

HE THRASHED THE BULLY.

HOW A SOLDIER WON AN OFFICER'S COMMISSION.

A Good War Story Told by Ex-Governor Curtin of Pennsylvania—The Result of a Midnight Row.

Amos J. Cummings relates in the New York Sun a war story, which he heard from Governor Curtin of Pennsylvania...

"Oh, Governor," she cried, as tears streamed down her faded cheeks, "my boy never failed to write before. He always sent me a letter after a battle."

The Governor said that he heard the number of the regiment with a shudder. It had been in the very heart of the fight, and had been cut to pieces.

His heart went out to the old mother. If her boy was alive he was determined that she should see him, or if dead that she should have his body.

The four statesmen descended Capitol Hill together. They drifted down Pennsylvania avenue, conversing on political topics.

He stepped to the door of the hack and looked in. The suspicion was confirmed. She was the old woman whom he had sent to the hotel, and she was in trouble.

Things were looking decidedly squally when a boy in blue came along. He carried a musket, and wore the tail of a buck in his cap.

"I want you to do me a favor," the Governor continued, pointing to the hackman who had already begun to skirmish with Ben Wade.

Then he jumped between Ben Wade and the cabman and said in a rough and tumble worthy of the days of Foote and Morrissey.

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mopped the sidewalk with him. The hackman looked as if he had been through a fanning mill.

Governor Curtin ascertained the name of the soldier, and placed the old lady in his charge.

Two weeks afterward Private Fox of the Bucktail Brigade received an order directing him to report at the Adjutant-General's office in Harrisburg.

"Good morning, Lieutenant," said the Governor, "I'm glad to see you."

"Why, Governor," replied the boy in blue, "you make a mistake. I'm not a Lieutenant. I'm only a private."

"It is you who make the mistake," the Governor replied, with a smiling face.

It was the commission of a First Lieutenant. The parchment was gratefully accepted. The soldier expressed his thanks.

Slang is the wart on language. Men have sight; women insight. A broken silence is never repaired.

Good humor is the blue sky of the soul. Silence is less injurious than a weak reply. Energy is the sand in the craw of enterprise.

Every kind of work that we can't do looks easy. We take less pains to be happy than to appear so.

Man is cold as ice to truth, but hot as fire to falsehood. A little woman can tell just as big a lie as a big woman can.

Distrust of yourself really means conscientiousness of wrong. You can't climb a telegraph pole by shinning up a fence post.

Shallow men believe in luck; strong men believe in cause and effect. Your bank account, unlike yourself, never gets tight by getting full.

Nothing but a mule occupies less space than his hind foot and makes less noise. Every life is a center, and all things are made for it as if there were no other.

Tie a coward's hand behind him and you give him an additional reason to boast.

Growth of Business in the South. Eight columns of the Baltimore Manufacturers' Record are occupied by Superintendent Porter, of the United States Census, on the wonderful progress of the South and the intrinsic merits of Southern investments.

Elaine Gurst and her sisters have started a novel undertaking in the form of a mushroom farm, the proceeds of which are for the support of a boy's evening school.

Mrs. Annie Hyde, of Fishkill, N. Y., the oldest pensioner on the rolls of the United States Government, has celebrated her one hundred and second birthday.

NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN.

Corn-flower blue is a new color. Flowers continue to rule the toilet. Pearls are prime favorites at present.

Norway, Mo., has a woman road surveyor. A distinctive church dress for women is proposed.

The Parisian hair-dressers have decreed that bangs must go. The stronghold of the blonde is the North and Northwest.

The sticks for some fans cost \$50 each, and the paintings \$400 more. Pale blue, yellow and apricot are favorite shades for tea gowns.

Loose fitting gray gowns seem to be a laud with many literary women. Heart-shape stones are the rage for pins, earrings and finger rings.

There are 425 female students at the University of Ann Arbor, Mich. A good walk will redeem an ill-designed skirt, and a bad walk ruin a good one.

Pretty maidens rival the butterfly in their attire, and resemble walking flower beds. The girl of the period thinks it is "smart" to be ignorant of common things.

A London woman has a class of 100 cooks, to whom she gives "entire dinner lessons." In Amsterdam now it is the fashion to announce a broken engagement on marriage.

A pretty bride went to the altar in a white Swiss muslingown and a white "duffon veil." Senora Isidora Cousino, of Chili, is a handsome young widow with a monthly income of \$80,000.

Dr. Martha Robinson, of Cleveland, Ohio, has been her father's partner in dentistry for several years. Louise Michel has started a school in London, where she gives free instruction to forty poor children.

One of the prettiest of Alabama's many belles is Miss Mary Lettich, of Florence. She is a small blonde of graceful figure. Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, has received the comfortable sum of \$100,000 for its Women's Medical School fund.

A Kentucky paper relates that the grandmother of the bride at a wedding in Covington recently acted as the bridesmaid. It is said that Miss Bedle, a daughter of ex-Governor Bedle, is one of the handsomest young women in New Jersey.

Loose-fitting gloves are the latest. It says so plainly, "see how small my hands are; I can afford to wear a lose glove." Hairpins of shell, with ornamental top of twisted gold, valued at seventy-five dollars each, are not uncommon in the streets of New York.

A girl in Atchison, Kan., has a peculiar way of attracting attention to herself. She scallops her finger-nails and leaves them that way. A woman is now considered old-fashioned who does not care for women's rights and a lot of things it is supposed she ought to care about.

A fad of the moment among some fad-affecting young women is to chew a flower, or, to put it more elegantly, to wear one between the lips. Embroidery silks come from China, Japan and Italy, but they are dyed and prepared in England. Girls are employed in skimming and winding it.

There are constant demands for women who can charm snakes. The supply is very small, and the wages are \$100 a week, with all expenses paid. It is said that England has more women workers in proportion to her population than any other country; twelve per cent. of the industrial classes being women.

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Dresses may be rendered incombustible by dipping them in a solution of tungstate of soda, one pound in two gallons of water says the Sanitary News. The most delicate color will not be affected by it.

Ear Trumpets as Cupid's Arrows.

With the marriage at Steelville, Mo., of William J. D. Kelly to Miss Anna McDonald, of Oakville, Canada, is connected quite a romance. The groom is a well known young man, living on a farm with his widowed mother, well-to-do, though deaf and dumb.

A Flower That Changes Color Daily. During the summer of 1890 the botanists made a wonderful discovery in Tehuantepec, having established the fact beyond a doubt that the native "hinta" has a flower that changes its color three or more times each day when the weather is favorable.

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