

REGIMENTAL COLOURS.

Great is the value of the standard to a regiment; it is a telegraph in the centre of the battle to speak the changes of the day to the wings. Its importance has, therefore, been immense in all ages, among all nations, and in all kinds of war. 'Defend the colours! form upon the colours!' is the first cry and first thought of a soldier when any mischance of battle has produced disorder: then do cries, shouts, firing, blows, and all the tumult of the combat, thicken round the standard; it contains the honour of the band, and the brave press round its bearer. An instance of the attachment shown by our troops to their standards occurred after the battle of Corunna. It was night. The regimental colours of the Fiftieth (General Napier's own regiment) was missing; a cry arose that it had been lost; the soldiers were furious; the present Sir Henry Fane, with a loud and angry voice, called out, "No, no! the Fiftieth cannot have lost their colours!" They were not lost. Two ensigns, Stewart a Scotchman, and Moore an Irishman, had been slain, as they bore the banners charging through the village of El Vina: two colour-serjeants; whose names I cannot recollect, seizing the prostrate colours, bravely continued the charge, carrying them through the battle. When the fight was done, an officer received one of these standards from the serjeant; it was now dark, and he allowed his alarm for the safety of the colours to overpower his better judgment; he forgot both their use and their honour, and had gone to the rear, intending to embark with them, though the regiment was still in its position. The stray colour was found, and the soldiers were pacified; but this officer never could remove the feeling which his well-meaning but ill-judged caution had produced against him. This anecdote shows the sentiments entertained by British troops for their colours; sentiments pervading all ranks, from the general to the drummer. Sir Henry Fane's words, thus loudly expressed, rendered him a favourite with the fiftieth regiment ever after. When colours are worn out, they are not to be thrown away. I understand that the Fiftieth, having been lately made a royal regiment, received a blue standard, and the silk of the old colours was burned with much ceremony. The wood of the spear was made into a snuff-box, and its lid encloses the ashes of that black banner which had so often waved amidst the white curling smoke of the battle. On this box are engraved the names of those who fell bearing the colours in combat.—*Napier on Military Law.*

SINGULAR WILL.—An inhabitant of Montgailard left the following testament;—"It is my will that any one of my relations who shall presume to shed tears at my funeral shall be disinherited; he, on the other hand, who laughs the most heartily, shall be sole heir. I order, that neither the church nor my house shall be hung with black cloth; but that, on the day of my burial, the house and church shall be decorated with flowers and green boughs. Instead of the tolling of bells, I will have drums, fiddles, and fifes. All the musicians of Montgailard and its environs shall attend the funeral. Fifty of them shall open the procession with hunting tunes, waltzes, and minuets." This will created the more surprise, as the deceased had always been denominated by his family the Misanthrope, on account of his gloomy and reserved character.

UNFORTUNATE PRIZE.—In the Scotch rebellion of 1745, at the battle of Falkirk, Major Macdonald having dismounted an English officer, took possession of his horse, which was very beautiful, and immediately mounted it. When the English cavalry fled, the horse ran off with the victor, notwithstanding all his efforts to restrain him; nor did it stop until it was at the head of the regiment, of which apparently, its master was the commander! The melancholy, and at the same time ludicrous figure which poor Macdonald cut, when he thus saw himself the victim of his ambition to possess a fine horse, which ultimately cost him his life upon the scaffold, may be easily conceived.—*Old Scrap Book.*

HIGHLAND PRIDE.—Macdonald, the last of the Lords of the Isles, happening to be in Ireland, was invited to an entertainment given by the Lord-Lieutenant. He chanced to be among the last in coming in, and sat himself down at the foot of the table near the door. The lord-lieutenant requested him to sit beside him. Macdonald asked in his native tongue, "what the carle said?" On being told that he was desired to move towards the head of the table, he replied, "Tell the carle that wherever Macdonald sits, that is the head of the table."

DEFINITION OF NOTHING.—At the Donegal assizes, the following humorous cross-examination of a witness occasioned much merriment in court. Mr. Doherty—"What business do you follow?" "I am a schoolmaster." "Did you turn off your scholars or did they turn you off?" "I do not wish to answer irrelevant questions"—(Laughter) "Are you a great favourite with your pupils?" "Ay! tatham-I; a much greater favourite than you are with the public." "Where were you, sir, this night?" "This night?" said the witness; "there is a learned man—this night is not come yet; I suppose you mean that night."

(Here the witness looked at the judge, and winked his eye as if in triumph.) "I presume the 'schoolmaster was abroad' that night, doing nothing?" "Define 'nothing,'" said witness. Mr. Doherty did not comply. "Well," said the learned schoolmaster, "I will define it—it is a footless stocking, without a leg—(roars of laughter, in which his lordship joined). "You may go down, sir," "Faith, I well believe you're tired enough of me; but it is my profession to enlighten the public, and if you have any more questions to ask, I will answer them."—*Belfast Northern Whig.*

A NEW METHOD OF TEACHING MUSIC. A Highland piper having a scholar to teach, disdained to crack his brain with the names of semibreves, minims, crochets, and quavers. "Here, Donald," said he, "take your pipes, lad, and gie's a blast. So, verra weel blawn indeed, but what's a sound, Donald, without sense? Ye may blaw for ever without making a tune o't, if I dinna tell ye how the queer things on the paper maun help ye. Ye see that big fellow, w' a round open face (pointing to a semibreve between the two lines of a bar); he moves slowly from that line to this, while he beat ane wi' your fit, and gie a lang blast; if now you put a leg to him, ye mak twa o' him, and he'll move twice as fast; and if ye black his face he'll run four times faster than the fellow wi' the white face; but if after blacking his face, ye'll bend his knee, or tie his legs, he'll hop eight times faster than the white-faced chap that I showed you first. Now, whene'er you blaw your pipes, Donald, remember this, that the tighter those fellows' legs are tied, the faster they'll run, and the quicker they're sure to dance."

ENGLISH ANNUALS, 1838.

C. H. BELCHER, has received the following Splendid Annuals for 1838—viz.—*Flowers of Loveliness*,—Twelve Groups of Female Figures, Emblematic of Flowers; designed by various artists, with poetical Illustrations by L. E. L.

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Nov. 11.

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Nov. 11.

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Oct. 14—3m.

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Dec. 2.

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WINE, LIQUORS, GROCERIES, &c.

Which he offers for Sale at the undermentioned Prices, for Cash only. He also wishes to inform those that are indebted to him, either by Note of Hand or Book Account, prior to 1837, if not paid before the 31st December they will be placed in the hands of an Attorney, and sued for without distinction.

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December 2, 1837.—4w.

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1 case Ensigns
30 Canada Stoves, single and double
350 Iron Pots
160 Camp Ovens
220 Oven Covers
60 hanging frying Pans
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