FAMOUS WAR EAGLE

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Bird Attracts World Wide Notice | tens were tied about his neck, two lit-By Attentions Paid Them.

HAS SEEN ACTUAL SERVICE

Although a Conspicuous Target for Bullets in Six Battles, the Feathered Patriot Lived to Be the Pet of Reunions.

lon.

could not fight while under such glo-"cus omblems?" At Lacrosse the same entthusiasm was manifeest, and the soldiers came to the conclusion that in selecting their

mascot they had choseen more wisely than they knew. At Madbon a special "Old Abe," the famous war eagle salute was fired in honor of the bird of the Eighth Wisconsin regiment, has and the cheers along the line of march been dead for over 25 years. That his were deafening. The band struck up t emory still survives would still sug-'Yankee Doodle" and then as if un gest that even a bird may be immor 'erstanding his mission, the eago tal. Horn at the beginning of the great wized one of the flaps in his beak and war, the twenty years of his life conspread his wings, flapping them to the stituted almost one conttinuous ovahurrabs of the crowd Wherever he appeared, whether

trought \$2.50 at the second purchase.

The company in a jocular spirit voted

to accept "the new recruit from Chip-

(cway," and the eagle was solemnly

sworn into the service. A perch was

in war or peace, it was to evoke A new perch was then constructed for the blird of freedom. It was pointthe wildest enthusiasm. The prouded with arrows to represent the United or conqueeror might envs States Seal. The Eagle was name popularity and might long in vain for "Old Abe" in honor of President Liuthe cheers which greeted him Company C: was officially de-Though a consolcuous target in thirty coln. clared the Eau Claire Eagles; and the six hattles, he was never wounded Fighth Wisconsin in the popular mind Not only so, but his bearers were im-"The eagle regiment," a title herame Everywhere he also impired 27:11111: that ever afterward clung to it. On the subders, and his battle scream the way to the front the size of a live them for victory, since they L cryed eagle carried beside the regimental regarded him with almost supersticolors was everywhere received by the tions reverence its the Union. After wildest cheers. Chicago especially was the war he was a feature of the Union electrified. At St. Louis the bird broke war he was a fea-After the his cord and escaped but was recept ture in combins, in expositions and it conventions, was honored and cheered used easily. Secretary of War Camin almost every city of the north com and General Thomas addressed and was over fifteen years a state the regimet, and both referred to its His reputation was world mascot in complimentary terms ward. wide Never a blod wore feathers pentheman offered \$500 for the blod. time in Madison had already offered I'ke Old Abe.

The eagle was the military sublem \$200, but to all these proposals the reof the republic of Rome. In a land ply was made, "No money can buy then undiscovered, if became, ages her fim " After the war P. T. Barnum ter, the emblem of freedom in a yet offered to the state of Wisconsin \$29. greater republic. During the most most one for Old Abe, but the offer was not mentous war of this younger republic, even considered.

that symbol was quickened into life. Leaving St. Louis, the engle regi-This living personification was given ment went to hattle. On the way the the name of the great leader in that men had to wade a stream waist deep, war to be associated in the minds of and in the middle of it the hird waismen forever after that struggle and tied shrilly, and the soldiers answered It thus grew to be a with laughter and cheers even walle that leader. renerate expression of a nationaal struggling through the water. At all No wonder the people times the presence of the eagle aroused We attraction cheered Old Abe.

In the spring of 1561 a Chippeway the men as he was already regarded fudian called Chief Sky captured is an augury of success. In the regi-Yest of young eaglets on the Flambeau ments first battle, at Fredricktown, tiver in Wisconsin dister Chief Sky Mo, the cagte was wildly excited, went down the river with some of his crossing his perch, flapping his winks tribe to well baskets, pette and more as and screaming, as if half crazed by the sing, cass of the englets was taken experience. That fight by the way, recas traded for a humbed of suffed in victory, In the summer this engle, then . In later battles Old Abe became a 11.11 fully grown, was sold to the st in veteran. But he never went old Abe, wishing to share in the en- C, H-, Horton, Kansas, writes: "I 11 at is Lau Chine Radgers, a military come through a battle without flapping his pany which shortly afterwards was wings and screaming his wildest war ensterred into the volumber service rates. His eyes flashed fire, and he c) the United States as Company 11 seemed to enter into the spirit of the of the Eighth Wisconsin. The bird eccasion. At Island No. 10, where his

comrades captured 6,000 prisoners, it was afterward given to the state of Wisconsin with appropriate ceremonwas related that the Confedrate soldiers seemed to have a superstitious ics, the governor making a speech in regard for this living emblem of the 11s honor. From that time till his Union.

rade for him, red, white and blue rib-At the battle of Farmington the bird showed a neculiar intelligence. When the flags were placed on the perch each the men were ordered to lie down be t'de of him and a private was detailed hind their breastworks Old Abe scram t carry him beside the colors. As the bled down also. He was picked up and company marched through the streets ordered to keep his perch, but refused of Eau Claire the eagle created the to obey. This was tried several times, greatest enthulasm. On all sides with the same result. He was then alvere heard the remark, "They will lewed to have his way. Ever after rever be whippeed while they follow ward, when the men lay down, he was that bird." The local paper said, "Who allowed to do likewise. But when the lugie sounded the eagle hopped to his perch, with outspread wings, and remained there thoughout the fight.

This fact has been attested by so many soldiers that there is no doubt of its uthenticity. Other examples of his p telligence almost as remarkable ar O: record. He was very dignified and quick to resent undue familiarty. Like the elephant, he remembered injuries One day a sergeant handled him rough 1%. It was months before he saw the sergeant again, but when he did he flow at him with fury and drove him ff. The eagle was affectionate to his

keepers and seemed to know the men f his regiment,

Old Abe went through the battles of luka and Corinth. By this time he had became famous in both armies, and the Confederate General Price ordered his conture. saving that he would rather have him than a dozin battleftage Southern arbioners taken in those bat t'es said that their officers would have been more pleased to take or kill the orghethan to capture a whole belends During one fight the troops were so loss together that in a full in the firing several men in Company C heard : Confedrate officer about. "There is the blankety blanked eagle! Capture I'm, boys,

It was at the battle of Coristh that in incident occurred which has becom celebrated in song and story. There the Eighth Wisconsin was in a peculit iy exposed position. The engle was ch a perch, screaming and dancing in the excitement of the charge. He was conspicuous target, and many shots went in his direction. One of these cu the cord that held him. Screaming, he tone aloft, wheeled over the Confeer-

the army once or twice, returned to his own regiment and was replaced on the perch. This exciting incident has been described by many eye-witnesses. The Lird seemed to know his own regiment from all the others. After this battle it was found that the feathers of one amusement and kept up the spirits of of his wings had been cut by a builet. Another time he was struck by a hall, and some of his feathers were cut, but

> or, a ither occasion was blood drawn. At Coldwater, Tenn., the eagle broke

death his home was in the basement f the capitol building.

At one time Old Abe fought with n eagle called Andy Johnson and Filled him. He attended fairs all over he northwest and was in constant demand at solders' reunions. At every point he was greeted like a conquering hero. He was present at the nomination of General Grant for the presldency, adding his screams to the cheers of the multitude. He was one d the features at the Philadelphia Centennial, after which he was on exlibition at Boston and other cities. He ded in 1881 from the smoke inhaled at a fire in the basement of the capi'd at Madison. It was at first proresed to bury him with military honors, but other counsels prevailed, and Fr was made a subject of the taxl-Cermist's art. His stuffed effigy, seatat on his old perch, is still pointed out to visitors to the statehouse at Madison, where all are proud of the fame of the war eagle of the Eighth Wisconsin

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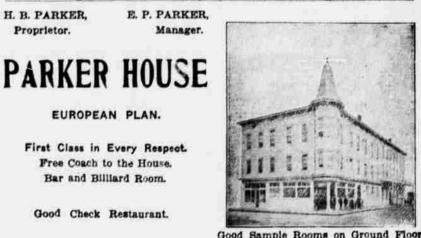
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bet was coaxed down by a live chicks rooms of Kansas, but Ballard's Hore on a later occasion, while the hound Syrup has smashed all records

colonel was making a speech to the as a cure for coughs, Bronchitis, Inregiment, the boys cheered loudly, and fluenza and all Pulmonary diseases, T. thur icom, jumped up and down with have never found a medicine that such force that he again snapped his would cure a cough so quickly as Balcould and flow high into the blue, P., lard's Horehound Syrun. I have used ually he lit on a tree and one of the it for years." Hart's drug store. soldiers captured him without trouble.

This made four times that he had got way, and the fact that he had permitted himself to be retaken on each ccassion seems quite as remarkable as other storles told of the intelligent blrd. He was quick to give the alarm of the approaching enemy, and on more than one instance he suddenly awoke to scream a note of warning. No wonler the soldiers regarded their living mblum with a feeling akin to superstitious reverence.

Upon the march to Memphis Old Abe ingly At It Brings Success," appear bit his cord in two, again escaping and on a bronze foreground, which gives eving on ahead of the army. This time it an exceedingly rich appearance, was captured by the bearer simply While the calendar is arranged with approaching cautiously and holding the a month on each flap the figures are perch at right angle. The cagic hopped clearly legible across a large room. c, and was secured. At the battle of The blank spaces on the flaps are Sackson a fierce thunderstorm rage I, filled with new and pointed epigrams adding its clamor to the roar of the on advertising and business-building fighting. The war eagle was now in in general.

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fight, Old Abe seemed to take most celight in the booming of artillery. He showed no fear in the presence of the is a stage and Ballard's Snow Linigreat guns, but at every discharge ment plays a most prominent part. It would spread his wings and scream has no superior for Rheumatism, stiff as if animated by all the enthusiasm joints, cuts, sprains, and all pains. Buy

of war. At the assault on Vicksburg, it, try it, and you will always use it. this was especially in evidence, Grip-Anybody who has used Ballard's Snow ging his perch, craning his neck to Liniment is a living proof of what it watch the fight, his eyes blazed, and does. Buy a trial bottle. 25c, 50c and he seemed almost in a frenzy of rage. \$1.00. Hart's drug store. In this charge the flag by the engle's

enhurt. This was the occasion on which he was hit the second time by a ball, but without injury. Vicksburg was the eagle's last great

battle, although he served nearly to the end of 1864, being part of the time with Sherman and afterward going with his regiment through the cam-

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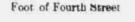
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