SOLDIERS-OF-ALL-TRADES.

How Canadians Made Themselves Useful in a Boer Town....

[From Hart's Yarns.]

line, was put in charge of a private

who had very recently been signing

his name as Assistant General Pas-

senger Agent of a big transcontinent-

al railroad. As the train service of the

to the rare occasions when the exigen

Dusterburg branch was now confined

cies of the main line transport service

permitted, the position of the new

agent was by no means an arduous

one. Lance Corporal Gallegher prompt-

ly volunteered for the local barber shop, and with his rifle leaning con-

glass, lathered and shaved his fellow-

troopers in a thoroughly professional

manner. Of doctors and medical stud-

ents competent to practice, they had

headquarters. Cooks and bakers were

not so plentiful, and honored accord-

ingly. And so it went. Coming into

a town from which the working popu-

lation had fled without taking away

much more than their clothes, it was

soldiers such as these, to make them-

selves very comfortable. The doing

of this and other fatigue duty, com-

bined with the necessary watching and

warding which is the old-fashioned

title for scout and picket service, gave

the little command a good deal of busi-

ness to attend to in their waking hours.

Nevertheless, there were individuals

among them with unoccupied mo-

ments. Seeing this, the thoughful

commandant set Lieutenant Coplin (a

lawyer who had never had a client)

customed to turning the same away

by reason of his popularity), to work

claims between a swarm of Kaffirs and

several of the Dutch farmers of the

neighborhood. During the course of

these hearings, which, from the fact

that both parties spoke in languages

of which the court was densely ignor

ant, were of but little potency, these

Kaffirs and their friends cluttered the

thoroughfares of the town and other-

wise made themselves useful, as will

Probably the only remaining indi-

viduals in Captain Ledaire's company

tions of Satan, soon put themselves

out of harm's way. They were two in

number, Private Hadley and Sergeant

Mitchell, or to name them in strict ac-

cordance with military etiquette, Ser-

geant Mitchell and Private Hadley.

They had been respectively employed as motorman and chief engineer of a

managed to show what they could ac-

complish and were thereupon encour-

contractor ever put a job through in such quick time. Of course the fine

work of grading and measuring of

curves had already been done. The principle portion of the remaining la-

stringing wires overhead. It is really

wonderful how many spikes a couple

curacy and inherent quality of

ran upon it, and, except in some few

instances, kept upon it, for the whole two miles length. This running began

within a comparatively few days after

the new limited corporation took con

trol. Sergeant Mitchell assumed his

old stand at the motor valve and

alarm gong, while Private Hadley al-

ternated between the power house and

hurried repair trips. There was no

conductor and no fares were taken up.

This glaring innovation rather dis-

tracted the railroaders until they con-

ceived the happy idea of utilizing

some old red paint in daubing the let-

ters O. H. M. S. over the handsomely gilded and varnished insignia of the

local company, which already adorn-

made were as irregular as the passen-

ing and off-duty comrades, if we ex-

cept the childlike and wondering Kaf-

firs, who trusted themselves implicitly

wherever the white men ventured. But

the transportation was most conveni-

ent for rations, forage and such ma-

terial as needed it. Hadley was full of

armoured train for serious use, in case

aged to dissuade him from the no-

"No." said the company's skipper

without a smile on his face; "we must

fight the Boers fair and square, or not

shells, dumdum bullets, or dynamite

trolley cars loose among them.

iginal vocations.

bombs, but I draw the line at turning

Of course you will understand that

I am only giving a few samples of

can pretty well imagine the probabil-

ities, when over a hundred men, in

prime health and drawn from the active walks of life, find themselves tem-

porarily set down with time and tools

for the proper exploitation of their or-

"Billy Jones and Sam Burbank are

tered bulldog. "They've picked out a

dandy piece of swamp not over an

him a big advertisement of lots for

sale, steal a goat for the free lunch,

have a regular auction.

fessedly comic press.

engage me for the band of music, and |

These stray remarks of Bugler Gor-

man show the true humoristic concep-

was a leading contributor to the con-

onverting some of the cars into an

who were at all eligible for the seduc

disputed

adjudicating upon some

hereinafter be recited.

and the swarms of

them.

and Private Anderson (who was ac

possible for a company of amateur

an abundance, without calling upon the

veniently to hand against the

regimental surgeons from

Some millions of true-hearted brothers, | skipper went down his roster. The lit-Who'll haste to your banners un- the shed, dignified by the title of stafurled. And with you stand fast, while lifeblood shall last,
For Empire 'gainst the whole world.

-Cry of the Colonies.

When a certain company of the first Canadian contingent in South Africa was detailed to occupy the little town of Dusterburg, in Northern Cape Colony, the grumbling among the rank and file could scarcely be kept within the bounds required by regular army

"Just when we've had our first taste of campaigning, too," growled Private Hadley, as they were off-saddling for the noonday halt. "It's a blamed shame, that's what it is. After walting a whole month for a chance of active service we get one measly little scouting trip in the enemy's country, and now are sent further back from the front than ever, to hold down a place of no strategical or anyotherical im-Portance, as far as I can see."

"You and 'K.' would appear to differ on that point, and I'm afraid that 'Bobs' is more apt to take the latter's opinions, than yours," remarked Corporal Stanley, without ceasing to operate his rusted sword-bayonet upon the sun-baked mud which encrusted his puttees.

'Why couldn't they send up some of the freshly landed troops and leave us where we were," commented Sergeant Mitchell. "I worked a whole week marking off the ranges from our old lines. We could have made beautiful practice if the Boers had ever tried to rush us."

"Did you give your triangulations to the Blankshires?" quered an anxious

"Not much," replied the non-commissioned officer. "Let 'em get 'em for 'emselves. They landed a whole week after we did and shouldn't have been run ahead of us that way."

"Never mind. We'll be in the general advance all right," put in Private Hensley consolingly. "At any rate, it's too soon yet to bother headquarters with a petition."

There was much more of this semiautinous talk, but orders and officers are to be obeyed, and the company made good speed across the rolling veldt. Originally organized as footsoldiers, they were now temporarily transformed into mounted infantry, with the aid of shaggy coated Boer ponies captured by Methuen at Belmont; and the clumsy wagons, from he same economical source, rolled long as fast as the teams of eight and

ten pairs could draw them. The entry into the town of Dusterourg was not marked by any excessive legree of cordiality on the part of the esidents. Practically all of the British colonials had fled away, taking with them their families and easily transported valuables, on the first news of the early reverses to their arms. The townsmen of Dutch and French descent, while not actively disloyal made no pretence of hiding their ill-will for the garrisoning troops. The streets were almost deserted as the cavalcade rode in and very few pretty girls gazed from out of the windows of the many comfortable cottages and farm-houses, which lined the march. It was an attractive place as South African townships go, and evidently had been in the throes of energetic modern improvements, until brought up all standing by the stern spectre of war. The town hall and some other modest public buildings were complete, but most else resembled the first few instalments of a serial story in a magazine. The main street was all torn up for an electric tramway, and some cars and most of the material was there, but only a few sections of the track had actually been put down Telephone and telegraph poles stood or lay prostrate, just where the work-

expected places. It did not require many hours for the little corps to make 'itself thoroughly at home. The officers utilized the rooms of the deserted town hall for both living and working quarters. The half boarded-in barn of a building. which already carried upon its front an ornate sign announcing its title as the Dusterburg Grand Opera House, made a . mous barracks for the off duty men. The horse lines were established in the local market square, and other convenient places.

ers on the new extensions had hastily

abandoned them. Piles of water pipes

sewer pipes, and street lamp-posts

were to be met with in the most un-

'Er-Lemme see," commenced Captain Ledaire at the first fatigue parade ed the sides of the cars. The trips in their new garrison, looking up from a slip of paper which he held in his sers, these last being principally darhand; "Is there a telegraph operator in the company?' Up went a hand with long and mus-

cular digits a-quivering. "Very good. Private Duffield, will you be kind enough to take charge of the telegraph office?" went on the

:ommandant. "Yes, sir," replied a gruff voice, and in individual attired in particularly of invasion; but Captain Ledaire manattered and water-soaked khaki steped forward, saluted, and stalked off n the direction of the little galvanized con hut to which the wires led.

ought to know something bout the postal business, Corporal at all. I don't mind using lyddite Binner?" went on the captain inquir-

A general guffaw broke from the anks of bronzed faces at this strictly local witticism. It may be explained to the outsider by the fact that the what went on. Any intelligent reader said Binner had given up one of the nighest positions in the Canadian postoffice department in order to accept

the Queen's shilling. In much after the same fashion the

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One of the Millions.

more or less, the town of Dusterburg NEWEST TYPE newcomers, who worked (for such is the nature of mankind) to far better advantage than when in their salaried positions at home. But one stormy, wet and dismal morning, a certain bugie call was sounded and the khak! station agent, barber, lawyer, motorman, electrical engineer, printer, real estate agents, humorous writer and all the rest, gathered in their ranks and rode away about the real business which had brought them so far from their Canadian homes. tion, which stood at the town end of the feeder spur leading from the main

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flourishing local traction corporation s writes thus: "Having suffered with neuralgia in in the homeland. Needless to say that the sight of the uncompleted labors of he head for two years, I tested the the contractors for the Dusterburg skill of doctors, and made use of many Street and Suburban Rapid Transit kinds of medicines as well as the elec-Company, was gall and wormwood to tric battery, but got no relief from any of these sources. I decided to give How they really went into the thing Paine's Celery Compound a trial, as in the first place, I don't know; but by I noticed by the press that it was some concatenation of the work allinghly recommended for my trouble, ready done with the piles of material I used several bottles and it cured the cheaply hired Kaffirs who thronged the town, they to work all winter. I am happy to say the neuralgia has not troubled me aged to proceed. No self-respecting for a year."

> Cattarrh Called an American disease, is cured by n American medicine, originated and preared in the most catarrhal of American

bors was in putting down tracks and That medicine is Hood's Sarsaparilla. It cures radically and permanently in at it removes the cause, cleansing the lood of scrofulous and all other imof hundred of fairly intelligent Kaffirs can drive in a day of three or four purities. It overcomes all the effects of enterth, too, and builds up the whole hours; that is, when no particular regard is paid to the mathematical ac-

The world has six lakes more than hammering. Both Mitchell and Had-ley acknowledged that their track was libel on any well constructed roadbed, but, nevertheless, they point with Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in pride to the fact that cars actually Cows.

Some Russian railways employ only members of the orthodox church. A French planist played for 27 hours nd 4 minutes and then went insane Some one figures that if the whole earth were reduced to a level tableland its height would be 20 feet above sea level.

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A Montreal hospital nurse who has talking of going into the real estate business out here," drawled Bugler also the benefit that other suffering Gorman, between puffs from his bat- women have derived from it, writes: "I have nursed and treated all forms of female disorders, and from my perhour's wading from the end of the sonal experience must say that Ferrotrolley car line and made a map of it, zone, is a remedy about which all with streets labelled Montmorency Boulevard and Oceanview avenue and all that; and if ever Jakey gets the and satisfactory results. As a builder type set for that big edition of the of muscle and tissue, I know nothing Dusterburg Clarion of Liberty, that to equal Ferrozone. I have found it he's working on, they're going to give good to build up a weak appetite, and consider it a splendid medicine for the blood and nerves. I have no hesitancy

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OF WOMANHOOD

clad telegraph operator, postal clerk, Coronation Girl Will be a Model of Sweet Simplicity.

> King and Queen Are to Keep Young Things in the Back Ground at Court

The coronation girl will be the newest type to be added to the long list of types which artists have been picturing and poets versifying for the last twenty years or so, says a New York paper. The great event in Lonmake an entirely new and refreshing fashion in femininity. In London and in the near-to-the-

throne circles the girl will be at her best rather than when she reaches this side of the water, probably in the late summer at Newport or early in the fall in town. In New York she will be the Americanized version, but she will be none the less charming, for the American girl of all others can best stand the toning down process which will be necessary for the coronation

It is decreed that the new type of girl is to go back to the sweet old fashions. The ingenue has been practically absent from girlhood for many years. People of conservative taste look about them in vain for the damsel of blushing fifteen. She is unknown in the ranks of the up-to-date misses, who in conversation, dress and manner are exact replicas of their mammas.

No less a personage than the King, aided by Queen Alexandra, will have part in the evolution of the coronation girl. Since Benson's "Dodo" electrified the best directed efforts of physicians the world with the picture of a lively accomplish but little for the banishing English society girl, modeled after one of the best-known young women in London, the girls of the English capital have been going in for wild and hilari-It is natural therefore, that men and ous behavior which has won for one particularly smart set the title of "Hooligans."

Now the London papers have announced that the King and Queen have determined to reform girlhood on a model of sweet simplicity. According to one chronicle the jeune fille is to be reinstated and reformed. "She will not." he goes on to state, "occupy a prominent position at court. She will not be encouraged to hold her own against matrons, young or otherwise. She will be very properly treated as a girl, and

"Under these circumstances," says the paper in question, "we may reason-Morris, of Brockville, Ont. Neuralgia, ably expect that the young girl will soon be put back into her proper place, and that, being there, she WILL REGAIN THE CHARM OF

SIMPLICITY to give even a brief term of relief. It | A most decided beginning has been made by the King. His Lord Cham-berlain has been instructed to inform ladies seeking presentation at court

for their daughters that the presentation, if accorded, will end the young woman's appearance in court circles. Unless she be a married woman, invitations and the other many courtesies of the court will be denied to her. In other words, the young girl of the period is to be made to take a back seat so far as the coronation is con-cerned. Of course, she will accommo-

meekly relapse from her position as the most important figure of society to flirtatious matrons of society. neuralgia as well as the dyspepsia the most important figure of society to from which I suffered. Now I am able the comparative obscurity of gridiron. A woman versed in the ways of society abroad who has prepared many American girls for their presentation at court, said in regard to the coronation girl: "There is not the faintest doubt that

the manners of American girls will undergo a great change, owing to this event abroad. When I tell you that I am already teaching any number of American girls the courtesy which our grandmothers used to make so gracefully, you can understand that some wonderful innovations are at hand. "Girls abroad, when presented to a

lady of title or position, and especially to an elderly woman of title, always 0,000 square miles. The Caspian is used to courtesy. It is a part of court the largest of these and Lake Huron etiquette, and a great many American girls are acquiring the graceful custom. In the street we may yet see a fad for the little bobbing courtesy, which is called the 'charity bob' in England.

"That the change to be made will be a desirable one no one can doubt. GIRLS HAVE BEEN GOING TO EXTREMES.

in their freedom of speech and conduct,

in London and New York, for several seasons. "In London, you know, there has almost been a scandal on account of a certain set of unmarried girls who down town in hansom cabs, visiting the popular restaurants, unchaperoned. On this side of the water the A RELIABLE AND SAFE CURE debutante is frequently a thorough woman of the world when she makes her first appearance in society. "The tendency of young matrons, naturally, is to keep their daughters

REMEDY THAT ALWAYS back just as long as possible, but the GIVES SATISFACTION AND young married woman, who has for so long queened it in society, having a great part of the attention of the younger men, has had to keep pace with the liveliest kind of girls during

the last season or two. "The fact is, the girls saw their rightful heritage in the matter of admiration being wrested from them by the bright and extremely advanced young married women. In return they have tried their best to appear fast. That is to say, they have taken to slang, having conversed freely with men on divorce and society scandals, and have even learned to drink champaign and smoke cigarettes in their endeavor to keep up with the young matrons whose pranks and poker parties have become famous.

"One of the leading women in New York society has gained fame for her ability as a daring cakewalker. She also sings coon songs to a banjo ac companiment. Another unmarried girl, equally popular, does a Spanish dance with such grace and abandon that a firm of music hall managers made a bid to secure her services last sea-

"One of the best hostesses in New York is famed for her after-dinner stories, while the number of women addicted to poker, to beefsteak dinners in dungeons, and 'feeds' in

public restaurants, is legion. "If the coronation humpback, the ingenue type of girl, it will be a benefit all around for it may have an effect of reforming the young married women. Men have rather enjoyed the idea of society women becoming so extremely up to date, but they can hardly relish the type as a permanent one. Certainly, when young girls fall in line with the procession of pro-gressive matrons and indulge in queer pranks about town, it is

Fifth avenue restaurants, hired a hansom and drove to several of the fash-ionable clubs, sending notes to men

whom they knew and signing the note the "Three Little Lambs." The men had sense enough to send down word that they were not in, but the three girls kept on, apparently having an immense lot of fun out of the adven-

"I have taken a number of American girls abroad and have introduced them in society on the continent. Some of these are now married. But I can assure you that while I coach girls for social life here in town I should hesitate to take the responsibility of chaperoning one of the new generation of

girls. "Can you imagine anything more charming than the American girl, bright and clever as she is, but toned down from her too exuberant manner to the charming simplicity of the oldfashioned girl, who deferred to her elders, and in conversation avoided unpleasant topics or ignored them? I will predict that should the new tyr of girl become fashionable and fixed don will not only introduce all sorts of girl become fashionable and fixed of new styles and customs, but it will in New York you will see a great increase in the number of marriages. Men object strongly to marrying this 'good fellow' type of girl, although they may find her society alluring. Even the athletic girl, splendid creature as she is, physically, is not my idea of the ideal maidenhood. The hatless, short-skirted, young woman with her sleeves rolled back to the elbows is, of course, a healthy and fearless person, well able to take care of herself, and that, you see, is just the

trouble. Women are getting too independent. and are affecting an unbecoming air of independence. When they learn the lesson that their strength really lies in their weakness they will put off the manish manner and seem less self-reliant. There are always plenty of men ready to do things for a nice woman and the girl who scorns their companionship, except it be given on the comradeship plan, makes a great mistake

"I have been trying to teach girls this for ever so long. THE GIRL OF THE PERIOD,

I confess, is a wonderful creature, but she is losing much of her feminine charm in her freedom of speech and of conduct, to say nothing of her manner of dress which is exactly like that of a matron twice her years. "The coronation girl, you may be

sure, will wear simple gowns, which will indicate her unmarried station. She will not glitter with spangles and diamonds at evening parties nor put up her hair when she is only 16. "She will cultivate reserve of man-ner and conversation. There will be a lot of things she knows about, instead of knowing everything,

as she does at present. "The new order of things at the English court has far more significance than it would seem to have. Too many girls, English as well as American, have grown to look upon matrimony as a last resort. They will marry for money or for position, but the oldfashioned idea of marriage for love is becoming more unpopular each day.
"Not only among society girls, but in every class you will find girls who

in contemplating marriage at once welgh the advantages in a worldly way, which will accrue from their union. The true significance of marriage is lost sight of and men have grown to accept this condition. The result is that you find them, not as in old times, paying courteous attention to girls, but hanging around the drawing-rooms of the young married women, where their presence cannot be construed as having serious intentions.

"It is this state of things, too, which drives young men today into society MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED BY not even so desirable as that of the "Conditions have to be readjusted somehow as regards the sexes, and this setting the young girl back in the place where every natural law says she should belong to, is a movement in the

right direction.
"In London, at all events, marriage will mean a certain dignity and the notice of the court, which is no small The young girl cannot flaunt favor. her up-to-date charms in the presence of matrons and elderly ladies, even if she wills to do so, and sad though it is the young women of today have relegated elderly people to the wall for many seasons back. They dictate to their elders and correct them by frowns and often by remarks. They have grown out of all the old customs 'Welcome the coronation girl, then, if she is going to bring back to us the sweeter type of maidenhood which meant all that was beautiful in life, even though it will be a pose at first it is bound to do plenty of missionary work in society's ranks, where the girl recently have cultivated all that is forward and obtrusive in dress and speech.

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