What General Wolseley Thinks of the Armies of the Two Countries. I take the German army as the highest existing type of the military system and organization which the changes effected in armies by the French revolution have led up to, and much as I admire that army as a soldier, I admire it still more as a citizen. Great as it is for war, it is indefinitely greater as a national school for the moral, mental and physical training of the people. Designed exclusively for war, it has become the most important of peace institutions. In it all Germans are trained to strength and and taught the first principles of personal cleanliness and of health. There they learn to be honest and manly, and are taught the excellence of those virtues which serve to make men good subjects and lawabiding citizens. It is the school of the nation, in which deep love of fatherland is fostered and cherished, and where all classes learn that there is honor in obedience and nobility in self-sacrifice. The principle that merit should be adequately rewarded, which according to Carlyle was the unconscious desire of the French revolution. is realized almost perfectly in the Germany army of to-day. The German non-commissioned officer after serving twelve years with the colors, knows that he will be offered civil employment on the railways or in the police or customs forces, and that this civipost will be one higher in honor, and generally with better pay attached to it, than he would have been at all likely to reach in the open competition of life. And so be devotes himself to his duties when in the army with an ardor elsewhere unknown. It is a common complaint in France, on the other hand, that their non-commissioned officers are not as good as they might be, and that they are not extremely energetic may, perhaps, be inferred from the fact that their energy is not afterward rewarded by an assured and high place in civil life. Furthermore, it is said that the gentlemen volunteers of one year are not the source of strength they should be to the French army. In Germany these young gentlemen, we hear, are required to live for six weeks or so in the barracks with the common soldiers. but after this period, in which they are supposed to have learned the routine of barracks life, they are allowed to take private lodgings, and so relieved from the companionship which is distasteful to them. In France the vo unteer is compelled to pass his year in the Chambree, side by side with the peasant or workingman, who he not infrequently subsidizes and turns into a servant. In France the spirit of equality seems here to be pushed a little too far. and we are informed the result is that the gentleman volunteer becomes discontented, while the private soldier is not benefitted. But however real these causes of complaint may be, it can searcely be denied that in Germany. and in France also, the army is the great training school of the nation in virtues which can not be too highly esteemed General Wolseley, in Fortnightly Review.

#### HUMOR ON WHISKERS.

Peculiar Observations Made by a Disgruntled Phitosopher.

What is there that is so tremendously funny about the word whiskers? Instance where the use of it will not raise a laugh are hard to find. Hard as the fact may be to explain, it is nevertheless true that jokes in which whiskers, or reference to them, no matter how irrelevantly made, excite more merriment than any other form of wittieism under the sun. A, let us say, who is smooth shaven meets B. who rejoices in a flowing set of jowl trimmings. "Ha," says A, "you're looking pretty fine this morning, B; whiskers are well, I see," Wherenpon A laughs uproariously and strides off leaving B sure that a good thing has been said, but slightly mystified as to its general purport. In the theater the word is indispensable to the low comedian. In a play I witnessed some little time ago one of the comedians walked on the stage wearing a long set of gray whiskers "Golly," cried the second comedian, who was standing near by, "what a chance for the wind!" Whereat the parquette tittered the balcony laughed and the gallery howled itself into fits. For the boardinghouse funny man to remark that "the butter has whiskers on it" is to ensure him a round of applause from his friends at the table, while if he makes the observation that the tardy dude of the establishment, who is late for dinner, is "combing his whiskers," his reputation as a wit will be firmly established for all time. It is all very wonderful, but very mysterious. Perhaps, in order to understand the fall amount of humor contained in a reference to whiskers, it is necessary to wear them. It is almost worth while raising a set to flud it out. - Chicago Journal.

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#### THE TURTLE'S HOME.

An Immense Rendezvous of the Reptiles on an Orinoco Island.

American continent, but a few hundred on ice. - Demorest. miles from the Atlantic coast, there lies mountains lying between the basins of evening. the Orinoco and Amazon rivers, and befeatures of great interest.

The Sierra Parima, a mountain range and plateau lying wholly within the re- dessert, especially the red and white public of Venezuela, has lately been ex- varieties, mixed. Take the clean, plored for the first time by a European, whole bunches, and dip them, holding by M. Chaffanjon, a French geographer. by the stem, into beaten white of egg, He traced the sources of the Orinoco then into finely powdered sugar, dry river to a little torrent which falls in a for an hour, and then repeat. series of cascades from one of the mountains of the Parima.

M. Chaffanjon describes in his account ning to roll. An herb omlet is made by of his journey was an immense rendez- chopping parsley, thyme and sweet yous of turtles, which had gathered for marjoram in any desired quantity, and the purpose of laying their eggs, on stirring in the mixtures before it is put the little island of Buena Vista, in the in the pan.

\_...Many turtles are to be encountered," M. Chaffanjon says, "all along the tablespoonfuls of melted butter, three Orinoco, but at this island of Buena Vista, where nature seems to have ar- in jelly tins. Cream-One cup of sour ranged every thing for their convenience, their number is very great. The island is about a league in length and surrounded by sloping banks of sand. In this fine sand the turtles deposit their eggs, which are hatched by the heat of the sun.

"Some time in the month of February thousands of turtles come out upon the shore of the island as well as upon the neighboring banks of the river, and begin promounding up and down as if ascertaining whether it is entirely safe to lay their eggs. But they do not begin laying until March. Then they dig a number of little holes in the sand, in which each female deposits from eighty to one hundred and twenty eggs"

The French traveler observed the habits of these animals by hiding himself, wrapped in his planket, behind a hillock of sand close to the edge of the books, river. A little after nightfall the turtles began coming out of the water, proceeding very cautiously, holding their heads erect and waiting long, as if they feared the approach of their Circle of Japan, Harp of Erin, To get these buy a box of the genuine DR. C. McLane's Celebrated Liver

The half-breed Indians who accompanied M. Chaffanjon assured him, however, that the turtles would not be- matic cards. gin to lay their eggs until the Southern Cross, which is the characteristic object of the firmament in the Southern teth hemisphere, was completely formedthat is, not until the four stars which form the cross had moved on through the heavens, until they were perpendicular with the horizon.

In fact, at midnight the great mass of the turtles had gone back into the river without laying, leaving but a few of their companions behind them to act as sentinels. But at half-past two in the morning, at the moment when the Southern Cross seemed exactly perpendicular with the horizon, a great fluttering was perceived on the shore of the river; the turtles were coming out in battalions.

They scattered rapidly in every direction, digging up the sand, laying their eggs and covering them over again, and apparently taking great pains to leave the surface looking as they found it-

M. Chaffanjon and his companions captured three of these turtles, the shell of one of which measured eightyfive inches in length by twenty-three in width. Its weight was more than sixtyseven pounds.

The natives capture large numbers of the eggs of these turtles, as well as of the creatures themselves, which are used in the manufacture of a kind of

The appearance of the turtles upor the beach at the apparent moment of the complete formation the Southern Cross, on each night during their laying season, is undoubtedly due to coindence, and the supestitious natives connect the two circumstances, just as the ancient Egyptians connected the setting of the constellation Arcturus with the of the constellation Arcturus with the rising of the Nile. - Youth's Companion.

#### The Nature of Mushrooms.

It is a curious thing that concerning the mushroom, which is to be found everywhere in such abundance, and which would make so valuable an which would make so valuable an sold by druggists, \$1; six for \$5. Prepared only by article of food if properly used, Amer. C. I. Hood & Co., Apothecaries, Lowell, Mass. icans are generally so ignorant that as a rule they can not tell it from a toadstool; and although nearly every Irishwoman can bring in a basket of mushrooms out of hand, even then many are afraid to eat them. Certain people will claim that any thing with gills-parallel edges lining all the under side-is edible, but will not eat it themselves others claim that the gill must be of s particular color. These will have only the mushroom grown in a cellar, those only the mushroom grown with nothing between it and the sky. The mushroom loved in Italy is rejected in England. and the best English mushroom of all is regarded in Italy as of the same nature as the evil-eye. It would be well worth while to have some instruction made common as to the general nature of this growth, the innocence of some species and the deleterious quality of

others. - San Francisco Argonaut. -An odd scene occurred the other day in two hay fields not an eighth of s mile a part in Lancaster, Pa. In one all work was stopped for the day by s vinegar, and to give to them a flavor of pouring rain, while in the other not & N. P. N. U. No. 302 -8 P. N. U. No. 379 drop fell all day.

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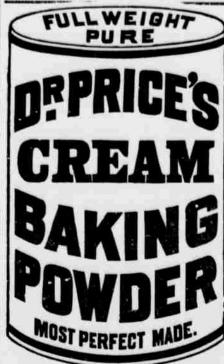
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