

nut, an' wud ye believe it, he died ov water on the brain. Now that's what I call cold weather," sez Gulver.

"An' that's whot I call a red hot lie," sez I, but I guess he didn't hear me.

THE OFFICER'S SHIRT.

Cold an' all as it wuz, wud ye believe it, sor, there wuz wan officer wid us that washed his shirt ivery blessed night, hung it up to dry or freeze, an' put it on agin in the mornin'. I used to wonder how he stud it, an' the byes called him Captin Cast-iron, although that wusn't jist his name. He only brung out wan shirt wid him, an' a cotton wan at that an' I used to think he must be mighty uncomfortable loike, till wan toime Sargint Lane tould us a story his father used to tell him in Ireland about an Eastern Sultan who wanst upon a toime set out on his travel searchin' fer the shirt of a happy man, thinkin' that if he could only find wan an' bring it home wid him that he'd be happy an' continted ever after. Well, so the story goes, that the only happy an' continted man that he found in all his travels didn't have no shirt at all, at all. So I s'pose Captin Caston—oh, bad luck to me, if I haven't let slip the captin's name; well, any how, I dare say the captin' wuz the happiest man in the whole outfit, because the only had wan shirt to his back, an' that's nixt best to none at all, so it is.

About midnight the cars arrived an' tuck us away from "Desolation Camp," an' such cars I niver seen befoore. They were jist thim flat construction cars, sor, wid rough boards nailed around thim an' no roof, nothin' bechume us an Hivin, so there wuzn't. We called thim "Ice Palace Cars," an' if ye cud only have seen thim, ye'd say they were well named, sor. We left "Desolation Camp" about three o'clock in the mornin'—let me see, sor, that wuz the 4th of April—an' arrived at Banville at nine o'clock, an' got a good square meal, fit for the gods. We pushed on, an' struck Port Monroe, on Lake Superior, at four o'clock in the afternoon, an' slept in a steamer called the "M. L. Breck," that waz lyin' in the harbour.

(To be continued.)

IN SUMMER.

"What can one do in summer when the world Has all her banners of delight unfurled. When pleasure beckons us a thousand ways, Or folds her wings and close beside us strays? Afar and near is something rare and sweet; Upon the grass the print of Beauty's feet; At every turn a picture; some glad notes Sung first for us from newly-conscious throats; A glory in the sunshine; oy the streams

"Soft cadences invite and blend with dreams; Out in the fields thoney-hunters go; Over the heights the merry breezes blow; Up in the sky some mystic signs are set— The earth has never failed to read them yet: And as the year rejoices in her prime, The happiest thing to do in summer time Is on some mossy bank content to lie And watch the changes in the earth and sky."

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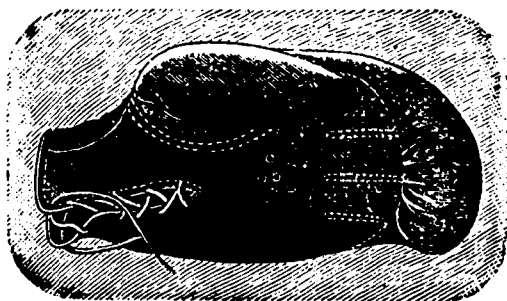
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