# FIGHTING IN FANCY DRESS.

#### One English Troop Used to Be Called the Golden Goldfinches.

Dandles were much in evidence in the Peninsular war, and an officer of the famous Light division has recorded how some of the officers were "rigged out in all the colors of the rainbow. Some had gray braided coats, others brown; some again liked blue, and the comical appearance of a number of infantry officers loaded with leather bottoms to their pantaloons and huge chains suspended from the side buttons was amusing enough. . . . The 'cut down' hat, exactly a span in height, was another rage. This burlesque on a chapeau was usually topped by some extraordinary looking feather!'

The Duke of Wellington, however, never troubled about what his officers were if only they brought their men intact into the firing line with sixty rounds of ammunition aplece, and one of the chaplains, known as "the Fighting Parson," always wore a red hussar jacket, while during the battle of Vit-Indla toria General Picton wore, instead of the usual cocked hat, a round and very old hat and carried "a huge white umbrella lined with green. Indian ocean. With the exception per-

But it is doubtful if any regiment has ever been dressed more strangely than the old Portsea volunteers, who fight ever made such a difference in in 1797 wore gold and scarlet cords, the after history of the world.-Exgolden rosettes, feathers, cockades, white waistcoats, "gold wings" (to quote the official description) and "frilled skirts, largely figured," Hence their nickname, "The Golden Goldfinches."-London Tit-Bits.

### NOBEL'S GREAT GIFT.

Yearly Prizes That Come From the Fund He Left to Posterity.

Alfred B. Nobel, the Swedish sci endst and inventor of dynamite, died in 1896, leaving his fortune, which was estimated at \$9,000,000, to the founding of a fund of which the interest should be yearly given as prizes to those persons who had during the year contributed most to "the good of humanity." The interest is divided in five equal shares, awarded as follows:

"One to the person who in the domain of physics has made the most important discovery or invention, one to the person who has made the most important chemical discovery or invention, one to the person who has made the most important discovery in the domain of medicine or physiology, one to the person who in literature has provided the most excellent work of an idealistic tendency and one to the person who has worked most or best for the fraternization of nations and the abolition or reduction of standing armies and the calling and propagating of peace congresses.

The value of each prize is, on average, \$40,000. The awards for physics and chemistry are given by the Swedlah Academy of Science, that for physiological or medical work by the Caroline institute (the faculty of medicine in Stockholm), that for literature by the Swedish Academy of Stockhoim and the peace prize by a committee of five persons elected by the Norwegian storthing .- Philadelphia Press.

#### CATARACT OF THE EYE. A FAMOUS BATTLE. It May Come at Any Time of Life, and

The One Described In History as the "Victory of Victories."

lost in the deserts of Arabia.

change.

Cataract is an opacity of the crystal-The battle which is known in hisline lens caused by interference with tory as the "Victory of Victories" took its nutrition. As the rays of light canplace at Nehavend, in Echatana, and not penetrate this opaque matter it rewas fought between the new Moslem suits in blindness. A cataract may power in 637 and the empire of Persia. come at any time of life, but is most then one of the most powerful of the apt to come in old age, when senile eastern monarchies. It was one of the changes take place in all parts of the most absolutely decisive battles in the body. history of war, and it was all the more A cataract may be caused by changes amazing by reason of the fact that it in the eye before birth. Children are was won by a people who twenty years born with a cataract. It may be before had been unknown barbarians,

caused by changes during childhood, by disease or injury, by excessive and Arabian historians place the Persian persistent light and heat and by many oss in a single day at 100,000 men other causes. Glassblowers are subkilled. This may be and probably is ject to it, X ray workers, sufferers an exaggeration, but the fact remains from diabetes and many others. It that the Perslan dynasty came to an may be a primary disease or it may end when the battle was over and that

Its Goal Is Blindness.

be secondary to other diseases. Zoroastrianism, which had been the re-It is often very successfully treated ligion of Persia for over a thousand by operation, particularly in the aged, years, was at once supplanted by Isthe lens or lens and its capsule being am. Its modern representatives, as is well known, are now the Parsees of removed. The development of cataract is sometimes very rapid, especially aft-The victory was so absolutely deci- er injury, but in the aged it takes sive that it extended the Arabian do- place slowly, sometimes requiring

minions over the whole of the region years before blindness results. The operation is not usually done until the lying between the Caspian sea and the cataract is mature or ripe. An earlier operation frequently militates against haps of the battle of Tours, no single a successful result .- Philadelphia Record

# DEGREES OF COOKING.

What is Meant by Rare, Medium and Well Done Meat.

A Shot That Made Trouble.

al complications. An American marks-

uid not do it.

Dandelions.

The shot run;

It's Discipline That Marks the Differ-Perhaps a word may be said about the degree of cooking, as indicated by An army is not an army, but a mob, the words rare, medium and well done, unless every item in it can be trusted to do the same thing at the same moused in reference to the cooking of meat. ment at the word of command. So

Some people interpret "rare" as meanobedience is not a virtue in a soldier. ing meat seared a little on the outside. but a necessity, for, unless he learns but with the whole interior raw. This It, he cannot attain to the military viris far from a correct interpretation. tues. It has been proved, for instance, The albumen should be congulated, the again and again that obedience is the fibers really cooked, but the juice may way to courage. be yet red or plnk. In "medium" there When it is a habit with men they is still some pink left in the ment. ace danger as they form fours bethough the red color has left the juice, cause they are told to, and the habit

while well done means no pink color of obedience is stronger in them than in either juice or fiber, but not the their natural fears. It is, in fact, part stringy, overcooked, tasteless product of a soldier's technique, and unless he so often served as "well done" meat. has learned it he is an amateur liable The quantity and kind of meat used stage fright.

AN ARMY AND A MOB.

erence Between Them.

by any family depend upon its living There may, of course, be an irrationhabits, its appreciation of food values discipline which destroys a soldier's and the money available for food. The telligence, as irrational technique deexcessive use of ment means an untroys intelligence in any craft. But wise expenditure of money as well as he fact remains that soldiers have to an unnecessary tax upon the kidneys earn obedience by means of a training and liver, but in any case the preparaspecially designed to teach them obedition of it is a most important factor.nce, just as a musician has to prac-Woman's World. tice scales. When he has learned it he can exercise his intelligence far better than if he had not learned it be-An odd incident happened in the then cause he is braver and cooler for hav-Danish West Indles in the last century ing learned it.-London Times. that nearly caused serious internation

## Butler's Reply.

man, paying a visit to Chariotte Ama-There was a time, while Lyman lia, amused the governor by an exhibi-Trumbull was chairman of the senate tion of his skill with the rifle. Sitting ommittee on judiciary, that Benjamin on the veranda of the government Butier was chairman of the judiciary house, he said that he could cut with ommittee of the house. It was at this a bullet the signal halyards on the period that a delegation from one of flagstaff of the fort and lower the Danthe southern states visited Washingish standard to the ground. As the ton with a desire to secure the imlines were almost invisible in the dispeachment and removal of the federal tance the governor was willing to bet dge of their state. They interviewed

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#### The Seven Seas.

The phrase "the seven seas" has been current for some time-was so current when Kipling universalized it twenty years ago-to denote all the great waters of the earth. Its use divides into seven parts the "tripartite ocean (the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian oceans) as the north and south Atlantic, the north and south Pacific, the Indian, the Arctic and the Antarctic oceans. It is interesting to note that tsin." Roman Italy had its "seven seas," the chain of salt lagoons about the mouth of the Po, separated from the Adriatic by strips of sand or embaukments. The lagoona were in ancient days much more extensive than now, and the "Septem Mares" afforded a continuous means of Internal navigation from Ravenna to Altinum.-New York Times.

Deep Sea Diving.

Diving with the aid of artificial mechantam is at least 1,000 years older than the Christian religion. Homer compared the fall of Hector's charioteer to the descent of an oyster diver. Aristotle mentioned a diving apparatus, and, while Alexander the Great had no submarines, still he ordered divers to destroy the underwater defenses of Tyre. Later on Livy told about treasures being recovered from sunken ships by divers. So it appears that our old world has made but slight progress in penetrating the depths of the sea, which in some places is six miles deep. -Philadelphia Ledger.

#### impudence.

Two-thirds of Jones' makeup is curiosity, the other third wit. A short time ago he met his neighbor proudly displaying a valuable horse. "That is a fine horse you have there, Brown!" he exclaimed cordially. "How much did you give for him?"

"I gave my note," was the crisp rejoinder. "Well, you got him cheap," said

Jones.-Chicago News.

Not In His Line. Wife-A tramp at the back door who has already eaten a place of that pla I made yesterday wants to know if you can do anything for him. Husband-Tell him, my dear, that I am a commission merchant, not a doctor .- Houston Post.

Opportunities.

The wise man grasps small opportunities and makes them big, while the fool sits in an easy chair and walts for great opportunities to come his way .-- Pittsburgh Chronicie-Telegraph.

**Deafness** Cannot Be Cured

Deatness Cannot Be Cured to local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the sar There is by contrast of the same second to the same ty one way to cure deatness, and that is the diseased portion of the same ty one way to cure deatness, and the is the diseased portion of the same second to the same second to the same second to be deather by the same second to the same the same second second to the same se

Mr. Butler as to the probability of carout, and the flag fell. Presently a rying such a measure through that borseman dashed up, informing the

governor that some one had fired on "I don't know," was Mr. Butler's rethe flag. There was great excitement. ply. "I am chairman of the judiciary The governor, none too popular, it ommittee of the house. The necesseems, with the military, ruined his sary action can be had here. But Lypolitical future by admitting that the man Trumbull is chairman of the senaffair was a joke in which he conate committee, and Judge Trumbuil is nived. Report being sent to Copentroubled wich two things-the dyspephagen, highly colored, of course, by ain, which makes him miserable, and the commandant, his excellency was conscience, which makes him uncersummarily removed.

#### A Giant Among Dwarfs.

The dandellon is an efficient plant. The intellect and genius of Franklin it is most excellently adapted to its were perhaps never more manifest job of keeping alive and spreading than when, as the colonial agent of itself over the face of the earth. Ex-Pennsylvania, he appeared before the cept in early spring its leaves are too British house of commons in order to bitter to be eaten by man or by aniandergo an inquisition into the taxa mais. They lie flat on the earth so tion questions which were brewing the that grazing beasts may tread on them rouble which subsequently resulted in without killing the plant. The roots American freedom. Not fewer than take strong hold. The length of the 300 questions were propounded to him elastic stem which bears up the blosby some of the neutest legal and posom is determined by the height of the litical minds of the old country. To other vegetation in which the dandeeach and every one of them he replied lion finds itself. On a close cropped in a masterful manner. Edmund lawn the dandellon's stem is stubby; in Burke in commenting on the matter tail grass it reaches up toward the said that Franklin reminded him of "a sun. Its seeds fly lightly and far on man being examined by a parcel of every breeze. The dandellon will raise schoolboys," while Charles James Fox a series of seed crops extending up atremarked that his inquisitors were most to the first snowfall. - Detroit 'dwarfs in the hand of a giant." News.

**Regulating Bread Prices.** 

A simple plan for the regulation of ginning of the nineteenth century. The 'assize of bread" was set every week by the authorities of every borough wheat, the margin of reasonable profit being left to the baker and miller. Deheavily punished .- London Mirror. 1520.

The Ruling Passion. "Fore!" yelled the golfer. But the lady never moved. For she was thinking of a coming

hopping tour. He should have called \$3.35 to have attracted her attention,-Philadelphia Ledger.

By Hook or by Crook. The phrase "by hook or by crook" originated with the Irish defenders of Limerick, who had to defend two chanaels, the Hook and the Crook, from English attacks .- Exchange.

It is not helps, but obstacles; not facilities, but difficulties, that make men W. Mathews.



The Gypsies. The origin of the people known as bread prices was in vogue in England gypsies remains largely a mystery. from the time of Henry III. to the be- Egypt, India, Persia and Arabia have in turn been pointed out as their original country, but there is little definite knowledge on the subject. The weight and manor, when the price of the loaf of evidence is in favor of their having was regulated by the ruling price of originated in India. They first appeared in Europe about 1400 and from the Danube region spread all over the conparture from the official price was tinent, appearing in England about

#### Juvenile Logic.

"Come, dear." said the mother of a little four-year-old miss; "it is getting late, and you should be upstairs in

"But, mamma," protested the little one, "it won't be any earlier up there than it is down here."-Exchange.

#### Open to Any Offer.

Young Man-So Miss Ethel is your sidest sister. Who comes after her? Small Brother-Nobody ain't come yet. but pa says the first fellow that comes can have ber.-Stray Stories.

The bee that gets the honey doesn't loaf around the hive .- Chicago News.

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