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An Old Veteran's Story of an Early Morning Attack In Zero Weather and the Change the Skirmish Wrought In His Half Frozen Body.

"The expression 'heat of battle' is more than a mere poetic figure of speech descriptive of the fierce glow of emotion the soldier feels when in the midst of conflict," said a southern soldier who was an officer under Colonel Mosby. "It describes exactly the sensible, physical condition the soldier feels, no matter what the temperature may be

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"That this is true was evidenced by my own experience during the war between the states. It was in February. 1864, and Colonel Mosby, with some bundred of us, was camped near Upperville, a village in Virginia about thirty miles south of Harpers Ferry. Late one afternoon our leader received a dispatch from General Lee to make a forced march that night and attack

a body of Federal troops that was stationed on Loudon heights, which overlook Harpers Ferry. The weather was bitter cold, the coldest that had been known in that section for many years. The mercury was coquetting around zero, a six inch fall of snow, half melted and frozen again, made the roads almost impassable, and a stiff north wind, added to these other evils, made the outlook for a pleasant dash of thirty miles a most dismally improb-

"It was about sunset when, muffled to the eyes against the biting frost and bitter wind, our column left camp at Upperville. For the first ten miles our squadron, made up of veterans inured to all manner of hardships, did not suffer much, and occasionally some one would even essay a joke. But in the second ten miles the cold, that had slowly eaten its way through overcoat and jacket and shirt, began to bite into our bodies. To restore life to our numb legs we would take our feet from the stirrups and let them hang until the circulation was restored-an old trick with those compelled to ride much in the cold-and we would keep our hands and arms in some measure warm by beating them against our bodies or clapping them severely together.

"The second ten was bad enough. I say, but the last was-well, a polar nightmare. The vitality seemed to be frozen out of man and beast. For hours the borses stumbled through the snow bearing a troop as silent as the dead save for an occasional thumping of some poor devil's half frozen arms against his side as he sought to restore life to the deadened limbs. When I took my feet out of the stirrups to help the circulation I would have to take my hands and lift my legs up to get the feet back in place, so lost to all sensation were

they. "At length about 3 o'clock in the morning we saw the lights of the en-

SCIENTIFIC MYSTERIES.

The Problems of Mind, Life, Gravita-Times When Rebellious Soldiers Gamtion and Electricity. bled For Their Lives.

MILITARY PUNISHMENTS.

that its whole weight rested on one

toe, and that again on a sharp pointed

To "ride the wooden horse" was to

be mounted on a razor edge, with

Running the gantlet, or "gante-

lope," was as old as the Cromwellian

army, and it is thus described in an

army order about 1649: The culprits

(who had been guilty of blasphemy as

well as deer stealing) were to be

"stripped naked from the waist up-

ward and a lane made by half the

lord general's regiment of foot and

half Colonel Pride's, with every man

a cudgel in his hand. They were to

be run through in this posture so that

every soldier might have a stroke at

their naked backs, breasts or arms

wherever it might alight."-Pearson's.

GETTING TIRED.

Fatigue That Follows Monotony of

Work or Exercise.

It is said that for horses the hardest

road out of London is the most level

one. There are no hills to climb and

descend, and the tired horse has no

chance to rest one set of muscles

while another works. Monotony pro

duces fatigue, and because this par-

ticular road is one dead, monotonous

level more horses die on it than on

We can even take a charitable view

of the time taken daily by the type-

writer piri for the arrangement of her

hair. Her fingers are congested by

the work of writing and tired by con-

tact with the hard keys of her ma-

chine, and the different feeling of her

hair and the little plays and move-

ments of her fingers in adjusting it

Fatigue following long continued ex-

ercise is really a mild form of illness

which arises from overexerting some

one part of the body. In writing, for

instance, the fingers move up and

down hardly more than a quarter of

an inch as they travel across the page.

muscles and burns up tissue in the

tingers very fast. If rest intervals are

too short and infrequent, there is not

Yet this is hard work for their little

are a distinct stimulation and relief.

any other leading out of London.

weights fastened to the extremities.

most remarkable state, condition In times past the military code in or point in nature, the absolute zero England was no less stern and uncompromising than the civil. Sentence of of temperature, has been reached to death was readily decreed and as within three degrees. This is conpromptly executed. Where offenses sidered to be a great scientific achievemultiplied and wholesale executions ment. Hydrogen gas was solidified would have weakened the army nuinto pure white ice, and this was emmerically decimation-the slaughter of ployed in the process of cooling heevery tenth man-was the rule, or the llum, and all works of the hand of troops gambled for their lives by castman were surpassed. The temperature ing dice upon a drumbead or drawing sank lower and lower until a point only three degrees from absolute was lots under the gallows tree. Lesser penalties-not capital, but reached, but the obdurate helium did

physical, and causing pain with pernot even liquefy. manent degradation-were maiming. The imagination, however vivid, canbranding the cheek or forehead, bor not encompass what this intense cold ing the tongue or cutting the nose and implies. It may be the death of the These last named were retained activity of matter-that is, a state of upon the military statute book until rest so far as chemical reaction is conthe reign of Queen Anne. The "trapcerned. Thus if the true zero of napado" was a flendish device by which ture can be reached it may obtain that a delinquent was hoisted on high by a matter will put on new aspects and rope fastened to his arms and then hitherto unknown properties, or it may dropped down by a sudden jerk that expire, become chemically inert, total often dislocated his shoulders. Hangly devoid of nent and lifeless. ing by the thumbs, sometimes called Still even then the standing mystery "picketing," was also practiced, while ever confronting man, always awaitthe body was raised to such a height

ing explanation, gravitation, will act. Nothing known can affect the universal attraction, forever directly as to mass, whether hot or cold.

However, the three degrees may never be overcome, or, indeed, they may, for it is now thought that science has no limits, the scientific mind being capable of solving all problems-so saith some mentologists.

The capital problem is first to discover what mind is, then life, next gravitation, next electricity, and reach a climax in finding how it is that gaseous masses glow and issue light when existing in frigid voids at zero absolute.

There is no solution in sight for any of these perplexing problems and harassing. No progress whatever has been made in finding what mind is, the reason being doubtless that mind is unable to think of itself. On trial it will be soon discovered that one is unable to set up a train of reasoning regarding his own or another's mind. "His own" implies an owner, but no fact as to who this owner is has ever been discovered. Humans are not perfect. -Edgar Lucien Larkin in New York American.

Belled the Boundary.

"Artificial boundaries" are generally invisible. But a highly artificial one forces itself upon the notice of the traveler by rail between the Lake of Lugano and Lake Maggiore. The frontier between Italy and Switzerland is followed for a considerable portion of the journey, and it is marked by a lofty barrier of wire netting hung with bells for the purpose of preventing smugglers from getting into Italy without attracting the attention of armed defenders of Italian' revenue. In extreme contrast with this is the natural boundary between Italy and France provided by Mont Blanc, which in spite of its naturalness is so vague that it is still undetermined, though scarcely worth disputing, whether the summit of the mountain is Franco-Italian or all French.-London Chrou-

Mortification Well Earned. An Englishman, alone with Richard-



emy's picket fires and could distinguish the muffled forms of the sentries as they paced their beats. There was a small strip of woods that ran to within a hundred or less yards of the Federal camp, and in this we formed for the attack. My hands were so old that I was unable to cock the nammers of my revolvers with my humb, but was compelled to effect it with my teeth, holding the pistol beween my numbed fists and drawing tack the hammer by gripping it in my eeth and pulling it back until it aught

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"At length all was in readiness. As sat there, barely able to grasp my evolvers, the "Charge!" rang out, and he next moment we were in the midst f the enemy, who were too astounded t an attack on such a bitter night to ffer much resistance and for the most art fled down to Harpers Ferry to he main body. Some of them, howver, put up a stout fight for men wakened from warm sleep to fight to he death in the bitter night air, and a couple of minutes we had all we ould do, but it was soon over, and re were in possession of the camp.

"When I came to myself I found I as sitting with one leg thrown over he pummel of my saddle, my overout and jacket flung wide open, while ay shirt, opened to the last button. llowed a grateful zero zephyr to play pon my bare sweating breast. In iy hand, from which I had pulled the love, moist with sweat, I was holdig my hat, with which I was vigorusly fanning myself.

"And less than five minutes before I ad been so chilled that had I been in comfortable house with a physician hand he would have filled me full hot drinks, wrapped me in blankets id kept me in bed a couple of days. "No," concluded the veteran. "the eat of battle' is something more an a mere figure of speech."-New ork Times.

Pills to Prevent Earthquakes. "I remember." says Addison in the to hundred and fortleth Tatler. rhen our whole Island was shaken lith an earthquake some years ago ere was an impudent mountebank ao sold pills which, as he told the untry people, were 'very good ainst an earthquake.'"-Letter in ndon Saturday Review.

're made it a practice to put all worries down in the bottom of my art, then set on the ild an' smile .--B. Wiggs.

time for the removal of the waste products of this destruction through the normal channels of the body and congestion results. The feeling of fatigue or pain that follows long continued use of any of the muscles is due to the influence of such poisonous material, as well as to the stretching of the tissues caused by the pressure of the blood which settles there.-Paul W. Goldsbury in Atlantic.

Puzzled the Englishman.

A Philadelphian who had been entertaining a friend from London for several days noticed that his guest appeared to be in deep thought at dinner the other evening. "What's the matter?" he asked, fearing that the Englishman was ill or worried or home sick. "I'm rawther puzzled, old chap," replied the Londoner. "I really cawn't make out what the blawsted bounder meaut. I was lost in your city the other day, and I dropped into an apart ment house to ask my way. A fellow was loading freight on a bally lift. I awsked him, 'Me good man, can you tell me how far down is Spruce street? And that fellow said, 'I don't know old top; my elevator only runs to the basement.' Now, what the dickens did that bloke mean?"-Philadelphia Reord.

Largest Ice River.

The great antarctic river discovered by Lleutenant Shackleton is the largest ice river known and represents the only visible outflow from the vast ice sheet of the southern continent. This Ellen Terry in McCiure's Magazine. the Beardmore glacler descends 6,000 feet between sandstone hills and is 100 miles long by 50 wide. The Malaspina glacier in Alaska covers nearly 600 square miles, Himalayan glaciers reach a length of twenty miles, and the longest Alpine giacier is sixteen mlles.

Harking Back.

"You were telling Miss Gaussip this morning that you were going to be married again, weren't you?" said the shrewd man.

"Why, yes," the widower gasped in "How did you know ?" surprise. "After you left her she began to count on her fingers." - Philadelphia

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Press.

Knicker-Did they name the baby for a wealthy relative so he would leave something? Bocker-No. They name ! it for the cook so she wouldn't leave.-Judge.

on, the novelist, said to him, "I am happy to pay my respects to the author of 'Sir Charles Grandison,' for at Paris, and at The Hague, and, in fact. at every place I have visited, it is much admired."

Richardson appeared not to notice the compliment, but when all the compauy were assembled addressed the gentleman with, "Sir, I think you were saying something about 'Sir Charles Grandison.' "

"No, sir," he replied. "I do not remember ever to have heard it mentioned."-From Orvine's "Cyclopedia of Anecdotes."

Remarkable.

"One of the astronomers claims that he has charted 60,000 new worlds." "By George, it's remarkable" "Not so very when you consider the fact that he has the use of the largest telescope in the world."

"I wasn't thinking of that. What I consider strange is that with so many other worlds in existence the lady who is acting as stepmother for my children had to light on this one "-Chicago Record-Herald.

Memory Resents Distrust.

I remember telling the bishop of RIpon that I envied him his spiendid memory. "I seem to remember a thing quite well," I told him, "then I get frightened."

The hishop said: "That's the worst thing you can do. Memory is a very deficate organ and resents distrust."-

A Matter of Luck. "Bad luck is sometimes good luck." "Ridiculous!"

Not at all Did you ever get a club to fill a beart flush and afterward discover that some one else had a full house?"-Detroit Free Press.

A Legal Compliment.

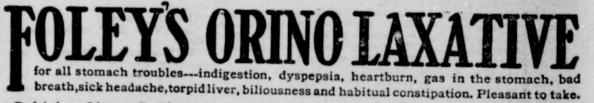
"Yes, young Coke handled the case magnificently. He proved beyond the possibility of a doubt that the accused man wasn't guilty."

"But he was guilty, of coursa"-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

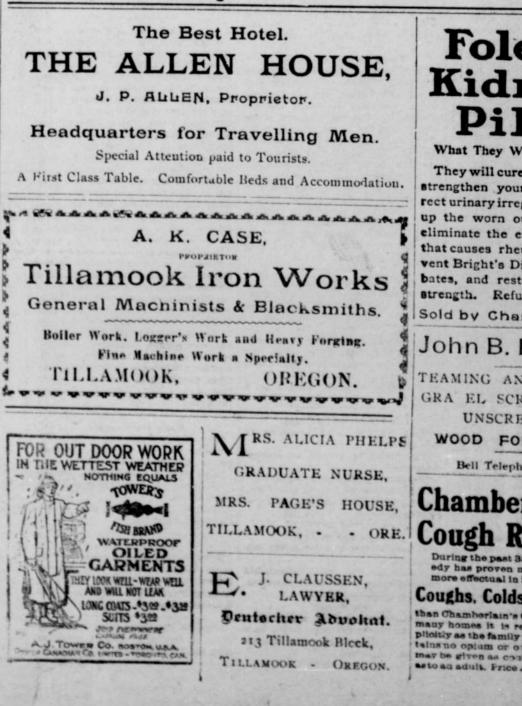
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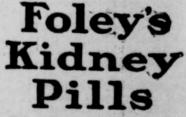
The aborigines of l'ern can in the darkest night and in the thickest woods distinguish respectively a white man. a negro and one of their own race by the sense of smell.

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