VARIED MISERIES OF BRITISH TROOPS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Julian Ralph Tells What He Suffered and of the Worse Lot of the Soldiers—The Poor Food and the Exposure.

Julian Ralph, who, in a consider ably battered condition has just arrived in England, gives a forcible description of the effect of seven months of South African warfare upon his nerves .

'Battered externally, disordered inside, unable to digest food for weeks, nursing bruises and ailments a half dozen at once, I look upon this war as having ill repaid me for the kindly jubilant tone in which I have dealt

"And, oh! how sick of it I amhow deadly unutterably sick I am of

"The long months of sand diet and hard faring under Methuen took from me a stomach which an ostrich would have envied, and exchanged for it a second-hand, worn-out apparatus which turns upside down at the approach of any food except diluted

'A piece of Boer shell which hit me on the chest made me faint and weary for many days, and then a model method of alighting from a Cape cart into a trench with the cart on top of me left me one-legged for five weeks, after which I found myself with a low-class, no-account limb in which I have no confidence. Upon my recovering this inferior and makeshift other leg, my horse shot me into a high fence which tore both arms into shreds, painted one thigh like an omelet, and the other like a South African sunset, and left me

AN INTERNAL FRACTURE, speak of as 'the bore war.'

who finds himself thus gradually changing into an exhibit for a medi- care. cal museum, and you begin to obtain I now view this war.

hide, the veldt will reach away, the had put blankets over their coats and valiant Britain will endure-on and one knows how long! There may be dience of three others on boxes and one more great battle, or there may not be. And then we may see six months or a year of petty, piffling walked about were whistling. All "A gentleman has already left for that "A gent guerrilla work-by little bands, all seemed either very happy or reasonover the veldt-and this final pro- ably so. tracted stage will be attended by all They had been soaking wet and

'What an outlook! What a prosseen it all and endured it all-except the cold.

over the last petty sniping; yes, even Bloemfontein and Norval's Pont." the bugle calls for bed.

are all sick. Some with sickness, most are sick of the war, and many are sick in both ways. I could forge thousands of signatures to that statement, and you might publish them. You would not hear a protest from any one."

2,500 enteric patients, its maddening dull, routine of life."

But as the train pulled out on its way to Norval's Pont he saw a sight which seemed worse. In his own words it was, "nothing but an illimitable spongy, stodgey bog, with a driving cold rain beating upon it. And

SOLDIERS EVERYWHERE.

Mentally I asked forgiveness for having, during even one moment, thought of my own discomforts and worries. Some of those men had been here guarding the railway a whole month. They had begun the task immediately at the end of the awful strain of the Field Marshal's progress from Gras Pan to Bloemfontein, when they marched as no Europeans ever marched before, and were starved as none

Now the bitterly cold driving rains had come and turned the veldt into a marsh. And here I found them air around them, shivering, playing drum tunes with their teeth, coughing, walking, and stamping to keep warm-doing everything except com-

those men, I was a duke with a palace of comforts. And if I had them up to running expenses. "I? My complaints? Why, beside

their complaints to make instead of my own, I should have been under and

not atop of the wicked, cruel veldt. "And these were Guards, mind you -the first few thousands spread over the first few miles; Grenadiers, Scots, Coldstreams! 'London pets' you have often called them; 'tin soldiers,' and you have laughed at them in your London homes and newspapers. they did not complain at that, and they are not complaining at this. The officers were glad to take anything we could give them to read, and the men did not spurn small offerings of

tobacco, but it is only just to say that "Down the line we came to a station and camp, which presented a picture of misery as complete as any that I ever saw in Chinese slum Whitechapel alley or negro barracks in New York. It was misery pared down to the raw, though none of its sufferers seemed aware of it. The beastly veldt was a mosaic of little pools and sodden tufts of sage. There were three or four shelters. One, the largest, was made by throwing a tarpaulin sheet over two piles of boxes. It was only breast high and covered

SOPPING WET GROUND, but it served as the mess room and retreat for the officers who came out, by the way, in their wringing wet clothes to ask us the usual shopworn questions about the latest rumor that Mafeking was relieved, and another that Buller had done something.

"I could see into their tent and noticed that they lived on bully beef, tinned milk, tea and jam-delicious things for a picnic-if the picnic does not last seven months on end.

"Each of the other two shelters was made by throwing a porous blue army blanket over a pole and pinning down the sides so as to make a burrow two feet high and six feet long. It seemed to me that it must be slightly wetwhich I must keep as a perpetual sou- ter and a hundredfold more disagreevenir of what we are all beginning to able in such a hutch than out on the weldt. It was out on the veldt that we saw the Tommies; the poor, neglected, all-suffering, woe-begone looking, but none the less devil-may-care.

said as he eftered the hall.

"No, monsieur," the servant answered, supposing that he was one of those invited; "they had just assembled when an accident happened which has disturbed them."

"Ah! What was that?" the gentleman Try to imagine the spirit of a man we saw the Tommies; the poor, nefashioned in the image of his creator glected, all-suffering, woe-begone

were not only soaking wet, but, for and return instantly." I now view this war.

"We all feel that we have seen by far the best and liveliest of it. There can be no new scenes or surroundings in what is to come. The Boer will all of each leg to the wet. A few were examining the shattered mirror in the servant joined the company, who were examining the shattered mirror in salour. With that he ascended the stairs, and the servant joined the servant j on and on; no one knows how far, no One was seated on a box with an au-

the discomforts of campaigning in a chilled to the bone for days. They desert which was introduced to us as could cook nothing, boil nothing, heat a baked and dusty Sahara, but is now nothing, for not a dry thing with to be a wet, soggy expanse, growing which to make a fire could be found colder and colder, until, daily for upon the soaking veldt. They doubtweeks, the pickets shall be found froz-en to death at their posts. less had plenty to eat, but it was all tinned stuff, and must have been taken cold and eaten each thing by itself, pect for description by one who has without a chance of making a toothsome combination. Plenty were dying, plenty were sickening, others "And then the private sicknesses must have felt very uncomfortable; and accidents, and the public checks yet those who were of the mettle to and disasters. How all of it gets on survive were whistling, singing and one's nerves and grinds and tears cracking jokes; They are welcome to them-until one loaths the break of a crack one at me for speaking of my new day, the recurrence of meal times, own troubles, where men have to live, the daily struggle with the censor as I saw perhaps 20,000 living between

### NATURAL LIGHTHOUSE

A Volcano Island Is Visible for More Stromboli, one of the Lipari Islands,

has constantly and usefully perform-Such was the frame of mind in ed the function of a lighthouse for at which he left Bloemfontein, "with its least 2,000 years. Circular in outline, the island culminates in a conical shaped elevation due to past volcanic agency, which rises to the height of 3,090 feet above sea level, and is visible over an area having a radius of more than 100 miles. During the day masses of vapor are seen issuing from a point high up the mountain side, and at night successive displays of red light, varying in duration and intensity, somewhat resemble those of a gigantic flashlight on the coast. The flashes last from under one to over twenty minutes, gradually increasing to a ruddy glow, and as gradually fading away. This island is referred to by several very ancient writers as the great natural Pharos of the Western Mediterranean. Now it serves the same purpose, for the constants stream of traffic passing to and from the Straits of Messina, for which Stromboli acts as a "leading" light. To such an extent is this the case that, although the other principal islands of the Lipari archipelago are marked by lighthouses, nothing of the kind is placed upon Stromboli.

A SIMPLE PLAN.

How do you keep your losses at the races from your guardian?

Oh, replied the young rake, I charge them up to running expenses.

"He knew my name," Jacques said, "and I supposed he was one of the persons who fired the persons which advanty I thought it was all right."

"That was the man," the detective said, "And the person who fired the shot was his accomplice. It was all right."

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"The concierge didu't remember having sent he man who fired the shot might have entered the grounds were not extensive. The gate, but he certainly did not leave that way, as no one passed after the firing of the soft exercised and Charles Gretry.

The grounds were not extensive. There was a very high wall covered with foliage near the spot where the ball passed diagonally from the wind shaped elevation due to past volcanic agency, which rises to the height of "and I supposed living upon it, without tents, were and at night successive displays of as the veldt beneath them, wet as the lands of the Lipari archipelago are

WIND AND SEA

The sea is a jovial comrade;
He laughs wherever he goes;
His merriment shines in the dimpling lines
That wrinkle his hale repose;
He lays himself down at the feet of the sun
And shakes all over with glee,
And the broad backed billows fall faint on the

shore In the mirth of the mighty sea! But the wind is sad and restless

And cursed with an inward pain; You may hark at will, by valley or hill,

Welcome are both their voices.

nd the wind that sauces.

Are singing the selfsame strain.

—Bayard Taylor.

#### \*\*\*\*\* A CLEVER STROKE OF BUSINESS.

A Detective Chases the Wrong Parties, While the Thief Takes Himself Away. :: :: :: ::

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* In July, 1867, M. Henri Gretry died In July, 1867, M. Henri Gretry died in Paris, leaving a large forture. A few days later there was a large family gathering at the house of his son, M. Charles Gretry, on the Boulevard St. Germain. The dead man had left express instructions that certain aged distant relatives should be provided for, and his children and some old friends met to consult as to the heat way to carry out the wishes of the best way to carry out the wishes of the deceased. They were conversing in a parlor in the rear of the grand saloon when the report of a pistol was heard, followed by the crash of glass. The parfollowed by the crash of glass. The party in great alarm entered the saloon and found that a splendid mirror of great value, occupying the wall in the center of the saloon, was badly shattered. A few seconds after the catastrophe a gentleman dressed in black, with an overcoat over his arm, appeared at the door and was admitted by a servant.

"I am afraid I am late Jacques" he

as admitted by a servant.
"I am afraid I am late, Jacques," he said as he entered the hall.

cal museum, and you begin to obtain a glimpse of the fatigue with which down in the rain. Their overcoats

forming the conclerge at the gate that were also walking, walking, walking. was going to give information of what had occurred at the house. "A gentleman has already left for that

"He was a gentleman in black, with an overcoat over his arm."
"I cannot think who it could be," Charles said. "At all events, my going also can do not harm."
He departed and returned soon with two officers. Examination showed that a bullet from the outside had passed through a plate glass window and struck the mirror in the center. No clew to the perpetrator of the act could be discovered outside in the grounds. Next morning a detective named Perelet came to the mansion and found the family in a state ansion and found the family in a state mansion and found the family in a state of great excitement. Mme. Guerry's jewel case, containing gems valued at 300,000 francs, was missing. When Perclet learned the fact, he asked:
"When was it last seen?"

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"We are in mourning and wear no jewelry at present." Mme. Gretry said; "but I made it my business every evening when preparing for dinner to see that the case and its contents are safe in my escritoire, and I did so last evening. This morning I discovered that the escritoire had been forced and my jewels removed."

Perclet examined the escritoire and carefully scrutinized the grounds around the house. He questioned the conclerge and legrand all shout the synthesis.

and learned all about the gentleman in the catastrophe and who had said that he was going to inform the police. Jacques, whose duty it was to admit visiting the catastrophe and who had said that he was going to inform the police. itors, was likewise questioned and told how he had admitted just at the time of how he had admitted just at the time of the smashing of the mirror a gentleman who answered the description of the person who had soon afterward passed the concierge, saying that he was going for the police.

"He knew my name," Jacques said, "and I supposed he was one of the persons invited and when he proposed to go

ing started for England.
"You had better see M Suinne's valet," said the ted for England.
had better see M. Moyet, M. des valet," said the concierge.

gentlemanly man of about 40, who instantly granted the favor asked and ac-

companied the officer over the grounds. M. Moyet expressed unbounded astonishment when he heard of the robbery at M. Gretry's. The detective saw to ascend the walls from M. de Suinne's grounds and to return. But how could a thief get into M. de Suinne's premises.

for they were even more carefully protected from intruders than M. Gretry's. "It is impossible for any one to enter knowledge," the valet said. "Every night at sunset two blood mastiffs are let loose, and any trespasser would undoubtedly be attacked."

When Parelet were the said of the sai grounds after dusk without our

Moyet is a most excellent and trustworthy person. He was in my employ for many years and before that had studfor many years and before that had studied medicine and was a most skillful and valued nurse and attended my late father with indefatigable care and kindness. I would not have parted with him as long as my father lived. M. de Suine, with whom we was earn, this stead of the studies of the state of the st with whom we were very intimate, desired his services, and we offered no op-

Perclet devoted some time to thought. his chief, and in a few hours it was as-certained that on the day of the robbery Bradier had drawn from his banker 50,-

that was to be held?"

"Certainly not. Did they do so?" "They did.' Perclet sou

sought out Jacques and had a

Jacques seemed lost in thought.
"Do you often see M. Moyet?" Per-

Jacques opened his eyes and put his due entirely to merit. hand to his mouth as one in amazement.
"Well, it is most surprising," he said.
"Now you mention the name, the man

Then he had a long talk with M. G. try, after which he started for Calais. ere he learned of the departure of the he sought for London. He went are and tracked them back to Calais found them at a hotel. As soon as had retired to a room he followed knocked at the door. It was opened knocked at the door.

and knocked at the door. It was opened by M. Bradier.

"Excuse me," said Perelet, advancing into the room in spite of M. Bradier's attempt to prevent his entrance. "I am a Paris detective, and I demand the return of a casket of jewels which you so'be from the house of M. Gretry. Deliver them without trouble, and then I am instructed to allow you to go scot free."

Even these marvelous records were eclipsed by the son of the first Lord Gardner, who was a midshipman at 10, was wounded a year later and was made a commander at 17.

Admiral Rowley signalized his entrance into the teens by promotion to the rank of Lieutenant, and was Gartain in command of a frigate be-

Bradier, when she heard a man's voice, day; but even this precocious turned toward the speaker and ex-

"I know as little as you," her husband answered and, addressing Perclet, said:
"Explain yourself, sir, and do it quickly, or I will summon the police."

Perclet was taken abade and here.

LORD LYONS, AGED ELEVEN.

Lord Lyons, who had sole charge of a war-ship at 16, and at 18 was Captain of a seveniy-four gun frigate.

LORD LYONS, AGED ELEVEN.

Lord Lyons, who in later life was

Perclet was taken aback and began in a stammering way to make clear his mission. Finally be managed to get out the

departure from Paris. It is true that Mme. Bradier was at M. Gretry's house the day on which you say the jewels were stolen. But she then knew nothing of the journey to England. At my office that morning I received a cable dispatch from England that our daughter, who was at school there, had eloped with and married a gentleman whom we knew, but to whose marriage with my defeated and some years before he left school.

RECKLESSLY BRAVE AT 16.

Of English Admirals now living Sir Nowall Sala Admirals now living Sir Nowall Sala Admirals now living Sir and for some puper relief, 250 281 women in 250 married a gentleman whom we knew, but to whose marriage with our daughter we could not consent. I immediately drew money from the bank and went home. My wife resolved to accompany me to England, and the painful circumstances of which we were informed were communicated by her to her father, who, though an invalid, is a man of strong mind and hore up bravely; suffering in though an invalid, is a man of strong mind and bore up bravely; suffering infinitely less than if my wife had absented herself without his knowing the reason. Everything has been happily arranged, and we are now on our way home. This explanation, I hope, will be satisfactory."

Perclet admitted that it was, and, much creatfallen, made his bow and departed are the could for Paris. On his

crestfallen, made his bow and departed as soon as he could for Paris. On his reaching that city he found that M. Moyet, M. de Suinne's respectable valet, had disappeared, not having been seen from the day that Perclet left Paris on his wild goose chase. So far as this record goes, he was never found.—Brooklyn Citizen.

THE OLD SYSTEM AND THE NEW. But, dad, what did you know about psychology, and physics, and Delsarter And what do you know, my dear boy, about geography and arithmetic, and spelling.

### FAMILY AESTHETICS.

Amelia, this coffee is no account. Don't say a word, Arthur; I have to get it, because it comes in such lovely enameled tin cans.

Britain contains a quarter of the human race. A second quarter is contained in Russia, France, the United States and Germany.

The clothes around with me I know where that there's really no difference in landlords.

# Perclet did so and was confronted by SOME BOY COMMANDERS.

VERY YOUNG LEADERS OF REGI-MENTS IN BATTLE.

Colonels of Seventeen and Eighteen Were Pientiful in the Peninsular War-Lord Neison Was a Post Captain at Twenty-One.

Military precocity never has reached the stage it assumed in England Record of Occurrences in the Land years ago. For instance, it was quite a common thing for an English boy at Eton or Harrow to be gazetted Captain while he was struggling with the pons asinorum, and defying dis-Then Perclet reported to M. Gretry, cipline by going out of bounds, and when George III. was King many a young public school boy was sent straight from the class room to fight the Spaniards as a full-blown Lieutenant or Captain, while even Colonels that London's baking is nearly all of 17 and 18 were plentiful almost as

WELLINGTON AT TWENTY-FOUR.

Even Wellington was far less precocious than these favored youngsters M. Bradier, M. de Suinne's son-in-law, he knew was a broker, reported to be well off. He might have business in England. But why should his wife accompany him when her father was liable to discuss any time? Payelat consulted with onel, and Lord Wolseley, in spite of lie at any time? Perclet consulted with only reached the same rank at the age of 26 and Lord Roberts had to wait 10 years longer. In these slow- English town, has named the triplets Bradier had drawn from his banker 50, oloo francs. Perclet visited M. Gretry.

"You told me, monsieur," he said, "that you and M. de Suinne's family were on intimate terms. When did any of them visit you last?"

"Mme. Bradier was here on the day of the observation was here on the day of the behavior and in the said. But while the boy Majors and Colonge the behavior and the said of the last century were chiefly said the said contains the said of the last century were chiefly said the said contains the said of the last century were chiefly said the said of the last century were chiefly said the said of the last century were chiefly said.

of the robbery, early in the morning."

"Did she know of the family gathering Mall or Piccadilly, many boys much content to air their uniforms in Pall couch, she has the papers read to her tt was to be held?"

It was a subject of conversation."

Did she inform you that she and her shand were about to start for Eng-which has ever been the great nursery younger even than themselves were Transvaal. of boy-fighters.

NELSON A POST CAPTAIN AT 21. Lord Nelson was taken away from conversation with him.

"The man in black, with the overcoat over his arm, did he remind you of any one ever employed in the house?" Perclet asked.

Lord Nelson was taken away from the grammar school in Norfolk at 11 to serve on the Raisonnable, under his uncle, Captain Suckling, and accept asked. made a Post Captain at 21, a very remarkable example of rapid promotion

Admiral Lord Collingwood, who was "Weil, it is most surprising," he said.
"Now you mention the name, the man looked just as I can imagine M. Moyet would look if he was dressed in the style of a real gentleman."
"That is enough," said Perclet.
Then he had a look and Perclet. years for his Lieutenancy and five appoint Lord Kitchener as Governoryears more for his post Captaincy, and Admiral Hardy, Nelson's Captain and friend, was a midshipman on board the Helena when he was a boy of 12.

Even these marvelous records were

Captain in command of a frigate befree."

M. Bradier was thunderstruck. Mme. fore he reached his twentieth birthmust yield place to Sir Fleetwood Pel-"My God! What is the meaning of lew, who had sole charge of a war-

in command of the fleet during the the Royal Charlotte, at the age of 11, ordered Napoleon Bonaparte to be story of the robbery.

"You have made a grave mistake, sir," and a short time later was fighting taker said M. Bradier. Closing the door, he under Admiral Duckworth in the Darward.

"Show me your authority."

Perclet did so, and M. Bradier, after speaking with his wife for a moment, said:

danelles.

Admiral Provo Wallis, who died a short time ago was able to look back

WHAT'S A MAN TO DO? Confidentially, said the undertak-

er's wife, Mr. Smith hasn't paid the bill for his wife's funeral yet. Isn't that scandalous? exclaimed Mrs. Gabble. I should think he'd be ashamed to let people see how little

he thought of his wife. Yes, and his brother John, when his wife was buried, paid the very next

Huh! 'Peared like he was glad to get rid of her. didn't it?

EXCESS OF RESPECT. Office Boy. Say, that new type-

writer girl puts on a heap o airsl Elevator Boy. What does she do? Office Boy. Even when th boss ain't nowheres around she catis him Mister Jones.

CHILLY, BUT PRUDENT. You've got your linen suit on a

trifle early, Hopkins. Yes, but my folks are interested in Oh, yes, there's a difference in

## FROM ENGLAND.

WHAT JOHN BULL AND HIS PEOPLE ARE DOING.

That Reigns, Supreme in the Commercial World.

One of the men serving in the Imperial Yeomanry is worth £10,000 a year.

The number of women studying medicine in London has increased nearly fif y per cent, in three years. The bakers' strike revealed the fact

done by Germans or other foreigners. The new destroyer Albatross, which steams 32 knots per hour, brought her steam and gunnery trials to a successful issue in the North Sea.

The Marquis of Salisbury keeps about 70 indoor servants, not counting dependants of a higher class, such as private secretaries, librarians and chaplains.

A parent, named Jenkins, in an which arrived the other day, Roberts, Buller and Tugela. The latter was a

giri baby.
Though Florence Nightingale now spends all her time in bed on on a in order to get the news from the

Sir H. M. Leslie Rundle, who is to have the local rank of lieutenant-general in South Africa, is the most quickly promoted British officer of recent times

The British ironclad Warrior, which is the oldest warship of its kind, in her Majesty's navy, has just been stricken from the roll of vessels in active service. British noblemen are the only ones

in Europe who ever wear coroners on when they do so is at the coronation of the sovereign. It is stated that as soon as the war is over the Government intends to

General of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State. Mr. W. J. Crossley has promised to provide at his own cost a Manchester hospital for the open air treatment

of consumption. A site has been secured in the Delamere Forest. The demand for oatmeal throughout England is increasing every year, and the quantity used among the millions of London will soon exceed in

ratio the consumption in "Auld Reekie' itself. There is a plague of rats in some farms in the Fens, and stacks of corn are being threshed on account of their ravages. From one stack in Helpringham no fewer than 100 rats

killed while threshing. It is a curious coincidence that Earl Bathurst, who has been appointed the custodian of Gen. Cronje at St. Helena, is a great-grandson of that Earl taken to that island as a prisoner of

The Outlook shows that Tommy Atkins is not such an absent manded beggar after ail. Out of 163 097 children receiving out-door pruper relief,

cannot find one of the 36 to fit hem o the satisfaction of his officer the regimental tailor will see to it. But after a year or two a soldier is not so difficult to fit as other men, as a continuous course of similar exercises produces a series of similar figures for which the sizes of the clothing factory are designed.

The other day at Stevens auction rooms, in Covent Garden, London, some high prices were realized for pouter pigeons, the property of Mr. Volckman, one of the finest pigeon fancers in the country. A pair, 1898 then being a Crystal Palace cup winner, sold for sixteen guineas, a black cock; 1899; twelve gumeas, black ben, 1896 first prize at Paisley, ten guineas; a red cock, 1897, five pounds, and a black cock, 1897, six

MIGHT AS WELL STAY ON.

We've quit moving every spring. Don't you find a restful difference in other apartments?

a rummage sale; and when I carry my apartments; but we've found out

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