WAR STORIES.

Graphic Description of the Battle of the Wilderness by a Michigan Veteran.

that Wounded General Longstreet.' against bis wishes, assigned to the overwhelming enemy. Department of North Carolina prior to General Lee's memorable advance into battle of the Wilderness on the morning of the 6th of May, 1864, General that wounded General Longstreet. death of that very distinguished officer were as follows: All day the 5th and until about 10 a. m. the 6th, General A. P. Hill's corps had been contending against vastly superior numbers of federal troops. On the fatal morning of the 6th Hancock had advanced his corps on Hill's position, and forced the latter almost back to his artillery line badly broken and worn out by incessant fighting. Disaster to the Confederate army seemed assured. General Lee was with the artiliery and directing the re-formacion of the broken lines. He had sent for his old war horse (Longstreet) and was anxiously waiting his comingalways reliable and on hand at the right moment, he is seen coming down the Orange plank road, his magnificent men on the double-quick, resistless as the ocean tide! Gregg's Texans are deployed into line and immesprings to the front to lead them; they halt. He must go back or there will head of his charger. Lee sorrowfully rides over to Longstreet; on goes the the blue veterans of Hancock settle themselves down to the science of butchering one another. The slaugh ter on both sides is awful. Benning's and Law's brigades come to the aid of Gregg and take a hand in the work that is on; with a yell the whole line charges. The Federal line is forced of Hancock; the tide of battle ebbs and flows. Wadsworth is killed; Longstreet strikes tha federal left flank; rolls it up in a confused mass Brock road. Everything now indicated a complete victory for the Confederates. General Longstreet rode forward to prepare and take advantage of the opportunity to inflict a decisive blow on Grant's army. With that end in view Jenkins' fresh brigade is moved forward to the plank road.

Supplemented by Kershaw's brigade, General Longstreet rode forward to reconnoiter the situation, accompanied by General Jenkins. Mahone's men seeing a movement in their front to the density of the forest mistook tako.

scope of an article intended for the close call department, to write a biog-I fitted for the work, which I am not. Yet the temptation is so great to say something more, that I venture a brief the Palmetto Sharp Shooters of South Carolina, we joined him at the battle of Manassas, or Bull Run, as the federals have it. In the hottest part of that field, near the Henry house and down the slope, where so many of the Hampton Legion fell and where valiant deeds and good generalship Kirby Smith, the latter a citizen of Connecticut, under General Magruder, with the defenses of Yorktown.

Aft. - the evacuation of that stronghold Jenkins' regiment, with others, covered the retreat and facing about at Williamsburg met the overwhelming advance of the enemy, inflicting of the old brigade.

De The section

Editor Atlanta Journal: I notice in I terrible loss in his ranks and checking a recent issue of your paper an article his advance until the Confederate under the caption. "This the Bravest army and subsistence trains are at a Man Roosevelt Ever Saw." It refers safe distance and proper line of deto Major Micah Jenkins, son of the fense established. At West Point late General Micah Jenkins, comman- and other places his regiment had der of a brigade of South Carolina in- fought the hard battle of the rear fantry in Longstreet's first army corps. guard until the army was safe on the The article reads, "Killed in the Bat- south side of the Chickahominie tle of Gettysburg By the Same Volley River, his regiment having suffered untold hardships and severe losses in I want to correct that mistake. Gen- men and officers, for which he received gratified when Lee and Grant met in of its more enterprising citizens to eral Jenkins was not in the battle of just recognition for his gallant and the wilderness on the Orange Plank place the old town in the procession of Gettysburg, as he had been, much meritorious conduct in face of an road, that fatal 6th of May, 1864. American cities that look to the future

Next we find him at the battle of Seven Pines, or Fair Oaks, with his Pennsylvania. Nor was Longstreet gallant regiment and one other driving wounded at Gettysburg, but in the before him a whole federal division, gaining a good position, held the battle field and inflicting a loss on the Jeakins was killed by the same volley enemy about equal to the number of men in his regiment, only abandoning The circumstances connected with the his position when the army was withdrawn to the former defences of Richmond, in the dark hours of the Confederacy which followed the battle of Seven Pines, when Johnston's vague plans and operations puzzled and confused the president.

A new star appeared on the Confederate horizon. It illuminated the whole American continent. Its refulgent rays penetrated the remotest bounds of the Old World. That magnificent and glowing orb personified in | 467 Vinewood Ave., Detroit, Mich. the wonderful Robert E. Lee gave new life to the Confederacy, vigor and swiftness of movement. Plans were speedily consummated; hostile guns must not cover the capital; the siege must be raised, the enemy beaten to cover. Jackson in the valley receives a message, his foot cavalry are put in motion. He beats Banks and Shields, down the valley as with a flail. Consternation is in their path. of his method of dealing out justice: diately advance with that never to be | One takes refuge in Harper's Ferry; forgotten yell. The immortal Lee the other across the Potomac. The great flailer returns and brushes Frcmont out of his path, drops back a be no advance of Texans. A bronzed- few foot-sore Spartans as pickets for faced demon of the battle front gently Fremont to gape at until his (Jack- that there were extenuating circumtakes the bridle rein and turns the son's) return. Lee crosses the Chickahominie at Meadow Ridge and drives the enemy to its common center about Texans. Loud roar the cannon with Grapevine Bridge and Woodbury shotted breath, and more awful the Bridge. The seven days' battle is on. vells of battle demons. The Texans | The second day, June 27, 1862, Longstrike Hancock's exultant advance; street strikes the enemy's left and the shock is tremendous; neither line Jackson the right flanks. The battle recoils; but the tangled forests trem- rages all the afternoon. The enemy ble, and the tangle-haired Texans and hold their ground. Late in the evening Lee makes the final effort to count that day's victory his own. The Texan brigade under Hood are hurled like a thunderbolt against the left center. Colonel Micah Jenkins with his valiant Palmetto regiment and one other against the extreme left. The left judge. center is broken and shattered into back, but Wadsworth comes to the aid fragments. Jenkins fires one volley and charges with cold steel. The enemy broken, slaughtered, and the survivors driven into the swamps of the disease, and I am sent here to the Chickahominie-and only the cure it." toward the plank and back on the sheltering wings of night saved us

from complete annihilation. The writer's regiment, one of the most magnificent regiments in the army, 12 companies, 1,140 men, was almost a total wreck, and Jenkins held our beautiful banner. Col. James A. Hoyt, editor of the Greenville Mountaineer, then a captain in Col. Jenkins' regiment, has told the story correctly in the Veteran.

Lee is victor. McClellan is on the retreat to the James River. The siege of Richmond raised. The 5th and the indistinct view obtained owing of the battle days, June 30. Jenkins takes the advance of the battle of them for the enemy and fired killing Frazier's Farm. Beats back the encthe Gallant Jenkins and wounding my. Holds the battle ground. He Longstreet, a most lamentable mis- has commanded R. H. Anderson's brigade in both battles. His regimen-As a federal soldier I know that it tal loss is severe, himself severely will not be expected of me within the wounded. The Palmetto regiment alone sustaining a loss of 375 and no prisoners reported. After a march of raphical sketch of so distinguished an over two hundred miles, on half raofficer as General Micah Jenkins, were tions, we find General Jenkins again on the old battle ground of Bull Run. or Manassas No. 2, on Longstreet's right. Porters' federal corps left, retrospective view of that hero's war this time he fights Maxey Gregg's, old record, and under my own observation enemies of Gains' Mill. Jenkins' as colonel of the regiment designated, brigade has some desperate fighting and himself again severely wounded, and brigade loss about 450. He is one of the officers mentioned in Gen. Longstreet's report of this battle for extraordinary bravery and unexcelled heroism. His brigade, now in command of Colonel Joseph Walker, of the Palmetto Sharp Shooters, advances crowned the young Confederacy with into Maryland, and goes into action in victory and everlasting fame. To the battle of South Mountain, sus-Beauregard, Jackson, Bee, Bartow and | taining a loss of 20, then back to Sharpsburg, or Antietam. Their field. of operation was not far from Gen. we find the gallant Colonel Jenkins Lee's headquarters, becoming desperately engaged and drove the enemy at every point, losing 208 officers and men, holding their battle ground and crowning their wounded Jenkins with

glory and sustaining the proud record

Thus Lee had beaten McClellan's army off the peninsula, destroyed the grand army of the man whose headquarters were in the saddle and had fought the combined armies at Antietam to standstill. This is the most bloody and desperate of the ages. The only mark of victory to be credited to either was their battlefields.

During the Gettysburg campaiga performing valuable service also around Richmond, Petersburg and the cherished rights and glorious Stars deeds. The newer generations of the southland will have their Lees and Jenkins, but nowhere else on this and time-worn volumes and on cold and mutilated stone. It is pleasing to note the presence of the distinguished officer of whom my feeble pen Micah Jenkins, the hero of Santiago, quiet and traditional reserve. one whose daring deeds have won the applaudits of the Western Hemis-T. R. Lackle, phere.

Late a lieutenant 16th Mich. Vet. Vol. Infantry.

What He Was There For.

There is at least one court in the world, an English midland assizes, the judge of which is not afraid to say that black is black. The Birming ham Post gives the following glimpse

A respectable looking man was in the court in the autumn session. The charge was theft. The aggregate value involved was considerable, and the plea was guilty, but it was alleged

The defense introduced a medical expert to testify for the prisoner. He said that the self-confessed theif had kleptomania.

"What's that?" asked the judge very gravely.

"Er-it's-er-a-disease, my lord," said the astonished expert. "What kind of a disease?" asked

the judge. "Well, it's a-er-a mental disease that causes the subject to appropriate property not his own," stammered the

"Makes him steal?" asked the

"Yes, my lord, that is generally the effect.'

"I know the disease," said his bon or, a grim smile in his eyes. "I know

- A faint suspicion entering the mind and brooded upon will often develop into jealousy, anger, and hatred; while, on the other hand, pure and poble thoughts cherished will make the character purer and

- Mrs Mulligan-"And so you have no mother now?" Motherless Boy-"No, mum." Mrs. M .- "Wel'. me boy, whenever you feel the want Tillman's liquor dispensaries. The I'll be a mother to you."

The Old and the New.

Charleston was in 1680, when Charles | Exposition ought to be largely patron-II was King, and the city in conse- ized .- Nashville Banner. quence is one of the oldest in the United States. It has not not been greatly disturbed by the march of progress, and it stands to-day in quaint and pleasing contrast with the beautithe gallant Jenkins, being assigned to ful and very modern Exposition, "The the department of North Carolina, Ivory City," that has been erected in its suburbs.

In no city of America, probably, is Black Water, he very urgently re- there such striking juxtaposition of quested in his many applications to the old and the new as in Charleston. the department commander and the | Historic St. Michael's is in the immeauthorities in Richmond to be permit- | diate vicinity of three very ornamented to share the battlefields of Lee's tal public buildings of recent construcarmy along with the divisions with tion and entirely modern architecture. whom he had been so long, and often But the old predominates. The conin bloody conflict in defense of his servatism and sedateness of antiquity pervade the city's atmosphere. There and Bars, but alas, his wish was only is a marked desire on the part of some Although his cause and mine was at rather than the past-the Exposition age. You may find comfort in the war, I loved him none the less. He is a manifestation of this spirit-but knowledge that more than 100,000 was noble and brave, and such as he although the Exposition is in itself pieces of mail matter without a line gave a world-wide glory to the Ameri- all and even more than could be excan field embattled. The spirit of peeted, the efforts at progress seem to year at the dead letter office in Wash such men do not sleep with the tene- set oddly on a people whose habits ington. ment of clay, but lives again in great and train of thought have long been in opposite direction. The most that is being done for the Exposition is by the railroads that lead to Charleston. convex world. It would be sad indeed The people either do not understand were we only to find them in dusty the art of boosting their show, which a more Western or more modern community would under like circumstances practice with an enthusiastic zest, or else they scorn an innovation that has written personified in young Major | would so disturb their accustomed

> In an ancient building near the docks in Charleston there is a hole in the wall made by Sir Henry Clinton's cannon in 1780. This hole is proudly pointed out to visitors, but it is not easy to decide whether the chief source of pride comes from the interest in the historical incident of which it is in a manner a monument or the fact that it has never been repaired.

At the beginning of the century Charleston was the fourth city of importance in the country. It ranked next to Boston, New York and Philadelphia being the only others that exceeded it. Its population in 1850 was 42,985, and in 1890 it was 55,807, a growth of less than 30 per cent in a half century.

But with all this Charleston is in many respects one of the most favored localities in America, and in the fulness of time, when the untoward conditions that have in the past beset it have passed away, it should become a great city. It has had many misfortunes. Besides the civil war and reconstruction, Charleston suffered from a cyclone in 1885 and an earthquake in 1886. But it is a city beautiful for if you entertain this popular belief. situation; it has one of the finest harbors on the Atlantic coast, a climate that is unsurpassed, and it is so located that it should command a splen-did trade. It suffers some from the rivalry of its more enterprising neighbor, Savannah, but there should be room for two great cities on the South Atlantic coast. There are four large ones no further apart in the North. Charleston is to have a large navy yard, for which the Government has already purchased land. When this is completed and when the construction of an isthmian canal turns transatlantic trade South, Charleston should and doubtless will take on a new growth

No city is more interesting to visit plain to the department that 'some-than Charleston. The Exposition is body opened my letter.' Thousands beautiful and all that could be expected of such a display, and the city estingly blended in Charleston, and postal fund in the treasury.

altogether there are few places on the continent where more can be found to The first English settlement at interest the intelligent visitor. The

Some Postal Dont's.

"It is astonishing how questions pour in regarding mail matter and its treatment," said a postal official, "and it shows on the part of the general public a woeful lack of information with which it ought to be familiar. I have from time to time jotted down some postal 'dont's' which will be found of value.

"Don't mail your letter without placing at least one two-cent stamp thereon. Of course, you will say that you always do this, but there were 150,000 patrons of the mails last gear who did not.

"Don't fail to write the name and address of the person for whom your letter or package is intended, plainly on the envelope or face of the packof superscription were received last

"Don't misdirect your mail, even if half a million people annually write the wrong address upon the pieces they drop in the boxes.

"Don't send loose coin in envelopes. If it is not stolen it often works out of the corners. Don't send bills either. If the postal thief who steals your money is caught, he will go to prison, and you will be the cause of it. Use the money order or the registry system when you wish to transmit money or valuable articles through the mails.

"Don't, if you have come from a foreign country, fail to place the correct address of your correspondent in the old country, on the envelope. A quarter of a million of these incorrectly addressed foreign letters are annually returned to the United States to be returned to their senders, if their names and addresses can be obtained.

"Don't fail to place your name and address in your letter or on the envelope if you wish your missive returned to you in case of non-delivery. Some people send money, and say: 'From mother,' or 'From papa.' We all had mothers or fathers. No clue is afforded to either the sender or the addressee in case of a non-delivery.

"Don't omit your name, your postoffice or your State when writing to department stores in cities for goods. Many people do omit one or more of these essential particulars, sometimes all, and it causes confusion.

"Don't think you can beat the game when you receive a polite letter from a stranger in the city telling you how to get rich quickly for nothing. You will be out of pocket and sadly fooled.

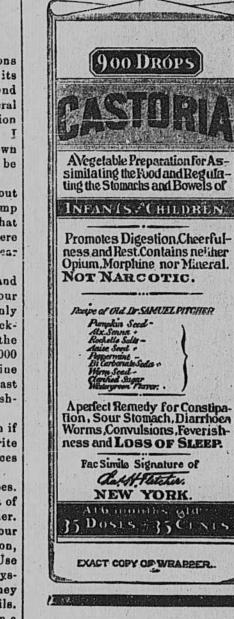
"Don't fail to prepay full rate upon your foreign mail, both letters and packages, even though the former will go forward to destination without any prepayment of postage at all, and the latter if partially prepaid. Double postage is collected abroad for the amount due.

'Don't forget with domestic mail that while a letter will go forward if it has a single rate of postage paid there on, two cents, the balance to be col-lected of the addressee, newspapers and packages will not. They go to the dead letter office. People coufuse these instances of foreign and domestic mail, and loss results. "Don't be so careless as not to seal

the flap of your envelope, and if you fail to do this don't afterward com-

of people do this every year.
"Don't forget that postal thieves do not get all the money-letters that are itself is rich in historic suggestions not delivered. Some find their way to from the early colonial period, through the dead letter office, about 50,000 apnullification and secession to Ben nually, containing on an average of about \$50,000. Your money is returned to you if you can be located: of a good thrashing, come to me and autique and the new are most inter- otherwise your dollars help swell the

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