

PROMOTED THE KING.

Italian Zouaves Once Voted to Make Their Ruler a Corporal.

During the battle of Palestro, in 1859, the Americans in three columns attacked the Piedmontese in order to throw them back across the Sesia. The right and center columns were repulsed, but the left continued to advance and threatened danger. At that moment the Third zouaves, led by Colonel Chabran and obeying the orders of Victor Emmanuel II, attacked the Austrians with the bayonet, threw the enemy back across the bridge over the Sesia and drowned many of them in the Maseria canal.

In this memorable battle the king was constantly in the fiercest of the fight. The zouaves were enchanted with his prowess, and in the evening a sergeant of the regiment proposed that they should send a congratulatory address to his majesty.

"Let's raise him to the rank of corporal," suggested one, which proposal was unanimously adopted. The scholar of the company thereupon set down in his finest calligraphy:

"By the wish of the Third regiment of zouaves Victor Emmanuel, by trade king of Sardinia, is appointed unanimously a corporal in the said regiment."

Then, while the wish was hot, a delegation of corporals and men went to Castle Torlonia, where the king was staying. The delegation was announced. The king was pleased to receive it at once, notwithstanding the fact that he was in his shirt sleeves. He was greatly moved by the token of admiration, pressed the stripes to his heart, and conveyed his thanks in such terms that the zouaves, in a delirium of joy, cheered him as if they would never stop, and in taking their leave one and all embraced their newly appointed corporal.—Pearson's.

PERSONAL FLAGS.

Special Emblems For the President and Other Officials.

Until 1881 the president of the United States had no personal flag, his presence on board an American naval vessel being indicated by hoisting the national emblem; at the head of the minnows, and the garrison flag, reserved for times of special ceremony, was displayed on the staff at army posts whenever he visited them.

The need of a special flag for the president was frequently felt, especially when visiting royalty was entertained in this country. In August, 1882, it was directed by the secretary of the navy that "the flag of the president of the United States shall consist of a blue ground, with the arms of the United States in the center. The flag shall be hoisted at the minnows of the vessel of war while the president is on board and shall be carried in the bow of his boat."

For years after this the national flag was used for indicating the presence of the vice president or of an ex-president, but this was more or less confusing, and, besides, it was argued, the stars and stripes properly stand for the nation rather than any individual. For this reason a special flag for the vice president was adopted.

This flag is the same in design as the president's naval blue flag, except that the national coat of arms is emblazoned on a white field on it. Cabinet officers and the assistant secretaries of some of the executive departments also have distinctive flags.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Natural Pillows.

The palmetto tree provides the natives of British Honduras with splendid material for pillows and mattresses. It is a common soft wood growth with a large pear shaped fruit, which has a hard shell, changing to almost black when ripe, and containing a short white brown fluff or silk fiber. The ball is about a quarter of an inch long, more like the bust of camel's hair than fiber, and is used extensively for office pillows and mattresses. It will not become hard, even after years of service. The natives occasionally expose it to the sunlight for a day or two and put it back as good as ever.

Then She Smiled.

The tall, cheerful young man glanced up at the naughty blonde behind the counter and smiled a sunny smile.

"I beg pardon," said he, "but you don't care a thing for beauty, do you?"

"Sir!" retorted the naughty blonde. "How dare you! What do you mean?"

WHEN TURKS FACE MECCA.

No Duty Will Keep the Faithful From Their Devotions.

A Turkish soldier, the only other occupant of the deck, *** taking off his boots, climbed on a settee and stood there in his big bare feet, with folded



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hands, facing, as he thought, toward Mecca.

The boat was headed southwest, so that he faced, as a matter of fact, nearly due west. He had knelt and touched his forehead twice to the bench and was going on with the Muselman prayer when the captain, a rather elegant young man who had served in the navy, murmured something as he passed. The soldier looked round thoughtfully. Without embarrassment, surprise or hurry, he stepped from the settee, pointed it toward the Asiatic shore and, stepping up again, resumed his devotions.

Five times that day, as the faithful are commanded, he said his prayer, a sight that followed us everywhere that week.

Soldiers up in the Gallipoli hills, the captain on the bridge, a steward working on a lighter in the blaze of noon with the winch engines squealing round him—you turn round to find a man, busy the moment before, standing like a statue, hands folded in front of him, facing the east.

Nothing stops him. No one seems to see him. He stands invisible in the visible world—in a world apart, indeed, to which the curious, self conscious westerner is not admitted, where doubtless he is no more than the dust which the other shanks from his feet before he is fit to address his God.—Arthur Ruhl in Collier's Weekly.

A False Alarm.

"I know something, I do, about a member of this family," said little Bobby Slithers triumphantly to his older sister, Mandie.

"Oh, dear!" exclaimed Miss Slithers. "Half a dollar is all I have, Bobby. Will you promise not to tell if I give you that?"

"Sure, I will," answered Bobby in surprise. "But it ain't nothin' on you, sis. It was the cook and the iceman."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

What She Learned.

Mrs. Willis—So your daughter is home from domestic science school. I suppose she has learned several new ways of washing the dishes. Mrs. Gillis—No; she seems to have learned several new ways of getting out of washing them.—Judge.

Don't Worry.

Mrs. Wullaby—De agent says if we ain't got de rent nex' Monday we's got to git out. Sam Wullaby—Nex' Monday? Den we don' need to worry to de nex' fo' days.—Puck.

There are only two roads by which any important goal can be reached—sheer strength and perseverance.—Goethe.

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