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WHEN BOYS WERE MEN some shots in the advance. Our pace

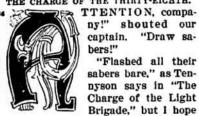
BY JOHN HABBERTON.

"Halt! Dismount!" Author of "Helen's Babies," "George Wash-Were we to fight on foot? Well, whatever might befall the enemy, I ington," Etc. was sure it would be far safer for us.

"Draw sa-

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CHAPTER VIII. THE CHARGE OF THE THIRTY-EICHTH.



for the reputation of their drillmasters that Cardigan's troopers flashed their swords more in unison. Had they not, some of them would not have been in condition to annoy the Russian gunners much. Ours was a sort of cumulative flash; it was literally a long drawn out effort. The boys had learned to draw their sabers quickly on foot drill or parade, where the scabbard was partly raised by the left hand as the right hand sought the grip, but the saber of the mounted trooper hangs as low as the straps will allow, and as we never had been drilled while mounted many of the men nearly fell from their saddles while leaning to the left in a frantic reach for their sword hilts.

"Captain Bright," roared our battalion's major, an officer in whom I had not previously taken any interest, not seeing where his usefulness came in, "why are some of your men's sabers undrawn?"

"You rascals," screamed the captain, facing his horse toward the flank of the company, "why don't you draw your sabers?"

"I can't get down to mine," said Brainard, answering for himself. His arm, like the remainder of him, was quite short. "I don't believe I can reach it unless I turn a somersault."

'Take your bridle in your right hand; draw your saber with your left; now change hands; the rest of you do the same. There?" the captain yelled.

"Make haste, captain," said the major. "You're opening distance badly between you and the company ahead of you by being so slow." "Trot! March!" the captain ordered

in a nervous shriek.

Off went the company, but not all of expected to be even tempered when it went off in the same direction, for at prodded with a yard of steel with a

your company? There's only about half of it in the ranks." The captain, who had ridden forward to close the gap between him and the company in front, fell back and

looked toward me and roared:

minutes ago, sir," I replied.

by giving it to a private soldier.

hurry along with such men as he had,

leaving the stragglers to the tender

mercies of the rear guard. It seemed

small distance between us and the

troop ahead of us, but as we hurried

of learning that ours was not the only

grief through ignorance of their duties

and by falling out had made many suc-

cessive gaps in the column. Not all the

unfortunates were bad riders, but some

of them had pricked their horses with

straggling to the rear."

the line?"

"Where's the sergeant of the left of

"You ordered him to remount several

looked along the column, which had curious, for he approached me and lost all regularity of formation. Then said: he screamed: "I guess the advance has gobbled "Lieutenant, why have you let so them. There's never more than a commany men fall out. sir?"

pany of these fellows on the road at a The lieutenant commanding the rear time around here." platoon had been getting ahead of his That was better than I had expectproper position. He turned his horse, ed, and I was wild to go forward and

Then came the orders:

dles will be broken."

the orders:

see the prisoners. Soon there was something else to look at, however, and I don't believe the prisoners could have presented as sorry a spectacle-it was

"Loosen your saddle girths. Tie your

horses to the fence. Stand by and pre-

vent them from rolling, or your sad-

did not dare ask the lieutenant what it

meant, but he evidently saw I was

What an inglorious conclusion!

the mass of stragglers being urged for-"And he hasn't returned to his post? ward by the rear guard. There seem-Then 'twas your duty as a noncommised no end to the dismal line of men sioned officer to keep the men from without borses, borses without men. Some of the stragglers were asking

This sudden and new load of responwhere their companies were, and once sibility seemed more than I and my in awhile a member of our company horse could carry, but I afterward would recognize his place by the letter learned to bear similar inflictions betwhich each of us wore on his cap. What ter, for I found they were in accordastonished me most, however, was ance with military custom. When any-Mick McTwyny plodding along on fost thing goes wrong during a march, the and carrying little Brainard on his highest officer with whom fault is brck. 1 was so astonished that it was found immediately unloads the blame some time before I could ask Charley upon the officer next below him in what had happened, and he told me rank, and so the scolding passes downthat something was biting his side awward until it reaches some lowly nonfully. When the surgeon, of whom commissioned officer, who gets rid of it

we had three, reached our company, Brainard learned that in falling from But I had no time to absorb this wishis horse he had broken two ribs. dom during my first charge, for the Soon the colonel came riding down major suddenly ordered our captain to

the column, looking keenly to the right and left. I asked him about the engagement, but he stared coldly at me and did not answer. When, however, the strange that we had not yet closed the captain saluted, the colonel told him that the enemy's entire party had been captured, being unsaddled and thereon we had the melancholy consolation fore unable to get away. He also volunteered the information that our dash new company whose men had come to had been worth more to the regiment than a month of battalion drill in camp and that if half of the new men had kept up with the procession they had done better than he expected.

their sabers during spasmodic endeavors to keep these we pous well in hand, and no self respecting korse could be

CHAPTER IX.

BACK TO CAMP.

whipped.

so that I could not be seen. I did not I be able to find any native who would coin and Jeff Davis could have sat long have to chew the bitter cud of sell, and my morning's search for corn there with us and shared the contents reflection, however, for soon we heard soft enough to eat had not been en- of that frying pan they would quickly couraging enough to justify me in try- have agreed to end the war on a basis of a general exchange of northern cofwas slackened; we became tightly ing again. fee for southern bacon and hoecake.

packed in the road, breaking our for-As I wondered darkness approached, mation and causing much trampling on | and we halted to bivouac for the night. horses' hoofs, with the consequent Brainard, whom I found in one of the kicking and swearing. Then down the straw filled country wagons which column was passed in rapid succession had been seized to carry the injured, was as hungry as I and very dismal

about it too. How both of us wished we had kept the fat pork which had been dealt as a part of our three days'

Miscellaneous Reading. YANKEE INDEPENDENCE.

> A Londoner In New York Thinks H Has Made a Discovery.

TO BE CONTINUED.

ration! We still agreed that a very "I have been in your country a year," ittle of it would go a long way, but that was just the sort of ration we said a Londoner, "and a good part of door opened and a diminutive blackmost needed at that particular mo- that time has been spent in the east. ment, for the vold in us seemed to You are an interesting people to me reach nearly down to our boot toes, aside from your manner of business. While we pitied ourselves and endeav-"What interests and amuses me is ored to deaden the pangs of hunger by some of the little things I notice. Has the time honored truant schoolboy trick it ever occurred to you that you peoof tightening our belts, a detail was ple are quite obstinate, when, to quote

suddenly made from our own company one of our dead writers, the hair is to guard the prisoners, and I was one rubbed the wrong way? "You often speak of us as bullheadof the noncommissioned officers named. We were marched to the front to take ed. You people are stubborn in little drag himself around behind the desk,

the Johnnies from their captors and things. "I stopped in front of the entrance of bring them nearer the rear. There being no building near by, we camped one of your big buildings the other day

them in a cluster near the roadside, and read this sign, 'No loafing here. clearing horses away to make room for Move on.' Rather commanding, don't them. Their own horses were prudent- you think? iy tied a troop or two distant, so that "But what amused me was that in

none of them, should he attempt to spite of the order I saw at least a dozescape, could get his mount. They en men standing there with apparently were not bad looking fellows, though nothing to do. As I chanced to know they did not appear very soldierly in one in the gathering I ventured to ask their uniforms, no two of which were him why he and the others were there of exactly the same tint of gray and against the wish of the owner. He said scarcely any two of the same style of he could only speak for himself. button. None looked as if he might be "'This is a free country,' he went or

a "fire eater," and the majority were to say. 'I don't recognize the right of men of middle age. Nearly all of our the man who put up that sign to tell own troopers were young. None seem- me in that way what I shall do. So ed very sud or angry. In fact, they long as I do not make a nuisance of didn't at all meet my ideas as to south- myself I may stand in this entrance if erners and prisoners of war. They I choose.'

were ordered to sit or lie down, but "We walked away together and were not bound or restrained in any farther down the street he met an acother way, except that there were quaintance, who asked to have a word guards, revolvers in hand, in front and with him, and suggested that they step rear of them, and we were quietly or- into an entrance that was handy. dered to keep a little blaze all night in Your countryman, who had maintained the fires which were nearest, so that his right to stand in the place where I no one could attempt to get away withfound him, objected to stepping into out being seen. the entrance where he was asked to

As the sergeant-who chanced to be step. I thought it funny, don't you Hamilton-and I had nothing to do know, and I made bold to ask him but post and relieve the guards, we lay on the ground aud engaged some of the "'Because,' he said, 'in this entrance

captives in conversation. We found is the sign, "Please do not block the they were all Georgians, most of them The man who owns this entrance." from small villages or plantations, and building is a gentleman. He recognizes they did not know much about the war that I am a gentleman. He says except that they were sorry it broke 'Please,' and I respect his wish. You out, but they had felt it their duty to can't bully an American,' he added. stand by their state. "Then I remember that last winter

er we flad chatted a little while, "that I had a temporary stopping place in dashes in general. But what would ter which side whips. I'm a ruined on the door which would indicate that have happened had we, with 600 or 700 man. for there's nobody to make the he wanted the door to be closed when

raw men and only a third as many crops while I'm away up here. I don't one passed in or out. 'The clerk put up a own no niggers, an' my wife an' young uns cayn't do no more'n work the truck the door.' His employer saw it and well armed, well trained regiment as patch [kitchen garden] an' look after told him write on the placard, 'Please large as our own? Well, either we shut the door.' Gentleman come into the pigs an' the milk critters." would have run away or been badly I heard this story so many times dur- my office, he said, 'I do not command ing the war that I had to do a great a gentleman.' "The other day when I was in a It is unlikely, however, that the colodeal of being sorry for the enemy. Our prisouers had been told to bring downtown office my friend told his boy nel, who knew his business, would have led us against such a body, and it is their provisions with them, and as to call up a certain number by teleless likely that he could have done it if they had eaten nothing since dinner phone. The boy went at it hammer and he would, for there was not at that time they asked permission, which was tongs and reported that the number readily granted, to do their cooking at was busy. His master said to him: "''Call again and say, 'if you please the fires. Their rations were so different from ours that it was interesting give me No-.' "The boy did so, and there was an to look on. Instead of bolled fat pork they had raw bacon, thin slices of immediate response. I know from my which they fried or toasted on sharp- own experience that that doesn't alened sticks. Some had white bread, ways work. "But I have learned from observing eighth precinct think they have a pret-TTER a long rest, fol- others biscuit or hoecake, while two lowed by water for or three mixed meal and water and these little things that you people rety intelligent dog .- New York Sun. made hoecakes in the frying pans spond most graciously where the request our horses, 'the regiment started again, which several of them carried; others is in the same spirit. The only instance had sweet potatoes, which they baked where I have seen it fail is when your though as to where street car conductors order you to step

DOG POLICEMAN NAMED BUM. said, "on a hunting trip. I saw a jack He Goes Out on Patrol, Catches Bur-

thrown up around his hole. As he saw glars and Has Many Friends. me he settled down into the hole, and The policeman all like Bum, anyhow I fired at him. I presume he was about

and it is not recorded that he has any 300 yards away. The bullet struck the enemies in the precnct, except possi- earthen mound the jack rabbit flew bly some burglars who have felt his up into the air, dropped to the ground teeth. and remained motionless. An exami-

He arrived at the police station in nation showed that the rabbit was Eighty-eighth street far over toward dead and yet the bullet had not struck the East river, one bitterly cold night him-he had simply been killed by confour winters ago. Captain Freers was cussion."

in command at that time, and he hap-Senator Carmack laughingly repened to be sitting beside Sergeant narked that he did not believe the Tom Reilly behind the desk. The street story at all.

"Your prowess as a hunter is well esand-tan dog dodged in at the heels of tablished," added Senator Beveridge as he nodded to Mr. Deitrich, "when you

en to death," said the roundsman. "Let's thaw him out."

down by the stove."

was so benumbed by the cold that he could hardly walk. He managed to however, and curl up by Sergeant Reil-

ture.

ly's chair. That was the beginning of their friendship. Sergeant Reilly was his dead. favorite from the first, and has con inued so.

"He looked up at me in such an ap

Bum was not the spick-and-span any of the enemy who exposed themooking dog then he is today. He was selves. He caused so much alarm that small, scraggly and half-starved. Serthe Prussians investing the west of geant Reilly sent out and bought him Paris doubled their sentries, and at ome meat and liver when he was last the soldiers became so fearful that thawed out. It was probably the first they would not go out except in bands. square meal Bum had ever had.

Prussian he would killed his man. old blanket to lie on upstairs in the Hoff seemed to bear a charmed life. dormitory. The men all came to know The Germans offered a reward for his him soon, and his fortune prospered

correspondingly. He made his home about the police station, and began to go about the precinct with the men when they went on post. But he stuck to Sergeant Relly more than any of the rest, and ever since that time they have been accustomed to take long walks together. peared as if by magic. Sometimes he The name "Bum" stuck to him from would lead two or three daring comthe remark made by Roundsman Hawpanions, and there was hardly a night kins the first night he came into the in the course of the whole long siege in house. Before long the policemen in which one or more Germans were not the house chipped in and bought him

killed as the result of his exploits. A a handsome collar, inscribed "Bum' large proportion of his victims were and also bearing regulation brass figofficers. ures "28," used to indicate the number

On one occasion a party of Prussians of the precinct. actually found Hoff, and with a yell of He is very fastidious about his meals triumph, rushed upon him. He waited now, but he has friends about the pretill they came right up to him, and cinct who give him anything he wants. The night watchman at the Astoria then, using his rifle as a club-he was ferry house has a plate of cooked meat an extremely powerful man-put two successful in results as early cavalry for we uns didn't want none. No mat-heard him tell his clerk to put a sign or liver ready for him every night at of his assailants hors de combat before house and his friends on the outside his life. The Germans fired shot after shot at him, but not a single bullet touched him. After this the Prussian always turns out with the mid soldiers were more than ever convinced that they were dealing with a man who possessed supernatural at-

he fares pretty well. 'Shut night platoon and barks his approval as the men march out. The conductors on the Eighty-sixth

Roundsman Hawkins. "Here's a poor little bum almost frozcan kill game without hitting it."-Washington Star. "Sure," said the captain; "let him lie MOST FAMOUS SHOT IN FRANCE.

But Bum didn't like the stove. He Wonderful Exploits of Sergeant

Hoff, the Famous Franc Tireur of the Siege of Paris. Sergeant Hoff, the famous Franc

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rabbit sitting on the mound which was

NO.

Fireur (sharpshooter) of the siege of Paris, who was janitor of the Aro de Triomphe for a number of years, is

At the time of the siege of Paris Sergeant Hoff became a terror to the

Prussians. He used to go out at night, crawl along on his hands and knees for

pealing way," said the sergeant, "I could not help but pity the little creamiles and approach right up to the Prussian lines, where he would shoot

Almost every time Hoff fired at a His next acquisition of fortune was an

> capture, dead or alive, and even detailed bands of men for the special ob-

ject of catching him. No one, even Hoff himself, ever knew how many German lives he took. He would shoot the enemy from the least expected points, and when a search party was sent after him he would have disap-

east one man in every three had never sharp point at one end and 150 experienced members, encountered a felt a horse trot under him, so two or

three fell off their chargers before we had gone a hundred yards. Others retained their seats fairly by grasping the horn of the saddle with the bridle hand and trying to seize the pommel with the other. But a sword is as much as a novice can hold in one hand. Several had to choose between giving up their rear hold and losing their sabers. Some did the latter, preferring present safety to future possibilities Among these unfortunates was Brainard.

The major dropped back to the rear what would be left of us after we had company, for which I was profoundly grateful. It wasn't pleasant to think | confusion which always befalls a cav-

of any one, even a member of our own regiment, observing all that was occurring in our company during those few moments. Men who were not ac customed to riding were bouncing briskly in their saddles and looking as wretched as the poor fellow who came in wounded the day before. Mick Mc-Twyny lost his temper, blamed his horse for everything and, turning to the roadside and halting, began to pound the poor animal with both fists and kick him in the flanks with his spurred heels, a proceeding which the brute resented by leaping suddenly forward and tumbling his rider into the road. The lieutenant, who had chanced to look backward, turned and threatened to saber Mick then and there unless he at once remounted and acted like a soldier instead of a donkey, and Mick returned the threat, upon which the lieutenant, using his saber as a paddle, gave Mick a tremendous spank, and Mick swore an awful oath, which he chewed to extreme laceration as he uttered it, that he would get even with the lieutenant, and the lieutenant promised to give him a season of arrest in which to think up his vengeful plan.

Meanwhile another man bit the dust, for my horse stepped on the heels of his file leader, who had slackened his over his head shot his rider, breaking no dust, so we could look along the colhis fall by rolling between two horses umn. Dusty though we were, the specso severely that the animals halted ed a gentle slope near the top of which told: ance.

During these scenes of humiliation my heart was strengthened somewhat about this, and he said:

"Why not? They did nothing but angrily at me, said: drill from the time they first enlisted drill of mounted troops."

Soon the major was on our flank again, shouting:

of greenhorn at the other. Such as were left of us went faster and faster, the horses, becoming excited, unconsciously taking the gallop. This being a gait at which a child could keep the saddle, there was no more straggling. Assisted by some vigorous language from the captain, we formed new sets of fours and went along in really handsome style.

time a well armed, well trained cavalry When our rush had lasted about a regiment anywhere in the southern quarter of an hour, I began to wonder army. Greenhorn against greenhorn when we would strike the enemy. If was the rule in those days, and not we had already suffered so severely, only in the cavalry service either.

met the foe and been thrown into the

clash? Well, if it must come, it were better that it should come while we and our horses were nerved up to fighting pitch.

business in its own way. As I had not made this resolve at the in front of him. A similar fate befell tacle was really inspiriting, with its time of our first scout and charge I several other men, who, trying to hundreds of flashing sword blades and was curious and anxious about many brace themselves by holding their bri- its successive guidons-small flags, one things besides our probable route. dle reins tightly, curbed their horses at the head of each troop. We ascend- What would we do with our prisoners should a regiment of the enemy sudsuddenly and unhorsed their riders. It and perhaps a quarter of a mile in ad- denly strike us? Suppose we were to seemed to me they must be trampled to vance rode a man with a broad felt get into a fight and have a lot of death, but it was impossible to halt hat and a very small horse. I asked horses shot; how would the riders and ask questions or offer any assist- the lieutenant who he was and was reach camp? How were our disabled no hogs like southern hogs. We never

ed we had no ambulances with us? gers." "He's the reb we're chasing, I s'pose." What! All that effort to catch one Was any one sure that the colonel had by the demeanor of our couple of sur- man-a man who was apparently get- calculated time and distance carefully, and his horse were one. Neither man the disorder, the suffering, merely to ing? And, speaking of starving, where awhile the old fellow took some hoe- almost sufficient for the service of the looked to the right or left, but straight overtake one man! I felt angry enough was I to get anything to eat during cake from his baversack, split it with debt. Quite a different picture is preahead, and each carried his saber as if to desert. I lost my temper and ex- the coming day or more? on parade. I afterward told Cloyne pressed my thoughts so loudly that the This question slowly but surely forclieutenant overheard me and, looking ed all others from my mind, for I had

eaten all of my hoecake that I had not "Be quiet, you little fool. There's given away, I had roasted my sweet in England, and a charge isn't half as no better way of finding their main potatoes at dinner time and felt, as I trying to get back to it, is there?"

of light descended upon my wits, and radical change of opinion. I had no tasted one so good since the war ended. have to wait until 1954 to acquire own-

we were going we in the ashes. Oh, how hungry the smell of their lively. I notice that you obey that or when we left camp, cooking made me! I understood for der with alacrity. I don't understand I said to Cloyne that the first time why it was that some of that."-New York Sun. it would save a great deal of unneces- the poorly fed children in our town

"which is mighty seldom."

sary worry if the colonel would post a used to stand around the bakery while INDEBTEDNESS OF THE WORLD. notice before leaving camp for a scout the bread, cakes and pies were being

or a fight to let us know where we taken from the great oven in the cellar. Shows an Enormous Increase During the Past 100 Years.

were going, how long we were to be Some of the Johnnies asked us if we In 1801 the world's debt amounted to bullets used by the American troops in the Philippines upon different occasions Cloyne replied that the colonel would and I, half starved though we were, \$3,000,000,000; in 1848, after the Napofirst have to know all these things him- declined until I noticed that none of leonic wars, it was \$8,400,000,000; in 1901, "It is characteristic of the modern bullet when fired with high velocity, them was making coffee. Then a \$31 800,000,000. It increased within the brilliant idea struck me. I asked one last century by \$28,800,000,000; but said General Crozier, "that when it of them whether southerners never whereas during the first part of this strikes in a semi-liquid mass it is likely century, notwithstanding the gigantic to produce an effect very much like an

explosion. For instance, soon after the wars which then unsettled part of he "Not unless they can git it," said he, adoption of the present service rifle in world, it increased but at the ratio of 3 I went to the servant of our officer's to 1, the increase during the second the United States army, an escaping prisoner at Chicago was shot in the mess and borrowed some ground coffee part was at the ratio of 10 to 1.

Toward this increase each nation has head by a sentinel, and the top of his to get a pleasing assortment of improb- and sugar, promising to repay him able answers. At first it seemed too when we reached camp. Returning, I contributed with all its power. Only head was blown off. Sometimes simalry party at the instant of absolute dreadful to take part in some move- distributed it among the prisoners near- two nations preserved their cold blood; ilar effects are produced by striking in

ment about which I knew nothing-not est me. I wish I might ever again Great Britain, which during forty years the bowels or other soft portions of the even whether or not it was judicious. earn so much gratitude with so little reduced its debt by \$1,000,000, and the body. In the case to which I allude, or But when I saw the older members of trouble as that act cost me. Those United States which reduced its liabilcourse, the range was very close. "An instance occurred in Porto Rice

the regiment calmly obeying all orders, Johnnies became positively jolly, and ities by over \$1,400,000,000. asking no questions, I endeavored to they made haste to put cups of water The Austrian debt, which in 1850 was when the road led through a bit of be a veteran to that extent myself and to boil. Said one of them, a rough but \$600,000,000, reaches at the present reared his hind quarters to kick, and low, damp ground on which there was let the government manage its own looking man with a huge yellow beard: time \$1,700,000,000; the debt of Germany "Ev'rything I've got's yourn, my has grown from \$116,000,000 in 1870 to young friend. I'm 'most glad we got \$559,000,000; that of Italy, which in 1869 was \$1,400,000,000, is now \$2,583,000,000; captured. Take all my stuff." "Since you're so kind," said I in an the debt of Russia which in 1853 was absolute delirium of anticipation, "I'll \$400,000,000 exceeded in 1900 \$3,000,000,accept a single slice of bacon. It has a 000. France is easily winner in this more tempting odor than our fat pork." contest; her debt, which in 1852 was lit-"For good catin'," said he as he cut tle over \$1,000,000,000, amounts today to

several slices of bacon for me and put about \$5,800,000,000, or almost one-fifth does the bullet produce these curious them in a pan on the fire. "there ain't of the total world's indebtedness. The debts of the Germanic and Slavic but they are observed in the firmer men to reach camp again, as it appear- buy no'thern po'k, 'cept to feed to nig- group of nations the last quarter of the

century have been due chiefly to the Philippines, examined a Filipino who I was quite willing to believe him. purchase or construction of railroads,

The odor that arose from that frying and they possess in these "physical" diately after shot. The bullet entered She looked at him sharply. vivors of the historic charge at Bala- ting away? All the scare, the terror, so that we should reach camp in time pan was delicious perfume to my nos- capital which almost equals their total the left side below the shoulder and "It also," he went on, "spoils beauty. trils. After the bacon had sizzled debt, and derive therefrom a revenue passed out on the right side at the neck. Where the ball entered the hole was very small, while where it passed on a pretty face."

his knife and laid it in the pan inner sented by the Latin nations. These side down, saying: "You need to eat co'n bread with ba- increased their debts by \$5,000,000,000,

"Bless your southern soul!" said I to their debt. France almost trebling than the longest dimension of the bulcon to git the full taste of it."

myself, and I was sure by the manner hers. In return they cannot be said to let." hard to go through as a regimental body than by chasing a man who is ate them, so full that I wouldn't want in which Hamilton eyed the pan that have acquired any well defined mate-The pecullar characteristics of the another morsel till morning, but an his sentiments agreed with mine. Oh, rial assets. France particularly, which bullet used in the Philippines, called "No, sir," I replied meekly as a flood hour of trot and gallop had caused a what a supper that was! I've never other nation has on her railways, will forth an experience of Senator Deitthat she would have to wait a month rich.

"Captain Bright, what has become of I longed to shrivel within my uniform more silver with which to buy should It seemed to me that if President Lin- ership of them.-Paris Matin.

street crosstown horse cars all know At the time of the slege Hoff was him, and he rides free with them just about 30 years old. Soon after order like a policeman in uniform. He has was restored in Paris he began to learned the limits of the precincts reap the reward of his daring. A from the men on post, and he has never pension was settled upon him and the been known to go below Seventy-ninth post of guardian of the Arc de Tristreet or above Ninety-sixth street. omphe was given to him. In a short He has the record also of having fastime he became one of the best known ened his teeth in the trousers of more men in the French capital. Country than one burglar or thief running to people on their visits to Paris would escape arrest. Bum always manages no more think of returning home withto interest them until a policeman could out having seen and, if possible, havmake the capture. ing talked to Hoff, than of omitting to Altogether the men of the Twenty

tributes.

look at the Vendome and Bastile columns. Hoff was always modest in his demeanor: but, when in the right humor, would tell of his exploits and would keep a whole room full of people interested for hours with accounts

Queer Antics of Lumps of Lead When Projected From a Gun. of his hairbreaths escapes. Hoff was also known to a large num-When General William Crozer, chief ber of foreigners, and he was reputed of ordnance, was before the Philippine committee there was a very interesting to have amassed quite a comfortable fortune as the result of the "tips" discussion concerning the effect of bulwhich he received from tourists. He lets when striking different substances. was a member of the Legion of Honor. General Crozier showed there was a -New York Express.

marked difference in the effect of the

PECULIARITIES OF BULLETS.

The Spider and the Tuning Fork. A gentleman was recently watching some spiders, when it occurred to him to try what effect the sound of a tuning fork would have upon them. He suspected that they would take it for the buzzing of a fly. He selected a large, ugly spider that had been feasting on flies for about two months. The spider was at one edge of its web. Sounding the fork, the man touched a thread at the other side and watched

the result. Mr. Spider had the buzzing sound conveyed to him over his telephone wires, but how was he to know on which particular wire it was traveling? He ran to the center of the web of exactly an opposite kind in the acvery quickly and felt around until he cidental shooting of an officer at very touched the thread against the other close range," continued General Croend of which the fork was sounding; zier. "He was fired at by a sentinel then, taking another thread along, just The bullet passed through the bowels as a man would take an extra piece of ranging downward, as he was dropping rope, he ran out to the fork and sprang to his knees when struck. The officer upon it. Then he retreated a little way was well within a week, and yet the and looked at the fork. He was puzman at Chicago had his head blown zled. He had expected to find a buzzoff, also at close range. These actions ing fly. Then, strange to say, he got are difficult to account for. Not only on the fork again and danced with delight. Evidently the sound was music effects in the soft portion of the body,

to him. portions of the body. I myself, in the

had been shot at thirty yards, imme-

Foiled. "Anger," he said thoughtfully, "short-

ens life."

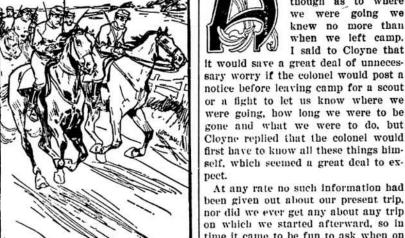
It has an exceptionally injurious effect

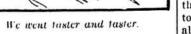
"John Henry," she exclaimed, "what out it left a gash four inches long. It have within the last twenty-five years could only have been accounted for by is it you want to say to me? What provoking suggestion have you to make something like a liquid mass having now? For what offensive ruling in do-Spain and Italy very nearly doubling been forced out. The gash was longer mestic economy are you paving the

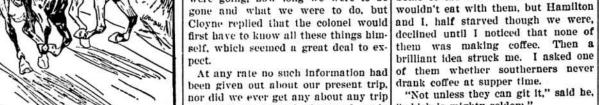
way?"

Then he knew that all his precautions were useless and that he might as well have told her in the first place

"I was up the Big Horn Basin," he for that new bonnet.-Chicago Post.







time it came to be fun to ask when on the road, "Where are we going?" so as