

LEE HELPED HIM.

The Old Soldier That Asked For and Received Assistance.

General Robert E. Lee was sitting on the veranda of his Lexington home one afternoon engaged in conversation with some friends when a man, ill clothed and covered with dust, appeared at the gate and timidly beckoned to the general.

Apologizing to his friends, Lee rose at once and went to the gate. Very soon his purse appeared, and he was seen to give the man some money.

His friends, knowing the extent of his charity in any case of suffering, real or apparent, looked on with some impatience, for they knew how slender his means were then and how many calls of the same kind came to him.

"General, who was that?" one of them ventured when he had returned to his place.

"One of our boys in trouble," was the half smiling answer, for the general knew the remonstrance which his friend was longing to make.

"What regiment and company did he belong to?" persisted the friend, anxious, if possible, to unearth the suspected fraud.

"Oh, he—he fought on the other side," was General Lee's calm answer.

Chinese Business Honesty.

With due respect for others, the Chinaman is perhaps the most honorable and upright business man in the world today. His business principles are founded entirely upon honesty, and he adheres to the policy with the insistence of a leech. The chase after dollars stops if he has to resort to low tricks to get them. Of course a little thing like telling a falsehood occasionally does not bother him so much, but when it comes to plotting and scheming to defraud some one the task becomes distasteful. The equal of the Japanese in initiative and foresight, he is much their superior when integrity is concerned. A Japanese does not think twice before deciding to get the best of you. He calculates that you are liable to change your mind or get out of reach if he indulges in a little mental debate as to the propriety of cheating you.—Bookkeeper.

Mourning Colors.

Intending to symbolize the gloom of night, "when all men sleep," black is the color of mourning all over Europe. In Persia pale brown materials are worn for mourning, the color of withered leaves. Both sorrow and hope are expressed to the south sea islander in black and white stripes, while in Ethiopia the mourning color is grayish brown, which represents "the earth to which all men shall return." Purple and violet have been the mourning colors for cardinals and kings of France, and white is worn to express grief in China. In Syria and Armenia sky blue is worn at the death of a relative and is intended to express the belief that the deceased has gone to heaven. In Egypt and Burma yellow is worn, to symbolize the sere and yellow leaf.—London Answers.

Really Antique.

An excellent plaster of paris cast may be seen in one of the Egyptian galleries of the British museum of the famous sycamore statuette known as the "Sheikh-el-Beled," or "Village Sheikh." The original dates from 3900 B. C. and is still in perfect condition, although it is the oldest known specimen of woodcarving. It represents a overseer of the workmen engaged in building the pyramids close to Sakkarao, where it was discovered.—London News.

Natural.

The Stranger—Was the new candidate much put out when they threw the stale eggs at him? Native—He was, sorr. He was awful decomposed.—London Sketch.

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