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It is agreed, in any event, that the wounded after a battle cannot be kept in the battleship, with its numerous water-tight compartments and its complicated mechanism. They will have to be transferred to a hospital as quickly as possible and this exigency has already caused a new institution, the ambulance ship, which will be a necessary accompaniment of every ship.

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return is eminently patriotic and praiseworthy. It will make for a large enlistment and for valiant service in the field. It is just such action as fits the situation in the United States, where the citizen of today is the soldier of tomorrow, and the war being over, he returns at once again to peaceful avocation.

The soldier is but poorly paid at best. It is but seldom that he fights for money, but money nevertheless must be part of his calculation. Those dependent upon him for support must continue to be provided for. He sacrifices a great deal when he leaves them, taking all of a soldier's risks and reducing them as well as himself to the meager earnings of the camp. To set his mind at rest on this point, therefore, to provide for his family in his absence by continuing his salary to them, will be no increase his usefulness an hundredfold.

He will likewise greatly benefit by the reflection that he is not losing ground at home during his absence. If he survives the war he will not have to begin at the bottom again or be forced to scurry around in search of employment. His old place will remain open to him. His chair will be kept at the table both in his own house and in that of his employer. Things will not have moved on leaving him behind.

These are wise provisions, and if the soldier should prove to be at all fierce or protracted they are likely to be followed by others, showing the proper appreciation of the services of those who take the field in support of the country. The volunteer soldier encounters many hardships. He risks his life off as well as on the field of battle. The sudden change from the pursuits of peace to the trials of the camp and the march is of itself very severe. He is entitled to all consideration, both as regards his services in the field and opportunity for him after the war is over. Whatever is calculated therefore, to give him additional heart for the struggle and comfort while he is engaged in it adds to the fighting resources of the country.

THE ARRIVAL OF THE MILLENIUM.

The date of the advent of this happy period has so often been fixed by prophets of many creeds, and there has been so many disappointments that a grave doubt of its reality has gotten in the minds even of the credulous. Its arrival would be welcome especially in our larger cities where crime seems rampant. But those acquainted with the facts—and their name is legion—know many physicians of eminence, are aware from personal observation and experience that Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is an admirable means of preventing and remedying kidney and bladder complaints, liver and material trouble, constipation, sickness, headache, nervousness and nausea are all overcome by this benedict regulator and tonic. When appetite is impaired and sleep broken or unrefreshing, a wine-glassful shortly before meals and before retiring will do much to remedy the difficulty. Use with regularity.

If the average temperance bicyclist were endeavoring to win a prize for hideous costumes there wouldn't be worse sights than are out in force on the streets. It has been held that consumption is hereditary, and the fact that one person of a family had died with consumption was considered a sure sign that others of the family could not escape it. This is partly true and partly untrue. A man with weak lungs is likely to transmit that weakness to his children. But there is no reason in the world why the weakness should be allowed to develop. Keep the lungs full of rich red, wholesome blood and the weakness will disappear. Decaying tissues will be thrown off, and new material will be added until the things are well and perfectly strong again. This is the thing that Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery does. This is what makes it cure 20 per cent of all cases of consumption where it is taken according to directions. It cures all disease, arm whatever may be in the body and forces them out of the system. It supports the body with rich life-giving properties. It makes the appetite good, digestion perfect. Send 25 cents in postage stamps to World's Historical Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y., and receive Dr. Pierce's free page "Common Sense Medical Advice," professedly illustrated.

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Letitia, —, schr, 225 tons, San Fran-

cisco.

Chehalis, —, bkt, 642 tons, Naga-

saki.

Viking, —, schr, 138 tons, San Fran-

cisco.

Queen, —, schr, 282 tons, San Fran-

cisco.

Ralph J. Long, —, schr, 24 tons, San Fran-

cisco.

Glen, —, schr, 24 tons, Huemene.

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