

HOW BUCKSKIN FIRED THE GUN.

The Corporal Tells a Remarkable Story and Offers Evidence of Its Truth.

When the Old Soldier Club had been called to order by the veteran, he announced that Corporal Buckskin, whose real name was Boogense, would narrate one of his experiences—that experience, in fact, which had made him a corporal.

The corporal blushing pulled the soap box he was sitting on, out in the middle of the floor and began:

"It happened down there on the Potomac," he said, "one day when there wasn't much going on—a sort of between-meals affair, but not pleasant while it lasted. The enemy had bunched over in some woods and about forty of us hauled up a twenty-pound smooth-bore gun and thought we would have some fun dialoguing them. There was a small frame house not more than 200 yards away and we tried to get behind it, but we couldn't reach it and they couldn't. We got the gun in position in some bushes, with a low heavy tree right over it, and blazed away once without much damage, and while we were loading the second time, thinking we had it all our own way, they made a rush, about fifty of them, and got into the house. Then they opened on us, and though we had got the gun so it covered the house and had it all ready to touch off. I'll be blamed if they didn't make it so hot for us we had to skedaddle. That is to say, everybody did but me, and I went up the big tree and hid in the leaves. I didn't want to be there a bit, I can tell you, but there was no help for it; I was treed and nothing short of Providence was going to save me. I hugged the tree close and was scared half to death, until they let up shouting, and then I got cooler and began to look around and figure on getting away. The cannon was right under me, almost within reach, setting in the sun as harmless as a baby on a fence, and likely to remain so as long as the other fellows were in the house, and our fellows were hid in the bushes out of sight, waiting for night to come on or for something to turn up to change the situation. In the meantime, I was doing a deal of thinking up that tree. I was hugging a limb so tight that after a while something in my pocket began to hurt me in the ribs, and I reached in to see what it was, and found a sun-glass some of the boys had picked up and had traded me for a jack-knife. I had the uncomfortable thing out in half a minute and was going to throw it away, when all of a sudden I noticed the cannon down there in the sun all ready to be fired if only anybody could set a match to it. I think I to myself, what the good of a sun-glass? So I crept out on the limb as quietly as I could and got close to the gun to get a focus on the touch-hole. It was most too far away, but I held her on the best I could for about five minutes, when bang went the cannon, and as I'm sitting here, I tell you, it blowed that house clean over and full of holes and didn't leave a man that could run. Nary a man, and before anybody had time to move on the other side our fellows jumped out of the bushes and yanked that cannon under cover and kept it there. The jar of the shot knocked me off the limb and I broke my arm in the fall, but the stripes they put on it cured it pretty quick and I didn't complain." Corporal Buckskin's story excited some doubt in the minds of a few of his listeners, but when he pulled a big sun-glass from his pocket and showed it as the identical glass, the testimony was considered competent, and everybody came forward and congratulated him—Detroit Free Press.

A Conjuror's Greatest Mystery.

A London, England, newspaper reporter recently interviewed M. Servais le Roy, the celebrated conjuror, who, at the time, was playing at the Royal Aquarium in that city. During the conversation the reporter asked him if he had any new ideas. M. Servais le Roy laughingly replied:

"Why, of course, I always have new ideas. Don't you know that a conjuror must always try to be original? Stop a bit and I will tell you a great secret. No one knows of it yet—that is, of the general public. I hope shortly, at a well-known London music-hall and theatre—the Empire, in fact—to produce my greatest mystery. It will cause a great sensation. I will pledge myself to do this. To 'vanish,' in the presence of the audience, and in the hundredth part of a second, a full grown, live elephant, with two native riders on its back."

"Good gracious!" I exclaimed, "but it is impossible."

"Not in the least," said he; "I have done it here, on this very stage—privately of course. But the third time the weight of the elephant broke the stage, and the poor beast collapsed altogether. It wasn't hurt, but it frightened it so much I have not been able to persuade it to try again. But I have some more elephants 'up my sleeve,'" he laughingly added. "I have been practising the trick in my garden at Brixton. I made a huge wooden elephant, and every day for months, a dozen times a day the neighbors have seen the elephant disappear till they are fairly tired of it."

"I overheard a conversation once which much amused me. A stranger happened to pass just as this huge wooden beast melted from his sight like a flash of lightning. He couldn't make it out a bit."

"Why, it's gone," he cried.

"Yes," retorted a resident, packed up his trunk and gone again. That elephant does that twenty times a day."

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