

The Three Veterans

A Memorial Day Story By OLIVE HARPER

BANDS of music were leading each detachment of the parade which was arranged to honor the soldiers who lay in the little graveyard on the hill just outside the small town in Virginia where a stubborn battle was fought during the civil war.



THE PEDESTAL KISSED THE PREVIOUS RAGS.

set and wrinkled faces told the story of many years of anxiety and hardship while trying to exist on their pensions. The three men who walked with crutches kept beside a man bearing an old battle-line which they carried as a sacred relic of their original color.

More than one man failed to keep time regularly with his accustomed grace as they saw those three veterans doggedly following that ragged emblem through a mist, and their throats ached as memory brought back the day when it had been fought over, captured and retaken, but at what a cost!

Young girls and young men and even children appeared to feel some kind of sentiment of momentary solemnity befitting the occasion, which, however, soon wore off. Even the older men and women, some of whom had sons lying under the sod, grew more cheerful and, their duty done, they sauntered off to chat with others.

See how it is fixed up and how every one hurries off to admire it! He is a hero! He had to have a derrick to get on his horse so he could keep well out of the firing line to give orders, and he gets the monument, while the men who did the fighting and won the day lie here like a bunch of toothpicks. It makes me mad!

"Well, it is all one to them where they are," said the optimist, blowing a cloud of smoke into the air. "There is no rank where they have gone, and every man is judged according to what he has done, not what others ascribe to him. See how the soldiers are remembered today," answered the third man.

"Yes, they came once a year and staked a couple of five cent flags and a pot of flowers on their graves and forgot them the rest of the year," said the pessimist. "I kind of think Uncle Sam is doing when things go like this. I'd never go to the war again, no matter!"

"Oh, yes, you would; yes, you would! The old flag is just as dear as ever to you, and so is Uncle Sam, and you'd shoulder your gun!" said the optimist. "And so would I!" said the third man, "and so would we all. I don't know that I have anything against the general over there, only—well, I don't know, but the men down here are all right, and he—well, if he can get any real comfort out of his monument let him have it. It isn't meat or drink."

"And maybe it is a little heavy," said the optimist, knocking the ashes out of his pipe. "Let us be going. We have a long tramp before us." "We had a longer one in the Wilderness," said the pessimist. "Where's that color bearer? Oh, Jimmy, come closer!"

Before and After. An eastern editor remarked as follows: "When a girl is first engaged she figures on a ten room house. As time goes on the house gradually diminishes in size until it is a four room structure. Then all the furniture, linens, dishes, and the like, are sold, and the house is leased in a remote part of town. Finally when the wedding comes it is announced that the couple will reside with the bride's father."

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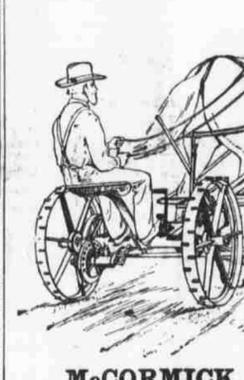
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