

to "saddle up" with the thing. There is, however, one admitted fact, it rarely, if attended to, makes a sore back.

All military saddles should have a breast plate, crupper, and surcingle, for this reason, that the weight carried being far greater than that carried by an ordinary horseman, the saddle is more likely to be displaced, and give rise to sore back from the friction.

We shall not say much about the bit and bridle. No horse is worth a straw for Dragoon purposes, that has not been broken in thoroughly according to the rules of the service, in a riding school. No man's life is for one moment safe, in cavalry action, when swords or lances come into play, that is not mounted on a horse thoroughly broken in. One pull on the bit ought to put him on his haunches. This we can't get, and therefore, provided uniformity is kept, it seems that the horses of the Volunteer cavalry should be provided with a light curb and snaffle, either of which may be used, according to the fashion to which the horse has been best accustomed.

This stops us for the present, but at a future time we shall have more to say on Cavalry matters. We were, almost from childhood, in a cavalry corps, and have made everything belonging to Cavalry, for years our particular study.

In the next number of the *Military Gazette*, we shall commence the publication of CAPTAIN MOORE'S directions for the sword practice, as prepared by Mr. Bushman for use on foot.

A SOLDIER KILLED.—The *Kingston News* says that on Friday night, the 6th instant, a private of the 9th, named Dickson, being exceedingly disorderly in the barrack room, about bed time, some of the men sent for a sergeant, who pacified Dickson, and the latter went to bed. He soon after got up, and seeing a musket, loaded it, and swore that he would shoot any man that interfered with him in any way. The guard was sent for, but before it came Dickson locked the door and threw the key on the floor, and went round the room threatening the men, and many of them were forced to shelter themselves under their beds, through which he thrust his bayonet at random, wounding one man in the thigh. Whereupon a private named George Edwins loaded his musket and told Dickson if he did not surrender himself he would shoot him, the latter having snapped his gun at the men several times; he, however, still maintaining his attitude of defiance and outrage. Edwins fired, the ball passing through his body from left to right. The door was then unlocked, and the Corporal of the Guard entering discerned Edwins with the gun in his hand, who acknowledged having shot the man, and surrendered himself accordingly. The unfortunate man only survived twenty minutes. An inquest was held on the body by Coroner Shaw, and the verdict of the jury was "justifiable homicide."

Intemperance in every sense of the term characterized the conduct of Dickson, who was always very troublesome to his commander.

CANADA, AS VIEWED AT HOME.—Take up the map of America. Look at Canada. It is a British colony. Years ago it was strong enough to rise in rebellion against our mistress. It has grown wonderfully in importance since then. What with industry, railways, and position the young giant has grown so great that 350,000 sq. miles do not afford him elbow room. The Canada of ours, if filled up, would be a great empire even when placed alongside of a great European monarchy. It is instinct with the future that awaits it. It pants to lay the foundations of its hereafter, wide as the area it must ultimately embrace.—*London Sun*.

We notice by the *Leader* that Chief Justice Draper has been appointed by the Government to proceed to England on a mission respecting the annexation of the Hudson's Bay Territory, or part of it, to Canada.

The first marriage of a Hindoo widow that ever occurred in Calcutta, took place on the 7th December. The parties in this transaction are of the highest respectability and this will prove a marked event in the history of Hindostan.

The *Stamford Mercury* announces that Miss Emily Anderson, of Lea, has received through the War-office, a beautiful brooch of gold, with a globular centre of red and green enamel, on which are a crescent and star in diamonds and at the back the following inscription:—"Presented by his Imperial Majesty, the Sultan, to Miss E. Anderson, in acknowledgement of her services in the Hospitals of the British Army in the East, 1855." (A number of similar decorations have been recently awarded by the Sultan to ladies who attended the hospitals in the East.)

The Troops in Garrison at Quebec, says the *Mercury* of the 3rd of February, march out into the country regularly for air and exercise twice or thrice a week, the length of their promenade depending on the temperature of the day.—Snow-sleeting skirmishers occasionally precedes the regiments. To-day, however, we were rather amazed at the sound of the drums and fifes, as the manipulation of musicians—especially with the latter instruments—is no sinecure with frosted moustaches and bare fingers, and the thermometer at or below zero!

LOLA MONTES, since her return from California, is living quietly in New York city, where she occupies private apartments in elegant style, and is bringing up her sister—a dang lady of 16—to the stage. Lola is said to be quite well-to-do, and designs investing her property in real estate in that city, which she proposes to make her permanent place of residence. Lola is about making an arrangement to play in some of the principal inland cities, and after this intends to visit England on a professional trip. This much done, she will nestle in some genteel residence up town and enjoy delicious cigarettes; and—perhaps write her life.

SHOOTING MATCHES.—A rifle match between Mr. John Beattie and Master Harrison Soper, son of Mr. Wm. H. Soper, for \$10, came off at the grounds of the rifle club, on Saturday, and terminated in favor of the young aspirant, who won by two and three-eighths inches on the string of ten shots. We have heard that another match for \$200 a-side between Mr. Bennett and Mr. Wm. H. Soper, will come off before the 10th of this month. Mr. Beattie is to shoot for Mr. Bennett, with a Rochester rifle, against Soper with any rifle of his own manufacture. This is a very exciting match, both parties being considered crack shots. They are practicing daily for the contest, and no doubt each will do his best to carry off the prize.

Capt. Rowan, of the American navy, is dismissed for being very drunk while on the Brazil station.

Russia has adopted the new style in calendar time. Heretofore the dates of all Russian officialism have been fully fifteen days behind the almanac of the rest of the world. The Gregorian calendar is at last proclaimed by the autocrat.

FORTUNATE GOLD DIGGERS.—They have discovered lately a new and extremely rich gold mine in Australia, which has already attracted fifty thousand gold diggers. One digger was fortunate enough to pick up \$25,000 worth in ten days, and another struck a "nugget" weighing twenty-two pounds.

MILITARY FUNERAL.—The funeral of Lt. Falardeau, Quebec Volunteer Cavalry, who died on the 29th January, took place at Lorette, on Monday last. The body was attended to the grave by an escort of volunteer cavalry, several of the officers and men of the troop of Major Gamache's field battery, and Captain Bussteres company of rifles, together with the numerous personal friends of the deceased.

REPEOPLING OF SEBASTOPOL.—A letter from Sebastopol states that the city is gradually becoming repeopled. It now contains about 7,000 inhabitants; Kamiesch, 2,000. Three hundred houses partly destroyed during the siege have been rebuilt, and eighty new ones constructed.

THE KING OF HANOVER A FREEMASON.—King George V. of Hanover was received into the order of Freemasons on the 14th inst., in the Hall of Landscapes, at the royal palace in Hanover, by the Black Bear Lodge. His Majesty is the first continental crowned head who ever joined the order, and having passed through the three degrees, accepted the dignity of Grand Master of all the Hanoverian Lodges.

In the *London Gazette* of the 2nd instant, we see that Her Majesty has been pleased to confer the rank of Companion of the Order of the Bath on William Munro, the gallant Colonel of the 39th Regiment.