

LONGSTREET SERVING A CANNON.

An Interesting Episode of the Great Battle of Antietam.

Longstreet, born a soldier, graduated at West Point, experienced by years of active duty in the Mexican war and in other service as an officer for the regular army, was an excellent artilleryman, sighting a cannon with as much precision as a pistol or musket. At the battle of Antietam, or Sharpsburg, McClellan sent a strong force against an unoccupied portion of Longstreet's line. The latter was quick to notice this movement. Calling to General Sorrell and Captain Latrobe to follow him, Longstreet galloped to the gap in his line, toward which point the Federals were advancing rapidly. Two cannon had been left there, almost the entire crew of both guns dead or lying desperately wounded.

Longstreet instantly dismounted, and with the aid of Sorrell and Latrobe wheeled the heavy pieces into line, double-shotted them and trained them on the advancing Federal line. Longstreet sighted both pieces and jerked the lanyards with his own hands. The effect was terrific. Both shots went through, moving great gaps in the Federal line. The pieces were loaded and trained rapidly, so that again and again the advancing line of Federals was broken and momentarily halted, giving time to accomplish what Longstreet had in view—the re-establishment of his own line concentrating at that point of attack.

Noticing a group of Union soldiers watching the fight from a distant hill, Longstreet elevated his two pieces and fired at them. The shells went just above the group, in which were McClellan, scattering them immediately. Unknown to the Confederate officers McClellan sent post haste for one of his best batteries. A few minutes later Lee and Longstreet were conversing on a high hill to the east of Sharpsburg, near the point from which Longstreet had been firing. While these two were talking General D. H. Hill rode up, bringing a message to Lee. Longstreet advised Hill to dismount, as his conspicuous appearance on horseback might draw the Federal fire. For some reason the advice was not followed.

A few seconds later a puff of smoke drew their attention for the first time to the Federal battery which McClellan had just posted. The shell aimed at Lee, Longstreet and Hill was well directed. Lee was on one side of Hill, his hand resting on the bridle of the latter's horse. Longstreet was on the other side of the horse, a few feet away. The shell struck Hill's horse, cutting off both legs just below the knees. The poor brute fell to his knees and remained in that position, with his back at an awkward slant, while Hill was making vigorous and very judicious efforts to dismount. He first threw his leg, in the usual fashion, over the cantle of the saddle, but in his haste came near toppling forward over his horse's head.

Lee and Longstreet both laughed heartily at Hill's position and hastened to help him dismount. Hill, throwing one leg over the pommel of his saddle, dismounted without help and then joined in the laugh at his expense. The same shell from McClellan's battery, narrowly missing Lee and Longstreet and killing Hill's horse, went on its way of destruction, exploding over a Confederate regiment behind Hill, killing and wounding a considerable number of men.—Atlanta Constitution.

Libby Prison as an Investment.
The gentleman who alone and unaided, except for sundry hard American dollars, captured Libby prison and transported it bodily to Chicago is W. H. Gray.

According to Mr. Gray's figures the Libby enterprise cost the company a round \$100,000. In the first instance, \$25,500 was paid for the building as it stood in Richmond. Then came the cost of taking it down and transportation to Chicago—no small item, since it filled 118 cars and cost \$12,000 freightage. Then came the rebuilding, with the nicest care to having the Chicago version an exact reproduction of the original, and then a handsome wall was built around the whole structure.

"But it was a paying investment," said Mr. Gray, with a satisfied smile. "During the Democratic convention our gate receipts averaged \$500 per day, and they have frequently reached \$900."—Washington Post.

How Lightning Burns.
Burning is a most common result of lightning stroke. The parts chiefly and first affected in this manner are the upper portions of the body—the head, forehead, face and neck. Out of sixty-five cases noted Dr. Ballard found that forty-four were injured about the head. If the person struck be standing, there is usually a deep hole in the foot, where the lightning leaves the body. Wounds made as if cut with a knife are also occasionally found.—Exchange.

What Confirmed the Suspicion.
Mary (angrily)—I think you are the biggest fool in town, John.
John (mildly)—Well, Mary, mother used to tell me that when I was a boy, but I never thought she was right about it until I married you.—Detroit Free Press.

Mosquitoes in Alaska.
At our camp for the night on a grassy knoll in Alaska, the mosquitoes and other flies were in greater numbers and more venomous than we had ever previously experienced them. The whole insect world seemed to hail our arrival with the same relish that reservation Indians welcome government rations. Their attacks were fierce and incessant. Our poor brutes, tortured into a frenzy, though hobbled, stampeded back and sought escape from the torment by sinking into the swamp.

through which we had labored only a few hours before. The next morning, however, afforded us a delightful rest, for a stiff breeze from the southward swept the air clear of the pests and granted man and horse a short respite. Then plagued by flies our long, who wore a brass bell, would create a continual tinkling, but when unmolested the band would seek a soft patch of grass and go soundly to sleep, profiting by the unusual lull.—E. J. Glavin in Century.

Why the Boy Didn't Sit Down.
A seven-year-old Detroit youngster, not famous for his angelic qualities, was paying a day's visit to a nine-year-old in a distant portion of the city, where he had made a previous visit about six months before. The boy stood around nervously and refused to sit down, notwithstanding the most pressing invitation.
"Why don't you sit down?" persisted his host's mother.
The boy shook his head.
"You didn't act so when you were here before," said the lady; "why do you do so now?"
The boy hung his head and began to stammer:
"W-w-well," he hesitated, "mother's arm was broke before, but it's well now."—Detroit Free Press.

People's Eyes and Public Clocks.
Oculists say that the public clocks of New York are a useless boon to a large percentage of the people, and that perhaps two-thirds of those who pass the city hall are unable to distinguish the figures on the dial of the clock. It is pretty well established, however, that most persons are so familiar with the proportions of the dial that a dial without figures, and supplied with large and broad hands conspicuously painted, could be read by many to whom the ordinary public clock is a blank.—New York Sun.

Couldn't Do It.
"Tom was madly in love with Cora, and she told him if he would look her straight in the eye and tell her that he never loved another, she would marry him."
"Did he do it?"
"No; he couldn't."
"Had loved another, had he?"
"Oh, no; he was cross-eyed!"—Exchange.

Bachelor's Logic.
"Why don't you get married?" said X to a friend of his.
"Because, in the first place, I detest women on principle; secondly and chiefly, because marriage would interfere with my literary work."
"What class of work?"
"I am writing love stories."—Pays.

The desert of Sahara is becoming a garden. Within a few years 12,000,000 acres of land have been made fruitful by artesian wells. But there are 900,000,000 acres yet to be reclaimed before all the sand wastes of Africa are utilized.

During the reign of Henry IV of England no person of a lower estate than a knight banneret was allowed to wear cloth of gold or large sleeves or to use either ermine or marten fur on his gown.

The days of the giraffe are numbered. A few years ago herds of seventy or eighty were common in parts of Africa, while a herd of nine teen is now considered a large herd.

It is not a waste to spend your money on newspapers and magazines, because then you learn to talk about something else besides your neighbors' affairs.

Goethe published his "Die Leiden des Jungen Werther" at twenty-five, the "Wilhelm Meister" at forty-six and the "Faust" at fifty-six.

The Use of "Whif" and "Shut."
There is probably no more confusing part of the English language than that which regulates the proper use of "shall" and "will." The reply of James Russell Lowell to the woman who wrote, saying, "I would be very much obliged for your autograph," has been often in print, and has undoubtedly been clipped for scrap and pocketbook reference by many persons. The poet essayist granted "Pray, do not say hereafter, 'I would be obliged.' If you would be obliged, be obliged and be done with it. Say, 'I should be obliged,' and oblige yours truly, James Russell Lowell."

An additional hint to go with this "cut me out" is that of the old verse: In the first person simply shall foretell; In will a threat or else a promise dwell; Shall in the second and the third doth threat; Will simply then foretells the future feat. Or "shall" in the first and "will" in the second and third persons are to be regarded as simple declarations, and both in all other cases convey a threat.—New York Times.

The Death of Jumbo.
The story told by Scott, the keeper who went to America with Jumbo, of the elephant's death is sad. The animals were being loaded while the circus was performing, and Scott was walking Jumbo along the railroad between two rows of trucks.
There was another elephant with them—a dwarf elephant bought in Singapore in 1888 to be "colored elephant." Jumbo would not go anywhere without him.

On this occasion the small elephant was going in front, and when the train came round the curve Jumbo caught hold of his chain and pushed him between two freight trucks. This saved the small one, who only got his leg broken, but Jumbo was badly cut up by the heavy locomotive and died about an hour after.—St. James Budget.

Regard for Sacred Trees.
Throughout the length and breadth of India the Ficus religiosa, under which Buddha rested for seven years plunged in divine thought, is dedicated to religious worship, and may on no account be felled or destroyed. With more universal but not less sincere reverence do the peasants of Russia prostrate themselves before the trees which they are about to cut, and deprecate the vengeance of the deities whose resting places they thus proceed to destroy.—Gentleman's Magazine.

Looking Out for Number One.
A gentleman who has occasion to walk with two ladies, with one umbrella, should always go in the middle, and showing a dry coat to himself, and is shewing no partiality to either of the ladies.—Exchange.



These Men Changed Places

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