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## THE FRENCH SOLDIER

SOME OF THE BRUTALITIES TO WHICH HE IS SUBJECTED.

Hasings and Other Punishments Which Sometimes End In the Victim's Death That Are Winked at, if Not Ordered, by the Officers.

Soldiers in the French army are not subjected by law to corporal punishment any more than it has been a part of the regulations governing the Military academy at West Point that cadets should "brace" or "qualify" molasses and prunes. Nevertheless the French soldier is put through a hazing process which is most severe and several times has caused death. The French soldier is known as Picton or Dumanet, just as the English soldier is known as Tommy Atkins. Dumanet finds when he joins the colors that life is not all skittles for a soldier.

The thing which distinguishes the hazing in the French army from the hazing in American colleges and universities is that it is suggested and almost ordered by the commissioned offlcers. An officer will say to a corporal the officer. "It would do him good if he were tossed, in a blanket."

The officer turns on his heel and walks away, while the unfortunate soldier is placed in a blanket, with saber, he immediately left the town. spurs, jack boots, bayonets and such tion is tossed until the hazers are too tired to continue. This is great sport for the man's comrades, especially if they are half drunk, which they are likely to be. This diversion has rather gone out of favor just now, because had the bad taste to die after the disci-

sword bayonet. In Algiers, where the scheme.-Argonaut. men are far removed in the outlying garrisons from the central authority and at the mercy of their tormentors, they are subjected to many forms of

hazing at the suggestion of the officers. At one time the "vilo" was much he favor among the hazers in the Algerian army of occupation. It consisted in putting a man in a deep hole made in the shape of a reversed funnel dug by the Arabs in the ground as a place for the storage of corn. The unfortunate man was left there sometimes for days, with hardly anything to eat or drink Shaving and Haircutting neatly and exposed all the time to the heat of the sun, while at night the place was cold. Many died from hunger, thirst or cold, while many others became in-

The military authorities when they Front Street, Florence, Oregon. became aware of these tortures issued an order prohibiting such a punishment, but it is still practiced in isolated parts of Algiers where no eye can see of which the officers are afraid.

Several years ago Prince Piguatelli away from his home and went to Algiers to join the foreign legion, the refuge for men "with a past." His friends announced to the French military authorities that the prince had gone to join the legion, but the authoritles were able to get no word of his arrival. At last a soldler suggested that perhaps a stranger who wandered into camp and had considerable difficulty in speaking French might be the prince. The sergeant to whom the prince had spoken was drunk at the time and became annoyed at the Spanlard's broken French, so he ordered that the stranger be placed in the "vilo" without more ado. Here the miserable young man remained for two days without eating or drinking, and then a good natured sentry broke the rules and gave him food. As soon as termination to enter the celebrated ens, who, by the way, in his youthful

foreign legion. Another form of punishment which used to be popular in Algiers was the when at the climax of his fame to "carcan." A piece of wood, usually dine at Windsor castle. He was after the trunk of a tree, was used. The dinner presented by the queen with a man was laid on it, usually bound so copy of her book "Tour In the Highthat the middle of his back would be lands," and on the fly leaf was inresting on the wood, with his head and scribed in her own hand this sentence: feet hanging down to the ground. His feet were tied to an fron bar and his hands to another, and, left lying face upward, he was exposed for hours to to Lord Tennyson, but even in making the terrible heat of the sun. Some men have survived 12 hours of this torture.

A form of punishment still popular among the French colonial troops-that is, popular with those who inflict it and not with those who suffer it-is the "crapadine." It consists of throwing the man face downward and tying his wrists and ankles behind his back so that his wrists and ankles are brought together .- New York Press,

## During a funny turn on the stage at

the Walnut Street theater, Cincinnati, one night a man in the balcony leaned over the railing convulsed with laughter. During an extraordinary burst of hilarity his false teeth flew from his Dyspepsia Cure mouth and fell in the lap of a lady who was sitting in the parquet. Those near looked up and saw the toothless man waving frantically to the lady to pick up his teeth. This caused a gen-It artificially digests the food and aids eral laugh at his expense. The teeth yer?" Nature in strengthening and recon-structing the exhausted digestive orwere returned by an usher .- Exchange. structing the exhausted digestive organs. It is the latest discovered digestant and tonic. No other preparation can approach it in efficiency. It instantly relieves and permanently cures Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Heartburn, Fiatulence, Sour Stomach, Nausea, Sick Headache, Gastralgia Cramps and all other results of imperfect digestion.

Where the Guilt Lay. "You say the play was entirely without a villain?" "Yes-that is, if you choose to omit

Curiously, the men who are easiest to get along with are the very men who have no faculty for getting along .- De-

the author."-Indianapolis Press.

### A MAYOR'S MIRACLE.

### Made the Blind See, the Deaf Hear and the Lame Walk.

From the many anecdotes of Bamp fylde Moore Carew's rogueries in Arthur Montefiore Brice's essay on that "Amazing Vagabond" we quote one in which Carew and his gypsy crew who had rigged themselves up as cripples and gathered at Bridgewater fair to plunder the junketers came off second

When the mayor of Bridgewater heard that this motley group of crip-ples had arrived, he announced to some of his friends that he was possessed of a power they perhaps little suspected that, in fact, he could make the blind see, the deaf hear and the lame walk.

Restoration of the general health invariable, the use of Dr. Bets were freely made that he could do nothing of the kind, and thereupon the mayor had the gypsies arrested and immediately brought before him and, after hearing their harrowing tales, ordered them to be confined for the night in the lockup.

About 10 o'clock at night, however, the municipal surgeon entered with a lantern and announced that he would examine them all in the morning in order to report to the mayor whether or or a sergeant, "You have a man here not they really suffered from deformity who has done so and so," naming some of one kind or another, and he went on trivial offense, more than likely to be to say that those who were found to be some neglect of the deference due to impostors would be treated by the mayor with severity so extreme that, moved to pity, he would allow any such misguided wretch to escape there and then from the lockup on condition that

spurs, jack boots, bayonets and such At this intelligence a great commo-pleasant bedfellows, and the combina-tion arose, and in less time than it takes to write it the whole crowd surged out of the lockup, flinging away their crutches and wooden legs, patches and bandages, and made off down the town at topmost speed, the blind gone out of favor just now, because leading the way with unerring steps, several soldiers who have been tossed the dumb crying aloud their fears, the deaf replying to them, and the lame In some of the French barracks a favorite method of punishment is to hang the onending soldier up by his heels and then to spank him with a swerd bayone. In Alakawa and the spank him with a with laughter at the success of his sprinting along at a rattling pace.

### CATCHING CICADAS.

### How Certain Malays Obtain a Curious Deliency.

Certain natives of the Malay peninsula catch cicadas and eat them and that as a considerable luxury. To eat a clcada seems distinctly curious, says the London Daily Mail, when we reflect that this insect is in reality a glorified member of that insect group which contains as its most prominent repre-sentative the diminutive and swarthy creature which shall be nameless here for evermore.

The way in which the Slamese ceeds was related to the Zoological so-ciety the other day by a naturalist who has spent some time in the Malay peninsula observing men as well as insects. At night, when these insects fly, the native sallies forth armed with a and but little raiment. The torch is deposited in a convenient place, and Several years ago Prince Piguatelli the swarm of natives proceed to clap d'Aragon, a young Spanish noble, ran their hands in a perfectly regular fashion so as to produce a considerable

It is the combination of light and sound that allures the cleada from its haunts to its destruction. The insects me also in swarms and settle upon the bodies of the applauding natives, whence they are easily detached, pre-served, cooked and eaten.

The Greek sage remarked that happy are the cleadas in that they have voiceless wives. It is apparently the lady cleadas who are attracted by what they fondly believe to be the love cry of the male and are thus lured to their fate by that most dangerous of pas-

### Victoria and Dickens,

Literary celebrities, as a rule, were not those who attained to any high he was rescued from the "vilo" the degree of personal favor at the hands young man started for Spain, having of Queen Victoria, but she paid Charles most thoroughly reconsidered his de-Dickens a delicate compliment. Dick, days was devoured by a grand passion for the youthful queen, was invited "From the humblest to the most distinguished author in England." The queen afterward showed many favors him a peer of the realm she did not bestow as great a compliment.

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One hitch to my girth,
And I'm with you, my lass,
For the ends of the earth.

Mow, Duroc, my hero,
Be careful, dear heart!
She is fresh as the fountain
And rank for a start.
"You fear not?" Oh, no,
But you like your sweet w
And we'll give you a breath
Away! To the hills!

Oh, bathe me, ye winds

Of the withering downs! Brush the scent of the 'fu The taint of the towns! What is art to this nature Or wine to this air?
What's a picture to Nell
And her blooded bay mare?

### ABSENT TREATMENT.

"My wife solemnly affirms that she will get a divorce if I say anything about it," said Jones with a smile. goes. Mrs. Jones had been alling for some time, and, falling into the hands of one of the neighbors who is a faith curist, she became imbued with that peculiar belief. I laughed at her, but she remained firm and said she was convinced that she could be cured only through faith. As her illness was nothing serious I said nothing more, congratulating myself that I was ahead what a doctor would have charg-

"It ran along for some time while my, wife continued to gain, and at last she announced that she was fully cured.

"'Now, then, John Henry,' said she, I never again wish to hear you say anything about mind cure being all imaginable. I am sure that I would have been a dead woman if I badn't taken the treatment that I did. And to think he never set eyes on mer

"'He never what? I gasped. "'Set eyes on me! I took the absent treatment. I sent Professor Fake \$5 to treat me by his famous absent treat-"'Do you mean to say,' said I, 'that

you sent a fakir \$5 to treat you? "'That's just what I did! And to think the most wonderful thing about It was that I was aware the moment that he received my letter and opened It. although he was a thousand miles from me! Why, I commenced gaining right from that moment! It is simply wonderful! You can't deny that I am a well woman, and all through wonderful absent treatment that I re-

"I should have said something right then and there had I not heard the postman's whistle and gone to the door to get my mail. There was a letter for my wife from the dead letter office, d when she opened it out dropped her letter to Professor Pake. She had misdirected it, and the fakir had never received it. She says-but on second thought I hadn't better tell you what she says."-Detroit Free Press.

When we had climbed to the top of the mountain, we observed an old man sitting on a rock with a pair of field-glasses in his hands. Every now and them and then whoop continuously for a time with a vigor astonishing, con-sidering his age. sidering his age. For a time we observed him from a respectful distance till finally, being naturally curious, I went up to him. "Why," I asked, "do you rubber that way and then yell so

He turned and eyed me calmly, with a dignity which could have been born of nothing but a great responsibility.

"If you talk to me," he said gravely,

"you'll take my attention, and I'll lose
my job. I, sir, am the echo at the
Mountain House down yonder."

At this point it became necessary for
him to bowl again, and I refred much
impressed.—Princeton Tiger.

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