

ARP WRITES OF LEE.

He Met the General on Two Occasions During the War.

IMPRESSED WITH HIS GRANDEUR.

Army Did Not Know What a Great Man Was Their Leader---Hardships of War.

"Duty is the sublimest word in our language." This is what General Lee wrote his son soon after General Scott offered him the supreme command of the northern army.

During the war it was my privilege to see General Lee quite often, but never did I meet him face to face and have a brief conversation with him but twice.

I said that the army did not know at first how great a man Lee was. Neither did they know fully at the last, for he was one of the few great characters that develops and grows brighter and grander as the years roll on.

For a little while I would ask your kind attention to those whom since 1892 have called themselves the Daughters of the Confederacy.

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largest number, 2,435. Georgia comes next with 1,750 members. But my friends, this great army of daughters had mothers who, whether alive or now dead, instilled this love of truth and unstained confederate honor in the hearts of their children.

But some cynical old bachelor paraded it: "Man wants but little here below, Nor wants that little long."

Well, she does want all she can get, and wants it as soon as she can get it, if not sooner, but if she can't have it she surrenders cheerfully and accommodates herself to the situation.

One told how her two boys and a little girl had worn out their shoes until they would not hold shucks much less feet and she found an old calf skin that had long been hanging in the barn and she soaked it in lime and red oak bark and got about half the hair off and took it to an old shoe cobbler, and he made three pair of shoes that would hold shucks, and they fit the children pretty well, but the red hair stuck out in little patches all over them, and she laughed and laughed until the children did not want to wear them, because she laughed so much.

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church, the prayer meeting, the Sabbath schools and even the home would speedily decline into that state that Grover Cleveland called an "innocuous desuetude."

SOLVING A PROBLEM.

The Green Country Brakeman Who Introduced the "Saw By."

Many years ago a green country boy applied to the superintendent of a western railway for work and, somewhat against the superintendent's wish, on account of the danger to life and limb attendant upon such occupation, was given a place as brakeman of a freight train.

On one of his first trips it happened that his train met another freight train at a station where the sidetrack was not long enough to accommodate either of them.

The idea excited a good deal of laughter on the part of the old trainmen, but the boy stood his ground.

"Well, how would you go about it?" asked one of the conductors, confident that the lad would soon find himself against a stump.

"Good gracious!" said the conductor. "I believe that will do it!" And it did do it. Today every trainman in America probably knows how to "saw by" two long trains on a short sidetrack, but it is not so generally known that the thing was never done until an inexperienced country boy who became the manager of a great railway line worked out the problem for himself.

Be Patient With Pussy.

If you want to train a cat properly, remember that pussy is not the stupid animal pictured by common superstition. Cats certainly are not so intelligent as dogs.

Theater Audiences.

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Those who go to the extreme back upper benches are always on hand before the doors are open and wait with heroic patience to be admitted.

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