condtions, if the troops were attacked with fever or
influanza, and all experience forbids us to hope that influanza, and all experience forbids us to hope tha ont incurring almost the certainty of an epidemic even if they are in the most healithy climates in the closely, but Sir George Brown's division covered near y trice the space which would have been oscupi bye ench the sane number of men, and yet ther is no account in history of any of these camp epidemics in Gaul: or Thrace, os Pannonia, or in any of the standing camps of the Romans, and we must believe that the cholera and its cognate pests arise out of some combiah nut oceur in former times at present, the cholera has assumed a phase which bafles our best effotts, and throws all our past data to the winds. it sometimes is quite painless, there is often He or no purging, blome surer is seized with tentity till collapse is established, and death then syony. As an instance of the capricious action of the disease, I may mention what was told me by one of our pincipal surgenas here. He had been to visit the camp of the 5th Dragoon Guards and of the Erniskillens, which was pitched in a very healthy lookin a few days these skeleton regiments (for all our cavalry regiments are mere skeletons of regiments and nothing more, as few colonels could bring 250 sabres into the field in the healthiest state of their troops) were reduced considerably-in fact, they lost about $\not \approx$ men. During the doctor's inspection there was a heavy thunderstorm, and as he shettered in one
of the tents he expressed his satisfaction at an occurrence which, in accordance with valgar nolions and eren with philosophical investigation, is supposed to produce that beneficial operation called "clearing the air;" but after the thunderstorm the disense became worse, and when the surgeon went down to bis own trical discharres five men of the amifulance corpsa borly of men heretofore singularly free from illness tour were dead in less hann six hours. The conduct of many of the mer; , French and English, seems cha-
racterized by a recklessness which verges on insanity You find them lying drunk in the kennels, or in the ditches by the road-sides, under the blazing rays of the sun, covered with swarms of flies. You zee them in atupid souriely gravely paring the rind of cucumber of portentous dimensions, and ealing the deadly
oylinders one after another, to the number of six or oight, till there is no room for more-all the while
sitting in groups in the fields or on the flags by the strops in the open street, and looking as if thay thought they were adopting highly sanitary measures for their health's sake; or frequently three or four of them will
make a happy bargain with a Greek for a large basketful of apricots, "killjohns," scarlet pumpkins, plums, and then they retire beneath ihe shade of tree, where they divide and eat the luscious food till nought remains but a heap of pee, rind, and slones. brandy, and then mass of fruit with raki, or peach they can. One day I saw a Zounve and a hnge Greuadier stagrering up the street arm in arm, each being iterally laden with enormous pumplins, and cucumbers, and in the intervals of song-for one was shouting out "Cheer, boys, cheer," in irregular spasms,
and the other was chanting some love ditty of a very lachrymose character-they were feeding each other with a cucumber. One took a bite and handed it to bis friend, who did the same, and thus they were contiaving their amphibian banquet till the Englishman stipped on a stone and weut down into the mud, bringing his friend after him-pumpkins, cucumbers, and the Grenadier at once composel hunselt to sleep, notwithstanding the entreaties of his companion. After dragging at him, head, legs, arms, and shoulders, the Zounve found he could malke no impression on the inert mass of his friend, and regarding him in the most tragic manner possible. he clasped his hands, and exclained, "Tu es la, donc, mon ami, mon cher Jean!
Eh bien, je me coucherai avec toi $;$ " and camly fixing a couple of cucumbers for a p:llow, he lay down, and Fras soon snoring in the gutter in unison with his ally. I wris glad to see them taken off to the Corps de Garde in about five minutes afterwards, as a lucky patrol happened to come its round through the street. The and living. I am looking at about 20 of them, belonging to a batiery, under the window of the room in shich I am writing, busily engaged in the consumpall of small bullety-looking melons. They are at it all day, except when they are smoking, or (listen to
this! saying their prayels, for the poor fellows are this!) saying their prayels, for the poor fellows are
for the most part very regular in their devotions, and when they have finished them they glare and scowl on Christians in a fashion fearfin to behold for 10 minates afterwards. There can be no reason for the illness of our men so far as the commissariat supplies are concerned; at least, they have at present a very
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