## ORDEAL OF THE **NEW RECRUIT**

The Initiation of an Embryo General.

The officers of the -th bussars were profoundly moved. Commissions in the regiment had from time immemorial been reserved for the sons of noblemen, and now John Hunkins, the son of a retired brewer, had been appoint-There was a babel of voices at the junior mess, all raised in protest against this invasion of a prerogative of the peerage. One man sat quietly listening without a word, but he was a younger son of a baronet who bad made money in trade and had been admitted to the sacred circle of titled people because he had given his fortune to the poor.

"It's very easy to get wid of these common intwuders," said Lord Hartkey. "All we have to do is to fweeze

'em out." "Just so," assented the Hon. Mr. Maxcey.

"But suppose their beggarly natures are too obtuse to see what's meant by the tweatment we give 'em," put in the Earl of Harrowby.

"In that case," Hartley explained, "we'll appoint a committee to visit their rooms and smash their furniture."

very effective measure," marked the Hon. Mr. Maxcey. "Twotter," said Hartley, "you don't

seem intewested in the matter at all." "I'm not." "Oh, Twotter's not been one of our

kind long enough to be intewested!" sneered Harrowby. "That's just it," replied Trotter com-

posedly. At this point who should walk into the messroom but the subject of the discussion, a well built, florid young Englishman, with flaxed hair and blue

"Good evening, gentlemen," he said, taking a seat and helping himself. "I'm glad to be one of you."

There was a dead silence around the board for some time, during which Hunkins was satisfying his appetite. The silence was broken by the Hon. Mr. Maxcey. Turning, he brought hismonocle on the newcomer and said: 'I say, isn't your father a brewer?"

"He was," replied Hunkins imperturbably. "Well, then, why didn't he bring you

up to the business?" "Isn't your father Lond Bungleried?"

"Well, why didn't he bring you up to be a gentleman?"

Some of the mess smiled, but those who had been most active with their tongues then and there resolved that the brewer's son must be frozen out.

But Hunkins appeared to be too obtuse to see their intentions or too good natured to notice them, and they resolved upon more strenuous means. A. committee went to his quarters and smashed some chinaware which he greatly prized. The next evening he visited the quarters of three men he suspected and smashed whatever be could find that was easily breakable. When the officers of the junior mess assembled for dinner that evening there was a worse hubbub than when they had discussed the new appointment. In the midst of it in walked Hunkins.

"Gentlen obliged to retain for the breaking of find it true when the bills come in."my china without being sure of the Life. men who did it. If I have made any mistake I'm ready to apologize and replace what I have damaged. If not I'm ready to give satisfaction after dinner on the tanbark in the riding

It appeared that he had made no

mistake, for Hartley, Harrowby and Maxcey, whose articles he had broken, all claimed the privilege of knocking him out. Hunkins undertook to satisfy these gentlemen in the order named. He had good muscle and was a fine boxer. Hartley was soon put out of the fight, but Harrowby was not so easily disposed of. Hunkins had need for all his skill and endurance. He finally knocked out the noble lord, but when he had done so he was next to knocked out himself. The best man of his three enemies still remained.

"Beg pardon," said Trotter, stepping forward. "It wouldn't be becoming of us as gentlemen to permit a newcomer among us to fight three men on the same evening. I'll take Mr. Hunkins' place with Mr. Maxcey.'

"There's no quarwel with you, Twotter," Hartley protested.

"Cewtainly not," said Harrowby. But Englishmen respect courage, and the machine so much.—Judge's L4-the others present thought that Hun-brary. kins in fighting two men had done all that could be expected of him. Maxcey proved that he was not disposed to take advantage of a winded adversary and consented to meet the substitute. The fight that followed was a long one. The disputants were evenly matched, and neither could get the advantage of the other. When it was found almost impossible after the twentieth round for either to come up to the scratch the fight was declared off, and the fucident of smashed furniture was a thing of the past.

And so was the objection to Hunkins. He had won his way into the most aristocratic regiment in the British service by simply pursuing a straightforward course. Hunkins is now a general, having won his principal promotion during the Boer war. publican. Trotter has long been a member of parliament and at one time held a sent in the cabinet. Hartley and Maxcey were killed in battle, and Harrowby, who has succeeded to the title, is Hving on his estates.

#### QUIPS HUMOROUS

The Little Fat Boy.

The soup came in, and the soup was good.
The little boy gobbled as fast as he could,
And I frowned reproach, as an uncle

Followed the fish with its sauce of pink.
Did the boy say "Yes" to it? I don't
think! Is sherry a thing that a child should drink?

In came the turkey sausage flanked, Deeply breasted and stoutly shanked. The boy came twice. Why are boys not spanked?

Beef if you wanted it. That boy did— Wanted it twice, the untanned kid! I caught his eye, and he drooped one lid. In came the pudding, a blaze of blue.
Wider the eyes of the fat boy grew.
They piled his plate, and he went right through.

Oranges next. He disposed of three, Smuggled a fourth to his shameless knee,

Reached for an apple and grinned at me After dinner his steps I tracked.

His waistcoat buttons were all intact.

And the tale I've told is a simple fact.

—Punch.

Sayings of Famous Men. George Westinghouse - Stand back and give me air.

Robert Browning-You know what 1 mean. John Bunyan-I must have been

dreaming. Adam-Every man needs a wife, take it from me!

Sherlock Holmes-After you, Moriarty. Prometheus-It's my liver that trou-

bles me, I think. Duke of Wellington-Come, come, Blucher; it's your move!-Chicago Trib-

Real Economy.

A New England mother had come upon her eight-year-old son enjoying a feast whereof the components were jam, butter and bread.

"Son," said the mother, "don't you think it a bit extravagant to eat but-

ter with that fine jam?"
"No, ma'am," was the response. "It's economical; the same piece of bread does for both."-Lippincott's.

Hurt Once Too Often.

At an inquest a doctor once stated that "two of the deceased's injuries were fatal, but fortunately the others were not." An Irish paper goes one better and describes how a "deaf man was run down by a tram and killed. He was injured in a similar way some years ago."-Black and White.

The Negotiations.

"Did Lord Luvous propose for your daughter's hand?"

"No," replied Mr. Cumrox, "but he gave me to understand that he'd be willing to consider bids from our family for the use of his ancestral name." -Washington Star.

Clever Ruse.

Friend of the Family-What? All these animals going into the ark, and yet you say the people aren't wise to what's doing!

Noah-Sure not. They think we're an American battleship taking on mascots!-Puck.

Faith.

"What is faith, Johnny?" asks the Sunday school teacher,

"Pa says," answers Johnny, "that it's readin' in the papers that the price o' things has come down an' expectin' to

Both Compatible. "I hear that Dicksie has his busi-

ness in a hole." "Why, I heard he was making mon-

"So he is. You see, his business is digging sewers."-Baltimore American.

Made Love To.

Salesman (showing umbrellas) -Here's one with an exceptionally attractive handle.

Customer-Not for me. All my umbrellas have been entirely too attractive.-Boston Transcript.

Suggestions Cheerfully Offered. Collector-See here, my time is too valuable for me to be coming here every day about this bill.

Harduppe-I'm glad to hear it. Why don't you come once a week?-Philadelphia Record.

Motor Angesthesia.

Novice-It must be a dreadful sensation to run over a man!

Chauffeur-Not nearly so dreadful as to run over a cow, and it doesn't injure

Sure Sign.

Him-Mary! You have been kissed Her-What makes you think so? Him-You knew enough to scream .-

Toledo Blade.

An Optimist. "What an optimist Green is!" "Yes; every time he loses his um-brella he never worries. He always expects to pick up a better one."-De-

Doubtful. "What is your boy learning at col-

"I don't know. I can only tell you what he is studying."-Springfield Re-

The Reason.

"He's a great social favorite." "No wonder. He can eat anything made in a chafing dish as if he enloyed it."-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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Function.

Charley Schmidt, the Detroit American league catcher, will turn pugilist. Schmidt announced recently that he is anxious to meet any of the beavyweights in the ring today. Although Schmidt has quite a reputation with his mitts, he has never appeared in public in a bout.

E . friends insist that if he unites good in the ring he may quit the diamond forever. Schmidt is on the outs with the Detroit to us and has been trying to elect his release or sale to some other club. He weighs 185 pounds.

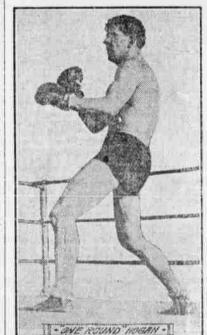
### HOW "ONE ROUND" HOGAN BECAME A FIGHTER.

Frisco's Sensational Lightweight Was Once a Plumber's Helper.

A street fight between two plumbers' assistants is what started "One Round" Hogan, the sensational Frisco pugilist, on the road to fame. Hogan was a plumber's apprentice and had served three years of his time when he never would win a prize today at wiping a lead pipe joint but that he's a bear at threading two inch pipe.

Hogan, whose first name is Jack, is confident he will eventually win the lightweight championship. He points do. Hogan has fought forty-one bat- Puck. tles, and of that number he won the first thirty-nine-many of them by the knockout route. On account of winning several of his fights in the first round he was given the name of "One Round" Hogan.

"I have been fighting just one year." sald Hogan recently, "and you can see that I have been pretty busy to get away with forty fights. They gave Frankie Burns the decision against me on account of a foul, but if I fouled



PRISCO'S SENSATIONAL LIGHTWEIGHT IN

him it was certainly not intentional. They disqualified me for butting. 1 think I can lick Burns any time he starts.

"How did you start in as a fighter?" was asked.

"It was on account of winning a street fight over some plumber's assistants. I never took a boxing lesson in my life."

Hogan then told of how he worked as a plumber's assistant, and as he was leader of a gang he naturally had to fight all the time.

A fight club in Frisco had engaged a young fellow named Steele for a preliminary bout, and as he had no opponent the manager, who had seen Hogan in a street fight, offered him \$15 to go on. Hogan grabbed at the job, and before he had gone four rounds he knocked out so many of Steele's teeth that the fight had to be stopped.

"And the worst of it," said Hogan, "is that I didn't get the \$15. The manager told me that \$5 was enough for me, and I couldn't argue him out of the other ten. Finally he told me that I was pretty lucky to get a chance to fight at all, and he promised me that he would give me another fight the next week. I fell for that line of talk, but to this day I am still trying

to get that ten." Hogan is just twenty-two years old and is an orphan. Apparently he has made the best of his opportunities at school, as he talks intelligently and uses good English. He is a clean living young fellow and has not been in the fight game long enough to fall prey to its many temptations.

Revive Racing In Denver. Horse racing on an elaborate scale may be revived in Denver the coming summer. Two bills have been introduced in the legislature which will permit racing with the pari mutuel system of betting, and it is planned to have at least two race meetings of thirty days at Overland park.

Distributes Over \$8,000,000 In Purses. More than \$8,000,000 in purses has been distributed by members of the grand circuit, which annually attracts the best of the light harness horses.

#### ACCORDIN' TO REGULATIONS.

Law Is All Right When Not Interpreted by "Fernatics."

"What's eatin' ye, Jason?" inquired the hardware man pleasantly as his aged customer, doubtless thinking of something else, picked a tenpenny nall from the barrel and started to nibble at the head.

"What's eatin' me? Well, I been to the fair-that's what's entin' me. I been to the fair."

"Wa'n't the fair good enough?" "Good enough," snorted the pleasure seeker. "Too durn good-that's what was the trouble with it. Yes, sir, if anybody had told me what I was goto run up agin at that fair I wouldn't have believed 'em. Right smack up on horticultural hall, where nobody could miss it, was the sign, 'No Liquor, Gambling or Immoral

Shows Allowed on the Grounds." "Of course," said the hardware man, "that's the very sign you put up yourself when you was secretary of the association fifteen years ago."

"S'pose it was! S'pose it was! That ain't any reason, is it, why I sh'd tramp around to five different refreshment stands and wink at every sep'rate stand and not find a thing harder'n soft cider? It ain't any reason why I sh'd walk my legs off lookin' for a place to lay a few dimes on the red or black and not find nothin' but spindle machines givin' chances on breastpins and dollar watches. It ain't any reason why I sh'd pay 25 cents to see the big double show of he took up the fighting game. He says | oriental and Turkish dancers and not anything inside but a look at a lot of bum dance steps that could have been done just as well at a Sunday school picnic. I'm in favor of the law-yes, sir-but I don't want no law interpreted by a lot of durned fernatics. I want moderation, and I want a fair that to his bout with "Knockout" Brown in | ain't a ministers' convention nor yet a New York recently as to what he can church social." - Horatio Winslow in

> The Man Higher Up. Crick! Crack! Crash!

The skaters turned and fied. But one, less fortunate than the rest, was overtaken by the widening crack, threw up his hands and fell in with a hearty splash.

"Help!"

"He's drowning!" "Get a ladder!"

At last the ladder was procured. Cautiously approaching the pool, which was ornamented by the luckless man's head and shoulders, the park keeper placed the ladder in position and began to creep along it.

"Come in a bit closer!" he shouted. "I can't swim," answered the im-

promptu bather. "But you're only up to your armpits. man," said the park keeper. ain't got no need to swim. Walk." "Walk be blowed!" responded the other. "This water's ten foot deep." "Ten foot deep!" exclaimed the park

keeper. "Then how are you keeping

up? "How?" retorted the bather. "Why, I'm standing on the bloke that broke the ice!"-Answers.

Georgia Nuggets. One way to be happy is to keep thinking this is the best world you know of and take the next one on trust.

Some folks are so unlucky that if they should get within fair view of the pearly gates they'd stumble over a

Perhaps the toilers of the world will be so tired when they reach the sweet fields of Eden they'll just want to stay still and listen while the other angels perform on the golden harps .--Atlanta Constitution.

Afraid of Dogs. "Did you ask for a handout at der

big house?" "No. Jes' as I wuz about to go in der gate de minister lookin' guy told me I wuz goin' to der dogs, so I turned around an' come back."-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

In Microbe Hollow.



Dr. Bacillus-Hem! Very serious Total loss of vitality. Just callсаве. ed me in time. You must move to a healthy, congenial resort and recuperate. I would advise a season in the tenement district of New York. It will strengthen and fatten you.

A Blue Dress For the Sky. Now let the stormy blizzards roar! Their thunder will pass by And spring'll come all fr dress for the sky. all frolicsome, a blus

And far and near in April rain Toss roses at the picnic train.

Not long shall winter have his way with long and angry cries.

brighter sun will shine away the shadows from his eyes.

And soon in April light and rain Toss roses at the picnic train -Atlantic Constitution, Life In the lay Arctic.

In the morning I was generally the start the alcohol lamp myself or call Astrup for that purpose. Our morning meal consisted of a lump of pemmican, six biscuits, two ounces of butter and two cups of ten each. As soon as this was finished everything was repacked on the sledge. I then read the odometer, anerold and thermometer and, taking the guidon, which had waved and fluttered over the kitchen throughout our hours of rest, from its place, stepped forward and the next march was commenced. After from four to six hours of marching we would halt for half an hour to eat our simple lunch of pemmican and give the dogs a rest and then after four to six bours of traveling halt again and repeat the aiready described route.-Robert E. Peary, "The Great White Journey."

Got Rid of the Scum.

She was a city bride who had never before taken a hand in housekeeping and knew but little about things in the kitchen. A few mornings ago she got after the milkman,

"What's the matter with your milk?" she said, with great vehemence.

"I don't know," he replied. "What do you find wrong with it?"

"Well." she said, "every morning it is covered with a nasty yellow seum." "And what do you do with the scum?

"Why, I skim it off, of course, and throw it in the garbage can "-Far-

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The teeth were carved from ivory, and riveted, wired and clamped to a somewhat ponderous gold plate. Three large clamps, in particular, figure conspicuously in the roof of the mouth, and must have caused diffculty, if not anguish. There were an upper and an under set, and the two were connected and held in position relatively by a long spiral spring on each side.-Harper's Weekly.

The King or Lord of Misrule was most potent sovereign while him reign lasted. It lasted through the yule holidays. He devised and controlled the maddest, merriest frolice England ever saw. Like the fool, or jester, he died in almost mediaeval times, and the end of the nineteenth century knows him not.



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