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"But you would be killed before you step your foot on the bridge," said the sergeant, "No! can you swim?"

"That I can," said the drammer. "Then swim across with your

"The drum isn't water-tight! exclaimed Andre. "It would get water soaked, and I could not beat it when I got across.'

The sergeant was equal to the emergency. He was a capital Plunging into the swimmer. water, he bade Andre mount upon his shoulders, holding his drum clear of the water. In this way the two men crossed the river. Andre beating his drum lustily all the way over.

Once on the other side, he pounded it in a way to well-nigh The Austrians, wake the dead. who were massed near, were nearly all raw recruits. Hearing what they took to be the drums of an advancing force of French, and remembering a terrible French onslaught of the day before, they

This left the bridge clear, and the French began to pour across. Andre was joined by other drummers. The Austrian flight became a rout. The French swept on with Andre Estienne, still drumming, at their head. The army was soon in advance, and very soon the whole Austrian force was retreating, utterly beaten.

Subsequently, Estienne's heroic act was celebrated by being represented in stone on the front of the Pantheon at Paris. Frederic Mistral, the great Provencal poet of Southern France, in a poem, has either invented or recorded a thrilling incident.

Estienne is said to have gone to Paris and to have seen himself figured among the great men of the nation on the front of the Pantheon.

"I, so high as that!" he exclaimed, gasping, and then fell to the ground, struck dead.

Whether or not this scene ever took place, it is certain that the funeral of the little drummer of Arcola was attended by a great concourse of French officers and soldiers.

It has recently been decided that a monument shall be erected to his memory in the French town of Cadenet, of which he was a native.

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It was an unexpected prove case for John's reckties, but tools, some are dexterous with the sacrifice, and into which you put mer," was there. He went to his it rever occurs to him to make any these guits, as well as many others sergeant and told him that he is two in kind. For that reason not mentioned, can be turned to should cross the bridge with his the day made blessed by loving fractical account as Christmas drum, and beat it on the other thought for the happiness of time draws near. thers, means comparatively little to him.

man can live there. But see here: creation for the sake of other dash away to the long, snow-covershould not have some pretty and stay there till the stars come Christmas remembrance ready for out, if you wish to make your

the was an unexpected prove case for joints courte, and ment. No officer was near, but though John is pieced with the pencil, some are proficient in loving thought and earnest effort. Andre Estienne, the "little drain with and thanks his sister heartily, handling the camera. And each of will be worth more to your friends

> For the sake of this giving you raist be ready to give up some-If you boys are as ready as your thing. You cannot spend all your sisters to sacrifice your hours of re- Saturdays skating, you cannot people, there is no reason why you led hill the minute school is over, each of those you love, when the leisure count for the pleasure of day of giving comes around. Some someone beside yourself. But the of you are skilled in the use of gifts for which you make some

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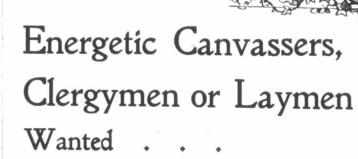
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