

Capt.—"Shoulder arms—(*the GENERAL passes down the front rank and up the rear, inspecting, returns to his position L.*)

Gen.—"Let your men stand at ease."

Capt.—"90th—order arms—stand at ease."

Gen. (addresses)—"Officers, non-commissioned officers and men, I am pleased to witness your soldierly appearance on parade to-day. It is with great pleasure indeed, that I see you have all your accoutrements clean, every buckle and strap polished, and your arms in perfect order. You must all remember that clean accoutrements, and a polished appearance are the first requisites of a good soldier. In the grand and noble profession of the soldier, which you have all for a time adopted, we none of us can expect to achieve much success, unless we pay particular attention to these small matters of detail. The fact that I stand before you to-day, in the position I occupy, having risen from the ranks as it were, should be an incentive to your ambition and should excite your emulation. I began from the humble duties of an officer's orderly, cleaning boots, spurs and such-like articles of a warrior's outfit. But from base sources have we come. In 1869, as probably you may know, I led the gallant and heroic charge of *Kinderkhan*. Last fall I conducted the campaign against the *Krashy-Ka-nooks*, who respected not the peaceable vocation of a missionary or the tender donation of a Ladies' Aid Society, and (*proudly*) to-day I stand a Major General in Her Majesty's Service.—"

(*Turns to the front and advances to footlights, centre.*)

(*Sings.*)

[*Orchestra.*

THE GENERAL'S SONG.

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AIR—"When I was a lad," (*Pinafore.*)

I joined the army as a raw recruit,
But that sort of station did not suit;
I studied hard and passed the grade,
And a three stripe sergeant soon was made;

(*All repeat*)—And a three stripe, &c.

The sergeants position so suited me
That I soon became a Gen'ral in the Queen's army.

(*Chorus*)—The sergeant's position, &c.

A sergeant's position to me seemed fine,
But to rise higher was more in my line;