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There are no bands in the Boer

The farmer soldier of the two republies make or receive charges in silence, their minds intent upon aim and upon strategy. If it is a charge, they adsance in a scattered and what seems to be a confused manner. In reality it is only the Boers' natural order, in which they fight best. A retreat looks like a rout because each man tries to save himself as quickly as possible. A rout is almost impossible because the farmers do not understand how to "lose their heads." . They scatter, and when a place of safety has been reached come together again as if nothing

While they have no martial music in the ordinary sense, they have martial music of the most impressive kind in the extraordinary sense.

Each night before "turning in" and each morning before breakfast, and also before going into battle if there is opportunity, the entire army, with heads uncovered, joins in singing "Old Hundred." Each note is prolonged six beats and the effect is solemn and even awful, so much of resolution, of stern and relentless resolve do they put into the singing.

The two strongest points about this practically un-uniformed and strangely organized Boer army are both individual — ability of the Boer at strategy and his individual ability as a sharpshooter.

The favorite topic of conversation among the Boers has always been how best to meet the British when they come to destroy the republics, how to fight the great defensive war which every Boer has felt sure would inevitably come. The plans that are being carried out and will be carried out are the result of years upon years of study of the situation by the burghers of all ranks, consulting together upon the nings. The Boer As a natural strategist, wily, trafty, hard to corner, quick to seize the slightest advantage, quick to see advantage where even trained soldiers of other nations would fail to

It is a mistake to suppose that the gun & Boer shot Sir. George W. Colley fight at 1,400 yards. With one of the new gans Gen. Symons was shot in the

at 4,000 yards, his fate is hardly doubt-ful. For the Boers are now armed with the sporting Mannicher and they can, with the backnowledge of air cur-

President Kruger has been buying these arms in large quantities ever since the Jameson raid and the practical failure of the British to punish the iders. Gen' Joube t took me into a house at Pretoria filled with thouds of these rifles. "Isn't it a beau-" he said, picking up one of them ty yards it will shoot through fifty inches of fine." and patting it affectionately. "At twen-

The Mannlicher bullet travels with a velocity of 2,000 feet per second. At 4,000 yards it will pierce two inches of solid ash and three inches of pine. At a thousand yards the bullet, if it does not flatten, will bore a hole right through a bone without splitting. This rifle has a barrel thirty inches long and weighs eight pounds. Its calibre is thirty. It is hair-triggered, has a pistol grip, and the Boer car-ries it slung over his shoulder by a

In the last two years the country men have been putting away the old smooth-bore and providing themselves with the Mannlicher. In killing game they use a bullet of which the lead point is exposed so that it "mushrooms" when it strikes. On entering the bullet expands and tears an ugly hole. If it strikes sidewise the effect

Gen. Joubert assured me that these bullets would n be used against the English—unles the latter employed

their barbarot, dum-dum.

If the British try to go up into the republics by way of Natal they must must make the mast make the must make the m traverse the Drakensburk Mountains, the only great range in South Africa. The peaks of these mountains rise as high as 11,000 feet. The way through the range is a tortuous course along steep cliffs and above yawning preci-pices. Every few hundred yards there is an impregnable position. the evaporation of the lowlands condense there oration of the lowlands condense there and gives plenty of vater for a force intrenched high nong the rocks. Forage, too, is plenty. A few men can hold out indefinitely and unless the British take heavy artillery with them—a well nigh impossible feat-

a great army.
Once the British gain the almost lev el and almost open "veid" over which the two republics spread, the Boers have left two physical allies—famine

Water in South Africa is often as precious as gold and sometimes infinitely more precious. Every year witnesses a terrible drought in some part. One may journey 100 miles on the "Karoo" and never find a drop of water. In Johannesburg the writer was glad to pay 24 cents for a quart. Nearly the whole city was drinking bottled and imported mineral waters at

Every farmer maintains a There are only two or three large riv-ers in the whole country and in the dry

low pools. These are called pans and serve to quench the thirst of wild animals. The Transvaal and Free State are high plateaus that the sun bakes to a crisp and where the water evapor-

ates as it falls.

The Boers, however, being thorough ly acquainted with the country, have a knowledge of the formation of the rocks and plants and know where to dig down a few feet and get water. In this wax a commando can always secure enough water to make coffee-their only drink. With coffee, bittong and mealies the Boer can campaign

Coffee he drinks four times a day and so hot that if "thrown on a dog it will take off his hair." Biltong is a strip of meat, buffalo, ox, hartbeeste, dried in the wind or sun. It seems to have peculiar nourishing properties. Mealies is like our Indian corn. The Boer starts off oh a month's hunting trip with a knapsack full of these commodities and gets stronger every day. Tommy Atkins or any other European soldier cannot do it.

Before the English can reach Pretor. ia they must fight over a distance as great as that from New York to New Orleans. There will be no forage, no water, and the Boers will harass them by day and by night.

The other great physical ally of the

Boer is the prairie fire.

Nearly the whole South African plateau is covered with a long, siender grass which, under that fierce sun, is often dry as tinder Nothing can live in a veld fire, and in its passing it leaves a desert. Under the cover of the smoke that arises the Boers can utilize that strategy for which they are famous.

SEEING THE OCEAN.

Spectacle That Is Sought by People Bars

Some people go to Coney Island for beer and frankfurters, some go there for general recreation and some for sea bathing. Some go to view the ocean in its grandeur and among these last are sure to be people from the in-terior, who, it may be have never seen the ocean before, and who do not fail to come to its shores, when they get anywhere near to it, as for instance here in this city. One of the objects of the trip to a seaport is frequently a stoops of their thatched houses of eve- sight of the sea. Its fascination for the inland visitor, is sometimes shown in peculiar ways.

A man who has lived all his life within easy reach of Coney Island beach said he had known men who had been there from the interior to grease their boots and then walk about Boers have deteriorated in marksman- in them in the sand on the beach, so ship. The English have got that impression from a superficial observation be carried inland thus, as visible proof that the sand would stick to them, to of the Boors of the large towns. The of their walking on the seashore. villagers and farmers are as sure of shot as of old. With a smooth-bore that as of old. With a smooth-bore from the ocean, to carry away with them. This might be with various through the head in the Majuba Hill purposes, and sometimes indeed this fight lat 1,400 yards. With one of the water might be carried away by men who had seen greater seas. In one Boer's new target the stomach-at case, for instance, a man who filled a far longer range. I have seen a girl a bottle on Coney Island beach, from bring down, a bird on the wing at 400 the waters of the Atlantic, was going to empty it into the Pacific, from whose shores he came. Che man was rents, hit a small object almost every may be at a home on some boundless time at 4,500 yards.

the borders of the boundless deep. And it is not alone those who live far inland and away from any great stream or a great body of water that are thus impressed by the ocean. A man whose home was en the shores of one of the Great Lakes, stood on the beach at Coney Island and looked out over the sea and was as much impress. ed by it as anybody. From where he lived, he looked over broad waters, and as far as the eye could reach there was no land in sight, but he knew it was there, and only fifty or a hundred miles, or whatever it was, more or less, away, while here on the sea, one could traverse thousands of miles, and still no land. The lake was

great, but this was greater far. The man from the interior, who is inclined to dwell upon the wonders of nature, is mightily impressed by the ocean, but so, it might be said, is the man who lives upon its shores, when he stops to give it thought.

Thread From Earth to a Star.

Sir Robert Ball once made a curious calculation on the distance to the nearest of the "fixed stars." The calculation was inspired by a visit to one of the great Lancashire thread factorles. The superintendent of the factories inspected by the astronomer informed the star-gazer that the combined output of the various Lancashire thread factories was 155,000,000 miles, of thread per day. These figures were certainly enough to astonish any one unless it should be an astronomer.

Sir Robert Ball has long since passed the point where he expresses surprise at a string of figures which represent even billions of miles. Instead of failing stunned at the thread man's feet, he paralyzed the manufacturer of cotton filaments by telling him-that if all the factories in Lancashire should work day and night producing 155,000,-000 miles of thread every twelve hours. t would take them two hundred years o spin a thread long enough to reach from the earth to the nearest of the

Mr. and Miss. Monkey.

"Yes, monkey shooting in Borned great sport," said Old Traveler, as ne settled himself comfortably in the biggest chair in the hotel lobby. keys are such human-acting things: I shall never forget a pair that I saw one day. They were in fine range, and I was just about to shoot, but decided o watch them a few moments before doing so. Well, it was amusing. There they were, walking along, side by side, like a pair of lovers. Finally, they came to a log, sat down and talked a while, and then decided to move on. Well, Mr. Monkey, who was the larger of the two, got up first. Then he turned to Miss Monkey, and you never Scarcity of water is the curse of that saw anything more gallant than the way he extended his arms and helped even these give out, her up. It was too much for me.

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lie Green, you may tell me what you understand by "the future state." Willie Green-Please, ma'am, it's territory .- Catholic Standard and Child-And how do they know it'

a man in the moon, mamma, dear Mother Because It's always out at night, darning!-Tit-Bitsa "Your can." said the school teacher

"I hat's tanny," mused the father.
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"how I caught this cold." "Didn't you get a had cold when you changed your underclothes last spring, paw?" asked Temmy. Yes, I believe I did."

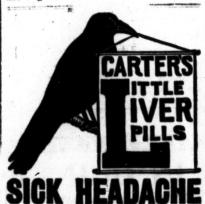
"This cold's in your head, ain't it

"I guess you got it by charging your

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