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WAR PICTURES.
Life in Vicksburg When It Was Besieged by Grant.
[From "A Woman's Diary of the Siege," in the Century.]
May 29—Since that day the regular siege has continued. We are utterly cut off from the world, surrounded by a circle of fire. Would it be wise like the scorpion to sting ourselves to death? The fiery shower of shells goes on day and night. H—'s occupation, of course, is gone, his office closed. Every man has to carry a pass in his pocket. People do nothing but eat what they can get, sleep when they can, and dodge the shells. There are three intervals when the shelling stops, either for the guns to cool or the gunners' meals, I suppose—about 8 o'clock in the morning. In that time we have both to prepare and eat our. Clothing cannot be washed or anything else done. On the 19th and 20th, when the assaults were made on the lines, I watched the soldiers cooking on the green opposite. The half-spent balls coming all the way from those lines were flying so thick that they were obliged to dodge at every turn. At all the caves I could see from my high perch, people were sitting, eating their poor suppers at the cave doors, ready to plunge in again. As the first shell again flew they dived, and not a human being was visible. The sharp crackle of the musketry-firing was a strong contrast to the scream of the bombs. I think all the dogs and cats must be killed or starved; we don't see any more pitiful animals prowling around. . . . The cellar is so damp and musty the bedding has to be carried out and laid in the sun every day, with the forecast that it may be demolished at any moment. The confinement is dreadful. To sit and listen as if waiting for death in a horrible manner would drive me insane. I don't know what others do, but we read when I am not scribbling in this. H— borrowed somewhere a lot of Dickens' novels, and we reread them by the dim light in the cellar. When the shelling abates, H— goes to walk about a little or get the *Daily Citizen*, which is still issuing a tiny sheet at 25 and 50 cents a copy. It is, of course, but a relish of speculations, which amuses a half hour. To-day he heard while out that expert swimmers are crossing the Mississippi on logs at night to bring and carry news to Johnston. I am so tired of corn bread, which I never liked, that I eat it with tears in my eyes. We were lucky to get a quart of milk daily from a family near who have a cow they hourly expect to be killed. I send \$5 to market each morning, and it buys a small piece of mule meat. Rice and milk is my main food; I can't eat the mule meat. We boil the rice and eat it cold with milk for supper. Martha runs the gauntlet to buy the meat and milk once a day in a perfect terror. The shells seem to have many different names; I hear the soldiers say, "That's a mortar-shell. There goes a Parrott. There's a rifle-shell." They are all equally terrible. A pair of chimney-swallows have built in the parlor chimney. The concussion of the house often sends down parts of their nests, which they patiently pick up and reascend with.

People.
Oscar Wilde has named his son and heir "Cyril."
George W. Childs has named his superb country residence "Wootton."
Miss Cleveland has consented to have her portrait put in the next edition of her book.
Canon Farrar says he is coming to America chiefly to see Niagara Falls and the Yosemite Valley.
Princess Marie, who is to marry Prince Waldemar, is one of the richest young women in Europe.
Don Fernando, king of Portugal, is suffering from throat cancer like to General Grant's affliction.
Dr. Hierme Retsof, a German oculist of note, says the electric light produces color blindness.
Mrs. Pavy, widow of Dr. Pavy, of Greeley expedition fame, is preparing a biography of her husband for the English press.
Dr. Ward, the President's companion in rural retreat, says Cleveland walks five miles every morning and without fatigue.
Henry Ward Beecher says he has been preaching over fifty years and his next call and settlement will probably be in Greenwood Cemetery.
Lady Dufferin is engaged in a philanthropic effort to introduce lady doctors into India, as the native women refuse to be treated by doctors not of their own sex.
Rev. S. F. Smith, author of "My Country 'Tis of Thee," is still a robust-looking gentleman, although the national hymn which made him celebrated was published in 1832.
King Oscar, of Sweden, and his son Gustaf, paid a visit to the United States ship *Pennacola*, lying off Stockholm, the other day, and were received with honors and shown over the ship.
Whittier, the poet, is to have a town named for him. Clark Whittier has bought 60,000 acres of land in North Carolina and will lay out the town of "Whittier," in honor of his brother.
The Rev. Samuel Duncan, a Baptist clergyman of Rochester, will preside over Vassar. He is a fighter, having left his theological studies and raised a company that fought well in the late war.
Grace Darling is to have a memorial window in the parish church of Bumborough, the edifice over her tomb having become destroyed by the same element which the heroine fought with such distinction.
Oliver Wendell Holmes was presented on his birthday with a copy of a sketch of his life, with some of his best poems printed in raised letters for the use of the blind of Perkins' Institute. Dr. Holmes says this was the most delightful experience in his literary history.
Edward Everett Hales says "Grant's book, so strong and simple in style, will be more read three centuries hence than any other English narrative." In the meantime everybody should have a handsomely bound copy on the parlor table alongside the family Bible.
Mrs. Ardell, a plain little Irish widow, living in an obscure cottage with her two children in the south of Ireland, which place she never leaves except one month in the year to visit London to build the frame-work of her novels, is said to be "The Duchess." She has a brother in New York.
A Profusion of Pleasures.
I do not know which affords me the most pleasure—to sit for a photograph and be stabbed in the cerebellum with a cast-iron prong, to be fed in the presence of a mixed company of strangers, or to be called on without any preparation to make a farewell speech on the gallows.—[Bill Nave.]

Marriage Episodes.
A Sidney, Neb., bachelor answered a matrimonial advertisement in an Omaha paper a few days ago, requesting a photograph. The lady replied, sending not only her own photograph, but with great liberality transmitting those of her four children by her first husband as well. The Sidney bachelor is yet unmarried.
A wealthy widower, of Green Valley, Sonoma Co., between 70 and 80 years of age, recently offered a neighbor \$500 if he would find him a wife. The bargain was concluded, a young lady was brought out from the East and was married to the aged widower, and all hands seem satisfied.
A man of 70 and a woman of about the same age were married recently in the vicinity of East Greenwich, R. I. The couple are old lovers, having been engaged to each other more than half a century ago, but a quarrel and they separated. Each, however, married and raised a family. Death broke into both families and the old lovers were again free, which fact having come to the ears of the groom he hunted up his early sweetheart, a meeting was arranged for and their marriage was the result.
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Where the Negroes Came From.
There are a few negroes in this country, says a newspaper writer, who know from what African tribes they sprang, and just where their ancestors lived in the dark continent before they came to America in the holds of slave ships. By far the larger part of our African fellow-citizens came originally from the dense forests of Senegambia, Liberia, and Guinea, many from the low downs and lightly-timbered region of the lower Congo, and a much smaller number from the half sterile seaboard of Portuguese Angola. The further inland station of white slave dealers was at Boma, on the Congo, only sixty-five miles from the ocean. The territory from which they filled their slave-pens extended inland only as far as Isangila, Stanley's second station, 150 miles from the coast. The American slave trade, except in the Niger basin, was a traffic in coast negroes. Behind the mountain barriers that divided the low-lying seaboard from the plateaus of Central Africa, dwelt millions of other and very different people whom Livingstone and his successors have made known to the world.
According to the testimony of all travelers, the American negroes are for the most part derived from the least intelligent and the most unfortunate of the African races. The subdivisions of the Bantu family, from the Niam-Niams north of the equator to the Kafirs of the southern coast, are quite distinct in their physical, mental, and social development from the true negro. The Congo explorers tell us that the higher they ascend the river the finer the human type becomes. The typical Bantu is pictured to us as tall and upright, with small hands and well-shaped feet, a high, thin nose, a beard and mustache, and a plentiful crop of hair. These inland tribes could not be enslaved by the coast chiefs. They have never paid tribute in men or ivory to their weaker neighbors of the seaboard. It was not until Arabs from Zanzibar came among them with fire-arms that they began to fill foreign slave markets of Egypt, Turkey, and Persia.—[Ex.]

Preparing to Encounter Disease.
The prevalence of malarial disorders being dependent upon vitiated conditions of atmosphere and water is, in certain regions, of course, inevitable. The grand question, therefore, that presents itself to every resident of a fever-stricken locality is, "What means shall I adopt to escape the dreaded scourge?" For a third of a century Hostetter's Stomach Bitters has been the embodied answer to this question. In thickly populated, and sparsely settled districts alike, in town and country, it has afforded constant protection against malarial infection to those who have used it. It eradicates and prevents, with equal certainty, fever and ague, bilious remittent, dumb ague and ague cake, and milfies, also the pernicious after-effects of using persistently the hurtful alkaloid sulphate of quinine. It also remedies, with thoroughness, dyspepsia, liver complaint, constipation, debility and rheumatism.
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