

CIVIL WAR CHARGES.

THE ASSAULTS AT GETTYSBURG AND KENESAW MOUNTAIN.

A Veteran's Opinion of the Two Brilliant and Daring Battles—A Lieutenant's Report on Tired Mules With Ravenous Appetites.

"Shortly after the battle of Chickamauga," said Captain Fitch, "I was appointed chief quartermaster of the signal corps of the department of the Cumberland, stationed at Chattanooga. On taking account of the quartermaster's stores I found that I was in need of some light wagons to be used in the mountainous country, and the only way to get them was to go to Nashville and have them made, so I went to Nashville and had five light wagons made by the quartermaster's department. When I got back to Chattanooga with the wagons, I put a citizen teamster in charge of the wagons and mules.

"The teamster, being a green hand, did not know that mules would eat anything within their reach and innocently tied them to the wheels of the wagons. Not long after that I got an order to be ready to march, and on going out to inspect my outfit I found that the mules had eaten the spokes of the wheels nearly off, so that the wagons were ready to fall down of their own accord. As I could not use them I had no recourse but to drop them from my returns, and, being obliged to assign a reason for so dropping them, I gave the true one—viz. 'Eaten by mules.'

"Shortly afterward I got a letter from the quartermaster general sarcastically inquiring if Lieutenant Fitch had observed whether the mules had eaten the tires or not. I replied that I presumed they had, as they seemed to be thoroughly tired the next day. The quartermaster general wrote back, 'Any further trifling with this department on the part of Lieutenant Fitch will probably result in his being retired to private life.' Thereupon I dropped the subject, but my first report was correct."

"At Chickamauga," said the major, "Longstreet's men ran over our headquarters teams. Every mule in one of the teams went down, and the wagon stood an obstruction in the road. Five minutes later every mule was on its feet, and a wounded teamster yelled at them to pull out. They started without more ado, swept along the road after our broken regiments and, turning at just the right point, came into our new lines and stopped where the headquarters flag had been stuck in the ground. The driver reported later and drove into Chattanooga.

"One of these mules the night before had pulled the blanket off our division commander, had run over the lines of soldiers sleeping in close battle order, had raided the Confederate pickets and had returned to our bivouac under a furious fire. The men of the brigade took a solemn vow to shoot the mischievous mule at daylight, but when daylight came they had other things to shoot at, and the mule was forgotten until he came in at the head of the team attached to the headquarters wagon. Then the boys who had witnessed the charge and the escape of the driverless team counted the mule's devilry as nothing."

"That charge of Longstreet, by the way," said the colonel, "was one of the great charges of the war, and it was as successful as any as a breaker of lines. Of course we think of Pickett's charge at Gettysburg in a class to itself, but I have often wondered whether the Union assault on the Confederate position at Kenesaw mountain June 27, 1864, should not be put in the list with the Confederate charge at Gettysburg. Pickett's charge was of course the more spectacular, and the assaulting force was more compact, but while it broke the Union line at one point it was driven back in disastrous retreat.

"The direct assault on the fortified line on Kenesaw was made by three brigades, no better troops than Pickett's Virginians, but it must be remembered that while they failed to pierce the Confederate line they held their position and did not retreat. Their loss was correspondingly as heavy as Pickett's at Gettysburg. Sherman's idea was to show his own army as well as the Confederate army that he could make a frontal attack. If the assault had been made and the assaulting column had retired, as did Pickett's column at Gettysburg, the effect on the army would not have been as it was when the regiments that led the assault clung to their position not more than 30 paces from the Confederate parapets.

"The attack failed except in that it was an illustration of the spirit of the Union troops in assault. Lee's purpose at Gettysburg was undoubtedly to drive Pickett's 16,000 men like a wedge through the Union lines. The failure of the attempt led to the retreat of the whole Confederate army. Sherman's purpose at Kenesaw was to capture the Confederate fortifications. The attack led to the retreat not of Sherman's army, but of the Confederate army, and I have always held that the ground over which the Union regiments of that day swept forward ought to be as precious to the men of McCook's, Harker's and Mitchell's brigades as the ground at Gettysburg to the men of Pickett's brigades."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Their Loyal Answer.

On one of Queen Victoria's earliest visits to London she observed to her friend, the then Earl of Albemarle, "I wonder if my good people of London are as glad to see me as I am to see them."

He pointed to the letters V. R. woven into the decorations and said, "Your majesty can see their loyal cockney answer, 'Ye are.'"

RIDING ON AN AVALANCHE.

Down a Steep Canyon Without a Bruise or a Scar.

Few mountaineers go far enough into the avalanche regions to see much of them, and fewer still know the thrilling exhilaration of riding on them, says John Muir in The Atlantic. In all my wild mountaineering I have enjoyed only one avalanche ride, and the start was so sudden and the end came so soon I thought but little of the danger that goes with this sort of travel, though one thinks fast at such times.

One calm, bright morning in Yosemite, after a hearty storm had given three or four feet of fresh snow to the mountains, being eager to see as many avalanches as possible and gain wide views of the peaks and forests arrayed in their new robes before the sunshine had time to change or rearrange them, I set out early to climb by a side canyon to the top of a commanding ridge a little over 3,000 feet above the valley. But I was not to get top views of any sort that day, but instead of these something quite different, for deep tramping near the canyon head where the snow was strained started an avalanche, and I was washed back down to the foot of the canyon as if by enchantment. The plodding, wallowing ascent of about a mile had taken all day, the undoing descent perhaps about a minute.

When the snow suddenly gave way, I instinctively threw myself on my back and spread my arms to try to keep from sinking. Fortunately, though the grade of the canyon was steep it was not interrupted by step levels or precipices big enough to cause outbounding or free plunging. On no part of the rush was I buried. I was only moderately imbedded on the surface or a little below it and covered with a hissing back streaming veil, and as the whole mass beneath or about me joined in the flight I felt no friction, though tossed here and there and lurching from side to side, and when the torrent wedged and came to rest I found myself on the top of the crumpled pile, without a single bruise or scar.

Hawthorne says that steam has spiritualized travel, notwithstanding the smoke, friction, smells and clatter of boat and rail riding. This flight in a milky way of snow flowers was the most spiritual of all my travels, and after many years the mere thought of it is still an exhilaration.

CURIOUS PRIVILEGES.

Some of the Privileges Which Embassadors May Exercise.

A curious privilege of an ambassador is that he and he alone when dismissed may turn his back to the sovereign to whose court he is accredited. The mode of procedure is as follows:

When the ambassador's audience is over, he waits to be dismissed by the sovereign. When dismissed, the ambassador bows, retires three paces, bows again, retires another three paces, bows a third time, turns on his heels and walks to the folding doors. But it is felt that more polite methods should obtain when the reigning sovereign is a woman. To turn his back is to be discourteous, to walk backward is to resign a privilege. The ambassador retires sideways, like a crab. He keeps one eye on the sovereign and with the other tries to see the door. He thus shows politeness to the sovereign and at the same time retains one of his privileges. As the ambassador is usually an old gentleman, often short sighted, he sometimes fails to reach the door and comes in collision with the wall.

Another privilege of ambassadors is the right of being ushered into the royal presence through folding doors, both of which must be flung wide open. No one except an ambassador can claim this privilege. The most any nonambassadorial person can expect is that one of the leaves shall be opened to him. The reason for this privilege is not known. There are certain irreverent suggestions that have been made, but we prefer to be silent with regard to them.

Another privilege, capable of causing great inconvenience, is the ambassador's right of admission to the sovereign at any hour of the day or night. Thus the minister representing some little bankrupt state could go down to Windsor and demand an audience at 4 o'clock in the morning. The audience would have to be granted, though it could be delayed by the exercise of ingenuity.—Chambers' Journal.

The True Mission of Luxury.

No luxury is justifiable that ends in simple enjoyment. It must be turned to good account by adding to our powers of usefulness. If we enjoy reading, are we enthusiastic for the public library? If we enjoy outdoor life, are we anxious for parks and pleasure grounds for the people? If we revel in art or music, do we long that picture galleries be thrown open or good music be attainable by all? Do we strive whenever possible to share our luxuries, whatever they may be, with those less favored than ourselves, or are we satisfied with our own enjoyment as an end instead of using it as a means to bettering the lives of others also? Truthful answers to those questions will speedily tell us also whether our own special luxuries are building up character and life or whether they are the means of lowering the one and narrowing the other.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The imperial family of Russia possesses the most valuable collection of precious stones of any reigning house in the world.

The favorite theatrical play in India is the presentation of the exploits of some god.

Trouble With a Telescope.

Continued observation with the telescope of the Yerkes observatory revealed the unpleasant existence of a number of curious streaks of light running horizontally, whose appearance had certainly never been noticed before and gave rise to redoubled uneasiness. And yet everything seemed right with the glass viewed externally and the most searching investigation could discover no cause.

At last in desperation the eyepiece end was unscrewed, and Professor Ellerman, the slimmest of the party, was bidden to crawl, as he well could do, along in the tube itself, and see if he could discover aught amiss. He crept along well enough, so wide is the tube, till he got beyond the center, when the telescope began to turn over with his weight, and he would have slid down on the top of the glass had not the other end been promptly seized and held fast. Then he continued his journey, and in another moment had discovered the unsuspected author of the mischief, an overindustrious spider and her equally hardworking progeny, who had succeeded in filling up the entire end of the tube with a mass of cobwebs in the hope of catching what must have been wholly imaginary flies. The webs and their spiders were carefully removed, and from that day to this the behavior of the Yerkes 40 inch glass has been all that heart could desire.—Good Words.

Waste, Rest and Exercise.

William M. Evarts was a marvel of intellectual vitality to an advanced age, and he used to explain it by saying that he slept late in the morning and never took any exercise. There is no advantage in getting up early in the morning if you need the sleep. Many a man is burning the candle at both ends by getting up at an early hour simply because his housekeeping is adjusted to that programme. As to physical exercise, Mr. Evarts had discovered for himself what our physiologists are now beginning to teach—namely, that if a man consumes tissue in hard intellectual work the way to repair the loss is by resting and not by consuming more tissue in physical exercise. To the majority of brain workers oxygenation of the blood is far more important than physical exercise, and there are two very good ways to secure that: Sleep with your bedroom window wide open in summer and winter, and, if you can afford it, keep a horse and drive in the open air.—Boston Watchman.

A Whist Story.

When Lord Thanes was imprisoned in the Tower of London for the O'Connor riot, three of his friends, the Duke of Bedford, the Duke of Laval and Captain Smith, were admitted to play whist with him and remain till the lock up hour of 11. Early in the sitting Captain Smith fell back in a fit of apoplexy, and one of the party rose to call for help. "Stop!" cried another. "We shall be turned out if you make a noise. Let our friend alone until 11. We can play dummy, and he'll be none the worse, for I can read death in his face."

An Easy Matter.

"The reason some men don't get along happily," said Mr. Meekton, "is that they don't know how to manage a wife." "You know this?" was the skeptical query. "Certainly. It is the simplest thing in the world. All you have to do is to say 'yes' whenever she wants anything and always let her have her own way."—Washington Star.

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THE STAR.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 1901.

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