it to the breast of the delighted soldier

envious nature, wrote several letters to her stepmother, criticizing and mal-

person entrusted with their transmis-sion. After dinner one day when the entire family had assembled for con-

sternation of the culprit, who had

made malicious allusions to every one present. Napoleon laughed heartily

at her discomfiture as well as at the angry surprise of those who had been

the objects of her unwarranted attack, but he was not the kind of a man to let

such gross ingratitude go unpunished.

lost a throne and was sent home in dis-

A more pleasing instance relates to

his master painfully into the saddle. Napoleon, angered and smarting, turned

Napoleon, angered and smarting, turned upon the page, calling him "dolt, awkward clown" and other like names. He then gailoped off, followed by Gudin as escort. After reaching his destination and fulfilling his purpose, which was to examine the ground from the eminence, the Emperor looked around

eminence, the Emperor looked around and his penetrating eyes took in the

and his penetrating eyes cook in the picture of the young page in utter melancholy at the thought of having offended his beloved ruler and in humiliation from the imperial rebuke. Napoleon beckened to the young man.

minute instructions on the subject, con-

" Go now, my friend, and remember

courier. Three he had already sent to

the enemy's unbroken line as often as he looked in the same direction.

"Three," he muttered; "three brave fellows cut to pieces, perhaps,

Even as he murmured he lifted his

glass again. What was that? A figure

on horseback breaking through and from that blue cloud of antagonists.

Now it became pursuer and pursued.

Half a dozen cavalrymen pressed after

the solitary horseman. A shot rang out. The man swayed in his saddle and

stiffened again as he galloped forward.

In a few minutes the horse stopped

The rider was coatless and hatless

"My faithful Gudin!" cried Napo-

leon, extending his hand. With an effort the young man drew a packet

from his breast.
"The—despatches—sire," he mut-tered feebly, and then he fell forward. He had tululled his mission. Gudin

was dead.

There was a magnetism in Napoleon's

bear and return despatches.

and still—no despatches."

before him.

crimson stain.

from his breast.

was dead.

After his laugh was over a polite little speech to Mademoiselle Charlotte, informing her that on the

grace.

amid the acclamations of the army.

The Desert of Every Life. There are few lives that do not sooner or later come to their desert. Perhaps death has touched the home and the death has touched the home and the gray days, aching with loneliness, stretch before one endlessly. Perhaps brave ambitions have had to be laid

brave ambitions have had to be laid aside, and one's whole thought given to a narrow round of distasteful work; to a narrow round of distasteful work; perhaps, with powerserying out for expression, the rocky desert walls close in on every side, and one is bidden wait—wait, and yet longer, wait.

Whatever they may be, this thing is sure—God's deserts are His teachers and full of His voice; no waste is pathless for His feet. Beyond Elijah's desert lay his greatest work and the Friend that went with him to his journey's end. Beyond our desert lies

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How the slow, plodding boy, who has to toil so hard for every step he takes in advance, envies his clever schoolmate who can do things with ease and celerity! How he wishes that he could dash off a bright letter, or say clever things, or master his problems with as little difficulty as does this much ad mired youth! He is constantly comparing himself with him, and always of course, to his own disadvantage. He does not stop to think that this wonder clever boy is not to be depended, that he is not loyal or true, and that he is selfish to the core; he only them, ment, that he has far outdistanced the ment, that he has incompanion of his boyhood.

The law of compensation is at work in every life. The Creator has willed it In the long run, mediocre ability, backed by conscientiousness in making the most of it, loyalty to truth, unselfishness, and faithfulness to little things will always win-Success.

A Hard Lesson but a Needed One. 4 Hard Lesson but a Needed One.
4 The hardest lesson that many an aspiring young man can learn is to begin with his shoulder to the wheel," says the Pittsburg Catholic. "He sees the inequalities in life. Why can not he at a bound find affuence and ease? Socialism whispers in his ear that he is the victim of injustice, that incomalithe victim of injustice, that inequali-ties ought to be adjusted by force. But good common sense, if he has it, should tell him that even allowing for the oppression and injustice that undoubt- fresh oppression and injustice that undoubtedly exist in the business world to day, still business could not go on if everybody was a socialist. Superior mental attainments, he will easily learn, will put one man ahead of another, and opportunities will also come to some which do not come to others. He will see that the true man must take the world as he finds it, and simply resolve to do the best that his hands shall find to do the best that his hands shall find sians. to do the best that his hands shall find to do, and not be ashamed or discontented over the outcome, however, small that outcome may be. It is a positive injury to a young man to persuade himself that the world is in a conspiracy against him. He should entertain no delunion to the effect that success is a against him. He should entertain no delusion to the effect that success is a mere matter of chance. What should be impressed and urged on the young man of the family, going out into the battle of life, the struggle for bread, is that he should take the world as he finds it realizing on himself, not expect.

The Emperor of the French.

Then the two powerful ones walked Then the that he should take the world as he finds it, relying on himself, not expecting favors and really not desiring them. He should take pride in his own ability

to pry open the entrance to success, not depending upon accident or luck. Manly Qualifications Many years ago, when Maine was a part of Massachusetts, Ezekiel Whitman was chosen to represent the dis-trict in the Massachusetts Legislature. He was an eccentric man and one of the est lawyers of his time. In those days Whitman owned a farm, and did much work upon his land; and it so happened that when the time came for him to set out for Boston, his best suit of clothes was a suit of homespun. His wife obwas a suit of nomespun. His wife objected to his going in that garb, but he did not care. "I will get a nice, lashionable suit made when I reach Boston," he said. Reaching his destination. nation, Whitman found rest at Doolit tle's City Tavern. Let it be under stood that he was graduate of Harvard University and that at this tavern he

As he entered the parlor of the house As ne entered the parior of the nouse he found that several ladies and gentlemen were there assembled, and he heard a remark from one of them, "Ah, here comes a countryman of the real homespun genus. Here's fun." hard at the company and then "Say, my friend, you are from the sat down.

remarked one of the gentle-

'Ya-as," answered Ezekiel, with a ludicrous twist of his face. The ladies tittered.

"And what do you think of our eity?"
"It's a pooty thick settled place,

anyhow. It's got a sweeping sight of houses in it."

"And a good many people, too."
"Ya-as, I should reckou so."
"Many people where you come

from?"
"Wall, some."

"Plenty of ladies, I suppose?"

'Plenty of ladies, 'Ya-as, a fair sprinklin.'''
'Ya-as, a fair sprinklin.'''
'And I don't doubt that you are

neetin' and singin' schewl." "Perhaps the gentleman from the country will take a glass of wine?" 'Thankee. Don't keer if I do.'

The wine was brought. "You must drink a toast." "Oh, git cout. I cats toast. Never heard of sich a thing as drinkin' it. But I kin give ye a sentiment."

"The ladies clapped their hands; but what was their surprise when the stranger, rising, spoke calmly and clearly, and in tones ornate and dignified, as follows: "Ladies and gentlemen, permit me

to wish you health and happiness, with every blessing earth can afford, and may you grow better and wiser with advancing years, bearing ever in mind that outward appearances are often de-ceitful. You mistook me for my dress for a country booby; while I, for the superficial cause, thought you ladies and gentlemen. The mistake has been mutual.'

He had just spoken when Caleb Strong, the governor of Massachusetts, entered and inquired for Mr. Whitman. "Ah, here I am, governor. Glad to e you." Then, turning to the dumbnded company:
'I wish you a very good evening.'

And leaving them, they felt about as

small and cheap as it is possible for full-grown people to feel. OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

THE LITTLE CORPORAL. CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.
That he was intensely proud of his
diers another oft-told anecdote will

serve to illustrate. When the Czar Alexander I, met the Emperor Napoleon at Erfurth they walked arm-and-arm together one beautiful morning up and down one of the avenues of the park. They and their armies had been at war with each other more than once, but now they were upon terms as friendly as the relations of the France and Russia of to-day.

At the foot of a flight of steps leading

He from a terrace stood an old French der-grenadiers on guard. The two powerful Emperors, who in the parlance of the day "divided the world approached the grenadier. The that he is selfish to the core; he only longs for the showy qualities which he possess. He is dissatisfied with himself, but plods doggedly on in spite of his difficulties. The slow boy leaves school. The years go by, and, as he approaches middle life, he finds, much to his amazement that he has far outdistanced the limited form his forehead down his cheek. ing from his forehead down his cheek,

showing a fighting record.

Napoleon paused, smiling proudly as he looked at this tale-telling scar upon the face of the soldier. The grenadier apparently paid no attention to the lact that he was honored by the observfact that he was honored by the observ-ance of two Emperors. He was "on guard" rigidly, and he never moved a nuscle, but kept his eyes fixed on the guard'

"Ah, my brother," said Napoleon to the Czar, "what do you think of sol ders who carry into new battles such wounds as that?" nodding toward the

scarred and impassive visage.
"And you, my brother," answered
Alexander, smiling also, "what do you
think of soldiers who can give such

It was a very apt reply, since the fresh scar had undoubtedly been obtained in a late battle with the Russians.

Suddenly a voice seemed to come from

the air. It said:
"They are all dead—these fellows!"
It was the immovable grenadier, who, without stirring his position or even so much as winkling an eyelid, had vindicated his record as a fighter of Russians.

been a nineteenth century D'Artagnan.
But it was such men who won Napoleon's
battles, and well their beloved Emperor
cluding with: appreciated them.

that," with a little affectionate stroke There are many stories told of Napoleon and his Legion of Honor. Shortly after the establishment of the order on the cheek.

It is needless to speak of the young man's gratitude. In a later campaign he proved his zeal.

All day the battle had raged fast and the Emperor gave instructions that the names of all soldiers who had previously distinguished themselves in the furious. It was 3 o'clock. Napoleon stood on a commanding knoll with his of the republic should be submitted for the new decoration, although many of them had returned to civil life.

M. de Narbonne, who had long been living in exile with other noble emigres of the period, had recently resumed his residence in Paris. On the day of the distribution of crosses among the mitted for the new decoration, although stood on a commanding knott with the field glass poised frequently. Again and again he looked in one direction and let some expression of impatience escape his lips. He was looking for the the distribution of crosses among the former soldiers of Bonaparte, M. de Narbonne learned that his valet, who Narbonne learned that his valet, who had served in Egypt, was one of those who had received the decoration, and sending for the man informed him with great gravity that it would be unseemly for a Knight of the Legion of Honor to wait behind his chair at table. "Therefore," continued his master, "I have decided, Louis, to request the pleasure of your company at dinner to-day, and to-morrow you shall go and take possession of an appointment as gamekeeper on one of my estates. Your new functions will not, I trust, be incompatible with the honor which

stinened again as he galloped forward.
His pursuers drew back as the danger
of "shot range" approached. Nearer
and nearer came the rider. The
Emperor recognized him and laying
down his glass waited. haa been conferred upon you !" After the distribution of the crosses After the distribution of the crosses at Paris, the Emperor proceeded for a similar purpose to Boulogne, where a portion of the army was then encamped in a semi-circle facing the open channel. It was here that Napoleon first appeared appear an improvised throne. and his light curls overshadowed a face of extraordinary pallor. On one side of the fine cambric shirt was a growing appeared upon an improvised throne surrounded by his marshals and hailed with the utmost enthusiby the troops with the utmost entrusted asm. The British fleet, cruising in the asm. The British fleet, one unusual cere offing, observing that some unusual ceremony was going forward on shore, commenced a brisk cannonade, to which the
French batteries responded, but without much damage being done on either side. At the termination of the cere-mody the Emperor, followed by his marshals and a numerous staff, rode away towards the town of Boulogne. As he quite a beau among them."

"Ya-as, I beaus 'em home — ter was a magnetism in the rear of one of the presence that induced men to brave

batteries he turned to General Marmont, who, like Napoleon himself, had been originally in the artillery, and said jocularly: "Let us see, Marmont, if we remember our old trade well enough to send a cannon ball into that English brig, which seems disposed to amuse itself at our expense and has the audacity to come within range." Hereupon the Emperor dismounted, took the post of the cormonated, took the post of the cormonate, when thirty years after death

funeral, when thirty years after death his remains were taken from St. Helena mounted, took the post of the cor-poral in charge of one of the pieces, leveled the mortar himself and applied his remains were taken from 5t. Remains and borne in the gorgeous purple barge up the Seine, there were hundreds of veteran soldiers all along the banks.

And these battle scarred old men ship an object of ship and shi rate. "Now then, corporal," said the Emperor, "it is your turn." The artilleryman, taking careful aim, fired the gun, and the projectile, hissing through the air, was seen to carry a portion of the daring Englishman's bow-sprit. "Bravo, corporal!" exclaimed the Emperor; "you are a much better marksman than either of us!" And taking the cross from his own coat he attached it to the breast of the delighted soldier memory can sway people thus?'



leveled the mortar himself and applied the match. The missile passed through one of the brig's sails and fell into the sea beyond. Marmont then tried his hand, but with no better effect, and the plucky captain of the brig, finding his ship an object of special interest on shore, blazed away at a a tremenduous shore, blazed away at a a tremenduous shore, blazed away at a a tremenduous shore. I thought one fine, powerful fellow would faint, so great was his emotion. What was in this man that even his

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