

**A Brave Soldier.**

There are heroes in high and humble life whom we never weary of holding up as examples for our children. The following anecdote, told to many a little round eyed German boy, preserves the remembrance of one such hero of the battle field:

General Elliott, when Governor of Gibraltar, during the siege of that fortress, was making a tour of inspection to see that all under his control was in order, when he suddenly came upon a German soldier standing at his post, silent and still, but he neither held his musket nor presented arms when the General approached.

Struck with the neglect, and unable to account for it, the General exclaimed:

"Do you not know me, sentinel, or why do you neglect your duty?"

The soldier answered respectfully, "I know you well, General, and my duty also; but within the last few minutes two of the fingers of my right hand have been shot off, and I am unable to hold my musket."

"Why do you not go and have them bound up, then?" asked the General.

"Because," answered the soldier, "in Germany a man is forbidden to quit his post until he is relieved by another."

The General instantly dismounted from his horse.

"Now, friend," he said, "give me your musket, and I will relieve you; go and get your wound attended to."

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The soldier obeyed, but went first to the nearest house, where he told how the General stood at his post; and not till then did he go and get his hand dressed.

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