

AN ACCOMPLISHED MAN.

General Verdy du Vernois, German's New War Minister.

It is strange that the new German Minister of War should be the bearer of a French name. Even in his personal appearance General Verdy du Vernois is far more like the traditional good-humored French Major who plays so important a role in the Parisian farces and vaudevilles than one of those wooden soldiers who are the ideal of the Prussian army.

He is a kind of Ward McAllister of the German army, and no one is able to excel him in the organization of balls, theatricals, picnics and other kinds of social entertainments.

It must not be thought, however, from all this, that the General devotes his time exclusively to such trivialities, for he has published a great many important military writings, most of which have been adopted by the various war departments of Europe as standard works for the staff schools.

Perhaps the most important of all, or, at any rate, the one which attracted most attention, was a thick pamphlet, entitled "Tactical Retrospects" (Taktische Ruckblicke), which contained a sharp and exceedingly clever criticism of the tactics and strategy of the Prussian army in the war of 1866.

General Verdy du Vernois commenced his career at the School of Cadets at Potsdam and shortly after entering the army was attached to the suite of the Russian Governor-General of Poland, at whose side he passed through the whole of the great Polish insurrection.

In 1868 Verdy du Vernois, who had meanwhile advanced to the rank of Major, was attached to the headquarters staff. He greatly distinguished himself during the Franco-German war, at the close of which he was promoted to the rank of Major-General.

In 1872 he underwent a temporary disgrace which resulted in his being transferred from the metropolis to the dreary and dismal fortress of Konigsberg. The causes of his disgrace were the rumors current at the time to the effect that he had availed himself of the knowledge of what was going on at the War Office to give a timely hint to one of the most prominent financiers at Berlin, who was enabled thereby to realize an exceedingly handsome sum on the Stock Exchange.

So remarkable, however, were his talents as a military author that a couple of years later it was found necessary to recall him to the War Office at Berlin to assume charge of the editing of the General Staff History of the Franco-German war.

RIPENED MEATS.

Why Fowls Should Not Be Eaten Immediately After They Are Killed.

People accustomed to fowl and other meats bought in the markets are apt to be disappointed in the quality of the chicken they raise themselves with great care and expectation. To their surprise they find it not so tender and of less delicate flavor, and pleasant anticipations of rewards of country or suburban life are to this extent cruelly crushed.

If a lady will provide a suitable refrigerator and ripen the meat before she cooks it, she will learn with experience that an old fowl well ripened is a daintier morsel than the finest chicken just slain.

DO THE BOYS HALL.

New Facts Concerning Squeers and the School Described by Dickens.

All our informants — county clergymen, intelligent residents, "oldest inhabitants," and such natives as did not feel themselves in honor-bound to keep their mouths shut — agreed on one point, that the system of Yorkshire schools was monstrous and iniquitous to an incredible extent.

For instance, one woman, a native of Bowes, whose sympathies one would naturally imagine to be with the maligned Squeers, told us that she distinctly remembered the boys coming in summer time to her father's fields to help get in the hay.

They that will not be counseled cannot be helped.

More diseases are produced by using brown and perfumed soaps than by any thing else. Why run about with dirt when you know Dobbin's Electric Soap is pure and perfect.

"Brown's Bronchial Troches" are simple and convenient for Bronchial Affections and coughs.

Some years ago I was thrown from a horse in McLennan county, and received a frightful wound on one of my legs. For more than a year I was unable to walk.

The celebrated French Cure, APHRODITINE, is sold on a POSITIVE GUARANTEE to cure any form of nervous disease, or any disorder of the generative organs of either sex.

A WRITTEN GUARANTEE for every \$5.00 order, to refund the money if a Permanent Cure is not effected. Thousands testify from old and young of both sexes, permanently cured by APHRODITINE.

For all cases of irregularities it stands unrivalled; pleasant to take; absolutely safe. By mail, securely sealed in plain wrapper, price \$1.50.

Stranger Than Fiction.

A retired clergyman, the sands of whose life have nearly run out, writes to us as follows: "In the year 1879 I was pastor of a church in Herkimer.

Two men from the marshy districts of Tennessee, stood looking in at the window of a Chicago restaurant. One of them, with a movement of surprise, pointed at a lobster and exclaimed: "Great Caesar, Live, look that! You may talk about tall buildin's an' all that, but I'll be blamed if that isn't the biggest crawfish I ever saw.

There is nothing so bad in a pocket as a hole, and the same operation may be made of a bag. A tear may be sewed up and be as good as ever, but a bag that has had a year's use and has holes worn in it will very quickly waste grain enough to pay for a new one.

SURE CURE FOR PILES.

Sure cure for blind, bleeding and itching Piles. One box has cured the worst cases of ten years standing. No one need suffer ten minutes after using Kirk's German Pile Ointment.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Remedy, made at Rondout, N. Y. \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Druggists and sent by mail on receipt of price.

Drop my eyes. I call the attention of those suffering with dropsy to the fair proposition of Dr. H. H. Green & Sons in their advertisement on this page.

They that will not be counseled cannot be helped. One by one the roses fall, but "Tanstill's Punch" Cigar outlives them all.

True politeness springs from a consciousness of human worth. "Brown's Bronchial Troches" are simple and convenient for Bronchial Affections and coughs.

All Publishers needing power should buy the "Excelsior" Engine & Boiler (steel).

Advertisement for Singers Sewing Machines, featuring an illustration of the machine and text describing its quality and availability.

THE CELEBRATED FRENCH CURE, APHRODITINE. A GUARANTEE TO CURE ANY FORM OF NERVOUS DISEASE, OR ANY DISORDER OF THE GENERATIVE ORGANS OF EITHER SEX.

Advertisement for Paine's Celery Compound, featuring an illustration of a cow and text describing its benefits for various ailments.

Advertisement for Pacific Land and Loan Co., offering a \$160 per month loan with expenses represented. Located in San Francisco, California.

Advertisement for Pisto's Cure for Consumption, featuring an illustration of a man and text describing its effectiveness for respiratory ailments.

Advertisement for a Big Show at Smith's Cash Store, listing various goods for sale such as dry goods, notions, and household items.

We always find wit and merit in those who look at us with admiration.

What wrought the change? This woman's face is ruddy with a rose's grace. Her eyes are bright, Her heart is light.

I can tell you what wrought the change in her. She was told by a friend, who, like her, had suffered untold misery from a complication of female troubles, that Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription would certainly cure her.

Dr. Pierce's Pellets, one a dose. Cure head-ache, constipation and indigestion.

HOW I SAVED MY LIFE.

I was taken sick while at the dinner table with terrible distress in my stomach. Before this I had been hearty and strong. For fourteen days I kept getting worse, despite the efforts of two doctors.

The great art of life is to play for much, and stake little. CHICHESTER'S ENGLISH PENNYROYAL PILLS.

Advertisement for Singers Sewing Machines, featuring an illustration of the machine and text describing its quality and availability.

THE "OHIO" TUBULAR WELL AND PROSPECTING MACHINE. SELF CLEANING. DRILL DROPS 60 TO 90 FEET IN 20 MINUTES.

SALENA APPLICATOR FOR PILES. An All-Round Disease. By means of this New Instrument patients treated themselves AT HOME.

REWARD - If you have an Old Sore that needs healing, and that other remedies have failed to cure, or a breaking out or itching of the scalp or body, or a Boil, Burn, Cut, or any ailment for which a Salve is suitable, buy a 2-cent box of Mexican Salve.

Advertisement for William Beck & Son, Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Guns and Sporting Goods. Located in Portland, Oregon.

Advertisement for Fishing Tackle, featuring an illustration of a fish and text listing various fishing equipment available.

Advertisement for Agents and Peddlars, offering Wholesale Price List of Notions, Stationery, Household Articles, and T. A. Moody's products.

Advertisement for Steinway, Mason, Frame & Piano, listing various musical instruments for sale.

Advertisement for Wanted - An active, honest, ambitious man or woman of tact and business push in every county on the coast.

Advertisement for Electrotype and Stereotype Foundry, established in Portland, featuring an illustration of a man and text describing their services.

Idleness is a Dangerous Fault in the Kidneys. When inactive they steadily fall into disrepair. Those obstinate and fatal maladies, Bright's disease and diabetes, ensue with terrible certainty upon the inaction of the organs affected.

White Elephant of Siam, Lion of England, Dragon of China, Cress of Switzer, land, Banner of Persia, Crescent of Egypt, Double Eagle of Russia, Star of Chili, the Circle of Japan, Harp of Erin.

The man who can't be angry is a fool; the man who will not allow himself to be, is wise.

Consumption Surely Cured. To the Editor, - Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease.

Advertisement for Orators, featuring an illustration of a man speaking and text describing their products for public speaking.

Advertisement for Brilliant Dyes, Durables, Economical. Are Diamond Dyes. They excel all others in Strength, Purity and Fastness.

Advertisement for Diamond Paints, Gold, Silver, Bronze, Copper. Only 10 Cents.

Advertisement for Dwight's Cow Brand Soda & Saleratus, featuring an illustration of a cow and text describing the product's quality.

Advertisement for Dr. Pardee's Remedy, The Great Cure for Indigestion and Constipation.

Advertisement for Pardee's Remedy, featuring an illustration of a man and text describing its effectiveness for various ailments.

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Advertisement for Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder, featuring an illustration of a powder tin and text describing its quality.

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