

## THE DAUGHTER OF A SOLDIER

Queen Victoria Has a Warm Feeling for Her Troops.

In the First Years of Her Reign She Spent Much Time With the Various Companies.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

It may be interesting to recall, some of her majesty's early relations to her soldiers, of whom she once said: "Noble fellows, I feel as if they were my own children; my heart beats for them as for my nearest and dearest." The queen has never forgotten that she is a soldier's child; and when presenting colors on one occasion to the Scots Fusilier Guards she said: "I have been associated with your regiment from my earliest infancy, as my dear father was your colonel. He was proud of his profession, and I was always taught to consider myself a soldier's child." When an infant in arms her majesty was present at a review at Hounslow Heath, to the no little annoyance of the prince regent, who said, "That infant is too young to be brought into public." The faithful attendant of her early childhood was an old soldier, who had been her father's bodyguard. In her youth the queen heard the Duke of Wellington spoken of with bated breath, and on his death she spoke of him as "our immortal hero."

In the earliest years of her reign the queen was accustomed to review her troops mounted on a charger dressed in military costume. Two months after her accession, mounted on a grey charger, she wore a trim blue cloth coat and skirt with a star on the breast and around cap with a peak ornamented with a deep gold band, in reviewing for the first time the Household troops at Windsor. Later on the queen was dressed in a long habit with a cutaway jacket and a large hat ornamented with military plumes. At some reviews in Hyde Park the queen was in a tight fitting bodice and her form encircled with a bandolier; while in reviewing the troops on their return from the Crimea, her majesty wore a habit of fine scarlet cloth, the collar of which was embroidered in gold and silver with the devices of a field marshal; across the left shoulder was the blue ribbon of the Garter, while a brilliant star gleamed on her breast, and fastened round her waist was a crimson and gold net sash fringed with gold tassels. Her hat was of black felt, with a round crown ornamented with an officer's plume of red and white feathers. The queen rode on that memorable occasion a splendid chestnut horse.

In old times, too, the queen delighted to stay at the Pavilion at Aldershot, where she often received crowned heads and distinguished soldiers. From her sitting room window she commanded a view of the Long Valley stretching from Caesar's Camp, and could witness the evolutions of the troops with ease. Her majesty subscribed liberally towards the three churches, numerous schools, reading rooms, hospital, and theater at Aldershot, and in every effort to improve the condition of the private soldier she has taken the keenest personal interest. The first death warrant she was called on to sign was that of a criminal who had formerly been in the army. "Are there no extenuating circumstances?" asked the queen of the minister, and the reply was that he was once reported for gallant action in the field. "Ah, then he has fought for his country in the field," said the queen, and at once joyfully wrote the word "Pardoned" across the warrant.

It will thus be seen that the queen's intense personal sympathy with her soldiers in the field now, and with their wives and children, is only the continuation of a settled policy which has characterized her whole life. While in the piping times of peace the common soldier has, save by nurse maids, been held in little esteem by his fellows, the estimation in which he has been held by his sovereign has always been a high one. For his interests and comforts she has been at all times concerned; and the devoted loyalty which inspires all ranks, from the field marshal to the drummer boy, is caused by a thorough appreciation and recognition of a long continued and never wavering devotion on the part of their beloved sovereign to soldiers considered by her as specially her own children.—Ex.

### A Wasted Joke.

"I don't think I'll try any more practical jokes on my wife. They don't pan out well."  
"Elucidate."  
"You see, she has a habit of hoisting

the window in our room every night. As I usually go to bed, last she depends on me to hoist it. Sometimes I forget it, and then there's a wild squabble. Frequently she wakes me up in the night and asks me to see if it is open. If I don't, she nags at me until morning.

"A night or two ago I resolved to give her a hard scare. I rolled up a lot of old newspapers into a long bundle and laid the package down by the window. Of course she was asleep and didn't hear me. Then I opened the window a little way and crept into bed. Some time after midnight she nudged me and said:

"Jim, I'm sure you didn't open that window. It's like a bake oven in the room. Get up and see."

"So I got up, went to the window and threw the sash as high as it would go. As I did so I gave a little shriek and then flung my bundle down to the walk below. It struck with a dull thud, and I dodged behind the curtain to await developments. The room was very dark, and I couldn't see my wife, but I heard her raise herself to a sitting posture. Then she spoke:

"'Poor old Jim!' she quietly said. 'He's tumbled out of the window in his raggedest night shirt. What a spectacle he'll be when they find him in the morning!' Then she lay down again and went to sleep."

"What did you do?"  
"Stood there shivering for a minute or two and then sneaked into bed."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### Johnnie Hogan's Dilemma.

Snoqualmie, June 8.—The people around Snoqualmie are just now speculating as to the probable fate of Johnnie Hogan, who is just now making heroic efforts to digest a \$20 gold piece he accidentally swallowed Saturday. Johnnie was working for A. F. Kinsey, and seems to have accumulated what to him seemed an enormous sum of money. He first carried it around in his hand, then in his pocket. Doubting the security of the latter place, he put the coin in his mouth. A few moments later he was on a vigorous run towards the Kinsey store.

Mrs. Kinsey, perceiving he had a grip on his throat, and an unusual expression on his face, asked him what was wrong. Johnnie did not seem very talkative. He managed, however, to say "Twenty dollars!" A lump in his throat just above his hands corresponded with the amount he had mentioned, so it was at once evident what the trouble was. In the skirmish to recover the gold it went down. Johnnie had some money yet due him, which he was afraid he might not be able to enjoy. So he accordingly drew it and regaled himself with all sorts of confectionery, ice cream, etc.

Several days have now passed, and Johnnie is yet enjoying the sunny slopes of the silent river, which he is beginning to have hopes of not crossing for the present, at least, and he is planning on how to get some good of the money that he has on deposit.

### U. S. Exports.

Washington, June 8.—Exports from the United States to Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Hawaiian, Philippine and Samoan islands will reach \$45,000,000 in the fiscal year which ends with the present month, and will be more than three times as much as in 1896 and more than twice as much as in any year of our commerce with those islands except in the years 1892-3-4, when reciprocity greatly increased our exports to Cuba and Puerto Rico. To Cuba the total for the fiscal year seems likely to be fully \$25,000,000, against \$7,500,000 in the fiscal year 1896 and \$24,157,000 in the great reciprocity year 1893, when exports to that island were more than double those of five years earlier. To Puerto Rico the exports of the year will be, in round terms, \$2,600,000, against an average of \$2,750,000 in the reciprocity years 1892, 1893 and 1894, when exports to that island were double those of earlier years.

To the Hawaiian islands the total for the year will be about \$15,000,000, or five times as much as in 1896, and double that of 1898 the total for 1900 will be about \$2,500,000, or more than in the entire fifteen years since 1885, the date at which the first record of our exports to the Philippines was made by the treasury bureau of statistics. To the Samoan islands the exports of the year will be about \$125,000, or nearly as much as in all the years since 1896, at which date the official records of our exports to those islands began.

### Lots of Empty Houses.

Probably never before in the history of Dawson were so many "For Rent" signs seen on cabins as at the present time; and yet cabins suitable for family residences are very scarce, the majority of the empty cabins having been occupied by men alone, and are, consequently, of the dingy order. The business houses of the city are all occupied and appear to be doing heavy business in their various lines.

## THE FREE LIBRARY CONCERT

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The most successful concert in the annals of the Public Reading and Recreation Rooms was held last night in the new quarters. The present rooms are a distinct improvement on the old quarters, and those present last night were unanimous in saying that they enjoyed the evening in the most luxurious and pleasant surroundings that Dawson can produce.

The Yukon Field Force band was in evidence and discoursed music to the pleasure of everybody. The principal artists in Dawson played their parts and rejoiced the audience with their efficiency and versatility. Towards the close of the evening, the president, Dr. Macdonald, in a felicitous speech, referred first of all to Mr. Griffith, who is par excellence the accompanist of the Yukon, afterwards to the great blank that will be caused socially by the withdrawal of the Yukon Field Force band. He then, in happy terms, drew attention to the great loss that Dawson, socially sustains by the absence of Mrs. Perry, whom he said was the originator and sustainer of the institution under whose auspices the meeting was held. After referring in unequivocal terms to the part Mrs. Perry has played in the history of the library and reading rooms, he, as president, presented Mrs. Perry with a sackful of nuggets, and hoped that in after years, when she looked upon them, she could reflect with pride, pleasure and satisfaction on the work that she inaugurated in the Yukon, and carried on to a most successful issue. After the presentation of the band played "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," followed up by "God Save the Queen."

An excellent program comprised of musical and literary features was produced, and the evening as a whole was a most befitting dedication of the new quarters to the laudible uses for which they are intended.

### PERSONALITIES.

Charles Henry Gibbs, the keeper of a lighthouse on Nantucket island, enjoys a salary of \$1 a year.

Archbishop Feehan, of Chicago, went to the scene of his present labors in 1852, making the trip from New York by stage and steamboat.

Mrs. Alexander Clapperton, who entered Sir Walter Scott's service at the age of 16 and was with him at Abbotsford when he died, recently died at Kirkhill.

Senator Cockrell, of Missouri, takes his luncheon precisely at 2 o'clock every day. The meal invariably consists only of two large red apples from his home state.

D. K. Pearsons, the millionaire philanthropist, lays it down as the chief rule for financial success to be one's own manager and to trust no one to take care of one's business for one.

Professor Perry G. Holden, of the University of Illinois, has resigned and has gone to Pekin, Ill., to assume the duties of manager of the agricultural department of the Illinois Sugar Refining Company.

Giles F. Filley, who recently died in St. Louis, gave up his fortune of \$1,500,000 to meet the notes of a friend which he had indorsed, although he might have had the advantage of the bankruptcy laws.

Gov. Mount, of Indiana, has in his wife an efficient helper. She assists him in the arrangement of his notes for speeches and attends herself to the filing of his large collection of newspaper clippings.

When Lord Kitchener was a schoolboy, his leading characteristic was laziness, and as a punishment his father sent him to a woman's school. This had the desired effect, and young Kitchener, on being sent back to the public school, acquitted himself with credit.

Luccheni, the murderer of Empress Elizabeth, is again in solitary confinement. He tried to stab the superintendent of the prison where he is confined with a sharp instrument he had made out of a can opener. The reason for the attack was a refusal of unusual privileges.

### Begins Today.

According to calendaric formula, today is the first day of summer, the preceding three months having constituted the spring period. If there is to be any hot weather in the Yukon during the year 1900, it is due to arrive now at any time. A few days of weather sufficiently hot to wilt leaves, a Kansas, would not be out of order as compared with the extreme cold which visits this country during the winter season. At present, however, there is no more pleasant summer weather being experienced in the universe than here in the vale of the Yukon.

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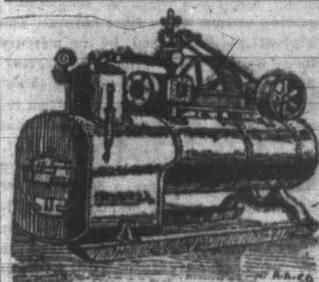
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