, in the hardest drudgery, regardless of service on the 4th of March last was 7, line of 7,031 miles in length:

wages for their labor. If such employ throughout all the rebellious States ment could not be furnished to all by the It is suggested that the I res dent be TASTE OF GARLIC IN MILK. navy, they might be referred to the ar empowered to send commissioners with In answer to a query in the Farmer my, and if no employment could be found the army with power to enforce obliga- and Gardaer upon this subject, a corresfor them in the public service, they tions of contracts and the collection of wondent says :- "I do not know that I The force thus gathered was placed a should be allowed to proceed freely and debts due to loyal citizens, in divitiets can prescribe the best method, but a very long our coast and divided into two squad- lindilloyd in coast and coast livelihood in any loyal portion of the Recruiting for the regular army has not Place a lump from the size of a pea to a

30, 1863, amount to \$14.625,665 02, bounties and full pay when due.

magazines, and miscellane-

ous objects. The Secretary concludes his report by blockade as effective as the circumstances complimenting the officers of the navy, the country! saying that courage ability, unfaltering fidelity and devotion to the cause of their characteristics of their conduct in the artioned, and is said to have accounduous and important service with which

# Secretary Cameron's Report.

The report of the Hon. Simon Camer-laws of the Union, on, Secretary of War, occupies nearly 2. That the rebels began the war, with also remove the taste of bitter weeds.

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1	States.	3 mos.	For the W	ar. Tota
1	California	11.	4,688	4 63
į	Connecticut	2,236	12.400	14,63
	Delaware	775	2,000	2.78
į	Illinois	4.041	80,000	83.04
١	Indiana	4.686	57,332	62.01
:	Iowa	868	10.800	20.76
1	Kentucky		15,000	15.00
į	Maine	768	14 239	15.00
ŀ	Maryland .		7.000	7,00
i	Massachusetts	3.435	26,760	30,10
1	Michigan	781	28,550	29,33
	Minnesota .		4,160	4,16
i	Missouri	9.336	22,130	31,48
i	N. Hampsh.re	779	9,600	10,37
!	New Jersey	3,038	9,302	12,11
l	New York	10,188	100.200	110 33
		10.236	81,205	91.44
١		19,199	94,760	113,95
	Rhode Island	1.205	5,898	7,18
	Vermont	780	8.000	8.780
	Virginia	792	12.000	12,779
	Wiscorsin	782	14.153	14,643
	Kansas		5.000	5,000
	Calorado		1,000	1.000
,	Nebraska	1 , .	2,500	2,500
,	Nevada		1.000	1.008
,	New Mexico	10:	1,000	1,000
,	Dist. Columbia	2,853	1,000	3.823
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Adding the estimated strength of the regu
8. That it lies a right, however, to use

tal of 660,971. The several arms of the service are estimat-

ed as follows:—
Volunteers. Regulars. Aggregate. 557,208 11.175 54.654 4.744 20.388 4,308 Rifles and Sharp-8,395 shooters Engineers. 107 640.937 20,334 660,971

The appropriations asked for the sermaintained at a great cost, measures will be taken for its gradual reduction.

Congress at its late extra session authorsays the Secretary, be now for Congress to We may say of a good many people's have plenty of comb. Plain candy is says the Secretary, be now for Congress to the sentition one in Haydenville, Massi, and one in When the vessels now building and say whether the army shall be further angular than the standing at our side informs us that Cincinnati. New American Cyclopædia. purchased, of every class, are armed, emented, with a view to a more speedy teresthought them worth framing.

dition of the navy will be as follows: Of present limit fixed by law, it is proposed

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Of purchased vessels :- 36 side wheel stitutions in the people so readily guther made first, no doubt, so far as the earth and camers, 48 screw steamers, 13 ships, 24 ing together such an immerse army, with water and wood, are: concerned; but in schooners, 18 barks, 2 brigs; of vessels out resort to conscriptions, levies, drafts, importance, the man stands first, and high under construction:—14 screw sloops, or other extraordinary expedients; says above all, and he should always keep him-23 gunboats, 12 side wheel steamers, 3 the rebellion extended over an area of self so. irop clad steamers—making a total of 264 783,144 square miles, possessing a coast It is folly to make one's self a slave to

Of the seizure of Messrs. Mason and wral consequence of the premature ad chanic, werchant, or professional man) Slidell, on board the English steamer vance of our brave but undisciplined finds himself a slave to work, wearing Trent, the Secretary says the prompt and troops, which the imputience of the coun- himself out prematurely in the mad purwhilst its left extends across Big Hunting combined naval and military expeditions decisive action of Capt. Wilkes merited try demanded." Other early reverses, suit of money, he had better pause and Creek. We are in line of battle, ready at to operate in force against various points and received the curpliatic approval of the some of no permanent advantage to the ask himself a few sober questions: What enemy, are referred to; but he says, "the is the use of all this work and worry?-In reply to the naval commanders in possession of Western Virginia and the What is it going to amount to in the end? regard to the treatment of fugitive slaves, occupation of Hatters and Beaufort have Ain I true to the dignity of my own nathe Secretary instructed them that if in wobly redeemed our transient reverses." ture, to my family, to my Maker? Am I

surgents, they should be hended over to The early position of Maryland, Dela preparing myself for a screne and healthy the custody of the government; but if, ware, Kentucky, Missouri and Western old age? Am I not cutting short my Brigade officers the other night, they have in its operations on the Mississipi and on the contrary, they were from any vol. Virginia, is next reviewed, and their pres- days? its tributaries; and the third, the active untary participation in the rebellion and cut condition pointed to with pride as A little self-catechizing of this sort is sought the shelter and protection of our showing the increasing progress of loyalty needful, especially in the hurry of having flag; then they should be cared for and to the Union. No doubt is entertained and harvest time; but it will not come dan erratic nature, often changing its lohave found us well prepared for their reading force, and put to sea from the rebel employed in some useful manner, and that the army on the Potomac, under its amiss at any season. Let this instrucmight be enlisted to serve on our public able leader, will soon make such a dem- tion be given and received, line upon line, cessels or in our navy yards, receiving onstration as will re-establish its authority here a little and there a little.—Exc.

been as successful as anticipated, and it hickory nut, in the bucket before com-The estimates submitted, by this de is therefore recommended that further mencing to milk. The saltpeter will thus partment for the fiscal year ending June inducements be held out to recruits by become thoroughly dissolved and diffused

\$41 096,530 25 obligatory the discharge of minors, who to remove the cows from the garlicky 1,105,656 77 may enlist without the consent of their pastures five or six hours before milking. parents, should be repealed, and the sub- A large portion of the garlie will be ex-Department or to the civil tribunals of less salt peter will be required, and there

the Slavery question may be condensed everything is kept sweet and clean, there into the following :

the Nation with intent to re establish its tined for use, provided it be immediately authority over the States and districts well worked. Indeed, where it necessary now in flagrant rebellion, and to secure a to use this salt as a corrective, the butter general abediance to the constitution and is improved by a week or two of age.

4. That the property of the rebels is ly for keeping free from rancidity. the strength of their rebellion, and is liable to seizure and confiscation by the KEEPING APPLES. -- If you want your Government which they have conspired winter apples to keep well you must careagainst and are desperately fighting to fully observe the four following things: overthrow;
5. That a considerable proportion of

this property consists of slaves, variously ture before you store them away estimated as worth to them in the aggregate from \$700,000,000 to \$1,000,000,-

6. That there is nothing in nature, in reason, nor in the laws of war, which ex ing them in dry earth, the drier the betempts this species of property from conter, or covering them in the cellar with fiscation and conversion to the uses of such earth. loyalty in its struggle with rebellion;

7. That the Federal Government has no constitutional and no rightful power heat, air and moisture are three active to hold slaves, to sell slaves, nor to exect agents that must, when acting in concert, service from any one without rendering soon heat and rot your apples. And the

the voluntary labor of the slaves of rebels. bage, carrots, parsuips, beets, turnips, polike any other property forfeited by trea tatoes, etc. son, "for the defense of the Government, the prosecution of the war, and the suppression of the rebellion."

9. That the expediency of so using the 24688 muscle of slaves, what ier they be armed or otherwise, is purely a question of mil 8,395 itary exigency, to be determined by cirputable is that it would be madness to leave this immense amount of available property, so clearly contraband of war, in the hands and under the control of rebels where we have the power to take it away. "Such policy would be National suicite."

10 The Government, having used the services of a robel's slave, in such a manner as it shall deem most conducive to the overthrow of the rebellion, cannot quantity, both of suct and meat, was much remand him thereafter into bondage. The more considerable than that of the ordinary cattle. support, but so numerous were the offers by treason; the ex-lave has carned by of volunteers it is believed 1,000,000 men his cervices to the National cause freedom and protection.

It is not the great end, to see how much the old Navy-6 ships of line, 7 frigates, to consolidate such of the regiments as may hard work can be done, nor how much 17 sloops, 2 brigs. 3 storeships, 6 receiv from time to time full below the regulationery can be earned in a given time ing ships, &c., 6 screw frigges, 6 first lion standard; and thus reduce the num. The sim should be, not only to better estimates of expenditure for the naval class screw sloops, 4 first class side wheel ber of officers and expenses of the army, one's condition, but to improve one's self steam sloops, 8 second class screw sloops.

The report speaks in high terms of the and his family, and to make himself use.

5 third class screw sloops, 4 third class efficiency already shown by the volunteers; 1 al, virtuous, and happy. Which is first, side-wheeled steamers, 2 steam tenders.

his own improvement, and of his high re-

through the milk before straining. It is recommended that the law making | "It is advisable, where it can be done, will be less danger of the latter being de-That part of the report which treats of tected in the taste of the butter. When need be no fear of the butter tasting old, 1. This War is prosecuted on behalf of if churned several days before it is des-

fourteen closely printed octavo pages. It out necessity or provocation, and ought to turnips, and rank clover from milk and In September it was found that the du- sets out with a statement of the entire be made to feel and respect the power of butter. Whether it will interfere with ty of guarding the coast had become very estimated strength of the army, both vol the Government and its loyal supporters; the fine flavor imparted to 'Philadelphia That the Government would be un June butter by the sweet scenied vernal al just to itself, and faithless to its high grass, I have up means of knowing; but trust, if it failed to employ and improve this I do know that I have often sold all means at its command, within the fair butter treated in the above manner to scope of the laws of war, to overcome and some of your city coancisseurs, who invasubdue its in placable and unsparing foes; riably praised its good qualities, especial-

1. See that the surface or outside of your apples are perfectly free from mois-

place where moisture can have access to them. 3. Exclude them from the air by bury-

4. Keep them in as cool a temperature

as possible, but so as to avoid frost; for same is equally true of winter pears and also of all your root crops, such as cab-

# A NEW RACE OF CATTLE.

According to Belgian journals, M. Dutrope, one of the most distinguished cattle-breeders of France, has succeeded, after twenty years' trial, in producing a bovine race without horns, which carried the first prize at the great collection of Poissyn, in 1854. A cow of this species. which had been raised, on the farm of the King of Belgium, near Brussels, was killed lately in the latter town, in presence of the professors of the veterinary school, and the surveyors of the public slaughter house. The report of these gentlemen confirms the fact that the

FEEDING BEES.—It is said that from two to four pounds of sugar candy will keep a colony of bees over winter, if they