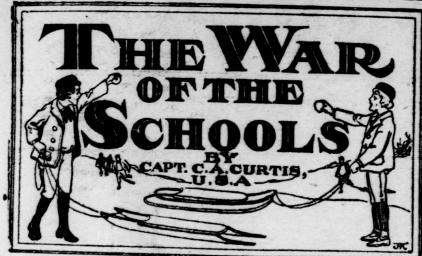
THE ADVERTISER, LONDON, ONTARIO, SAITURDAY, JANUARY 12, 1907 AN INTERESTING PAGE FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS. @



I.-The Defeat.

opens; but after the town of Bomba-

opened its doors a rivalry had existed Until the introduction of the sled, 'Demics it was settled that they should between it and the Academy, which known variously, according to locality. showed itself in baseball and football games in their season, and broke out in general hostilities with each January thaw-the season of snowball contests.

Socially, there was little, if any, difference between the two schools. The Academy had been founded at an early day, long before the High School was established, the older families had educated their children within its walls, and many of these, now the heads of families themselves, naturally entertained an affection for the old Academy and sent the r children there. To these must be added a large number of the sons of farmers and mechanics, who, living outside the High School limits, were not entitled to its advantages, and when desirous of fitting for college or obtaining a higher education than the ordinary district school afforded, were compelled to seek the Academy. It will be seen, therefore, that the Academy was quite as democratic as the High School.

In order to tell this story after the military manner, that the locations of the fields of battle, the movements of the hostile forces and other details, may be understood, a diagram of a section of Bomba-hook and the scene of the principal struggle between the schools is introduced. The town stands on the west side of a navigable river, which flows towards the south. All the streets running west from the river ascend a sloping hillside, while those running north and south are generally river and parallel to it is Middle ripper, this was by all odds the fastest street, and upon this and its cross- hand-sled made. streets were fougat the series of en- It was therefore with much apparent gagements herein related. The accompanying diagram shows this street, with the Academy and High School a Academy and High School and High Sc with the Academy and High School a little over two blocks apart. The road north from the Academy slopes gently as far back as the Methodist sled for the first of seed, and then threw him
seed for the first of seed, and then threw him
seed for the first of seed, and then threw him
seed for the first of seed, and then threw him
seed for the first time is every being the front end of At the time appointed every 'Demic

the board, he started on a run down was on hand, and ready for the thirty While the boys who lived in town were the his left hand grasping the front end of At the time appointed every 'Demic

the board, he started on a run down was on hand, and ready for the thirty While the boys who lived in town were the him in time is every being the front end of At the time appointed every 'Demic

the board, he started on a run down was on hand, and ready for the thirty While the boys who lived in town were the him in time is every being the front end of At the time appointed every 'Demic

the board, he started on a run down was on hand, and ready for the thirty While the boys who lived in town were the him is left hand grasping the front end of At the time appointed every 'Demic

the board, he started on a run down was on hand, and ready for the thirty While the boys who lived in town were the head of the board, he started on a run down was on hand, and ready for the thirty While the boys who lived in town were the head of the board, he started on a run down was on hand, and ready for the thirty While the boys who lived in town were the head of the board, he started on a run down was on hand, and ready for the thirty While the boys who lived in town were the head of the board, he started on a run down was on hand, and ready for the thirty While the boys who lived in town were the head of the board, he started on a run down was on hand, and ready for the thirty While the boys who lived in town were the head of the board, he started on a run down was on hand, and ready for the head attained his high.

The gently as far back as the Methodist sled for the first time in this part of self upon his sled, his left leg drawn from an acquaintance in the ranks of the outlying farms started for the never to see your face again. You shall

and then rises quickly to its original tion of the new candidates for coasting. Close behind the last of the rival January, four of the Bomba-hook boys d'ye call those spider-legs, anyway?" the others. Each placed himself at the hour before the school opened, and had them spider-legs," replied Ben, drawing of his sled-cord in front, holding the taken their hand-sleds and gone up his sled toward him, and then with his cord in his right hand, extended d'ag-

The sliding courses pursued by the tinued Neal. scholars of the two schools were the same for a portion of the way-at the start and finish.

The 'Demics took a course down Tippecande to Union, down Union to Middle, where they turned the corner to There isn't a sled in town can beat tons, each boy, highly skilled in the

had taken measures to prevent their recurrence. It had, therefore, been three years since the last battle occurred, when hostilities were renewed in the manner about to be described.

The battle continued at close quarters

"Beat anything the Highs can bring and one leg extended behind to steer.

was painted the picture of a ship under and changing direction without imped. huge masses of the adhesive snow and

"I suppose that is a simple, modest

beat anything in this town — skeleton, the last two Highs. spider-legs or anything else."

now. We 'Demics will go down Union in an instant six boys were bunched bells pealed out and the conflict The Highs slid down Tippecanoe to street and you Highs down Central and sprawling on the snow. The Academy and High School had Central and down Central to Middle, street—you to start first. Now if we, A rough-and-tumble encounter at It is usually the case after a military carried on a desultory war with each after which they followed the same going the longest way and starting once ensued. Norton and Rich immediates to throw the blame

full sail, and the name, "Flying ing the progress by touching the polted each other hand to hand, often

course as the others, ending at the last, can reach the bridge on Middle ately turned out and came to the aid for it upon the leader, and the 'Demics strete first, that will settle the merits of their companions. In the melee were disposed to follow the custom. hook became a city and set up a regular municipal police the authorities and set up a large neighborhood out. "I'should think so; but you can't do direction, crashing and breaking over what had proved to be little less than the day of the heads and shoulders of the boys. The 'Demics, particularly those complete the side the city limits called Loudon Hill, it. I shall beat you, and our school the heads and shoulders of the boys. had concluded to look upon these con- side the city limits called Loudon Hill, it. I shall beat you, and our school the heads and shoulders of the boys. a defeat, and many suggested a change

bells simultaneously rung a summons ed enthusiasm, and exhibited considermost of his time in hunting. Peter, the
he not encountered a boy about his own badly with the four had not the school

this noon, remember!" called Ben Vaughan, after the dispersing Highs. 'You don't weigh enough," answered Judd Neal. "We always have beaten

"Yes-as you beat us sliding," interrupted George Atkins. There are not so many of us, but we've got the holdon, like our sleds"

So jeers and boasting were exchanged until the parties were too far apart to indulge in further dialogue, and scon both 'Demics and High were seated in their schoolrooms at study. At recess the boys of the Academy collected in the broad entrance hall and made arrangements for the approaching war. The meeting having been called to order, Dan Dole, a short, vigorous, square-shouldered boy, who, level. The third street west from the as the bob, the traverse and the double side in the order of Ed, Abe, Ben and general favorite, was chosen captain. and at once issued a verial order for rank across the road. Ed on the right, the 'Demics to be on their school-

up and under him, his right leg ex- the enemy that Judd Neal had been Union street crossing, with the intentake nothing away with you when you when you descent to a brook which flows across

It one-third of the distance between the bill followed by his their number reached thirty-nine boys snowballs for their side, and as they Joe 4t one-third of the distance between ed, drawing various patterns of sleds, swiftly down the hill, followed by his their number reached thirty-nine boys snowballs for their side, and as they Joe did not wait until next day to go.

St. for service. The mid-day sun had turned from their grounds into Middle He waited that night puril all many and so go. One morning, near the middle of Judd Neal, said: "Say, Vaughan, what January, four of the Bomba-hook boys dive call those spider-less anyway?"

the others. Each placed himself at the to make balls, fill their pockets, take to receive them than on the previous father had left a watch, and he determined to make balls, fill their pockets, take to receive them than on the previous father had left a watch, and he determined to make balls, fill their pockets, take to receive them than on the previous father had left a watch, and he determined to make balls, fill their pockets. The shotgun belonged to make balls, fill their pockets, take to receive them than on the previous father had left a watch, and he determined to make balls, fill their pockets. honors, Presently one of their number, party sped Ed Norton and his fellows. be readily molded into small, compact gathering of the Highs already on the spare clothes. The mother had already honors, Presently one of their number, party sped Ed Norton and his fellows. balls, Captain Dole directed his men field, and apparently better prepared given these out to her own boys. The two in the left hand and one in the day. Their captain had again proved ed to take that. The shotgun belonged right and follow him. The march was his qualities for leadership to be great-then taken along Middle street. The er than those of his rival. He left noth-find. If he was robbing anybody it was Academy street to an intersection with toe shooting it back the length of its onally backward. He then began run
Tippecanoe for the purpose of sliding.

The boys went back to the Academy down the slope and as he at
at the start—they were awaiting their

The boys went back to the Academy down the slope and as he at
at the start—they were awaiting their

The boys went back to the Academy down the slope and as he atat the start—they were awaiting their The boys went back to the Academy dollars in cash in the house, and he search-opponents where Union street crossed and reported to their assembling friends in the bureau drawer and found it, and "Yes, but what do you call it?" con- so that the sled went sweeping past

forward and downward, lying prostrate upon it, his head well down in front Down Central street flew the old had made no plans, appointed no as- halt, and no exhortations or appeals of ghany Mountains, ten miles away. There "Pooh! Now you're boasting, Ben style sleds, and down Union the skeleroughest usage, he was an ideal leader: with worse results. The Academic army but in the sense of having an oversight went to pleces without throwing a ball, of the field, looking for the vulnerable and retired from the street accompanpoints of the enemy's position, or tak- led by the shouts of triumph and yells ing advantage of their errors, he might of derision of the jubilant Highs, who

> Captain Neal, on the contrary, was an ies slowly and sullenly entered their excellent officer. He rarely threw a schoolhouse. ball himself, but had an eye to every The Academy was disgraced. part of the field, sending aid to hard- [To be Concluded Next Saturday.] pressed points, dashing at weak places (Capyright, 1906, by Lothrop, Lee & in his opponents' ranks, and performing all the duties of a leader creditably. As soon as the 'Demics were within range he ordered his force to open fire, and a shower of balls rained upon them in such numbers and with such vigor as resident of Louisiana, was discovered walkto check their advance and compel ing in his sleep one night last summer, This pause proved disastrous to the at- it was a nightly habit with him to walk tacking party, for it could return the half a mile to the Mississippi River and ceived injuries which placed them hors across at the other shore.

continued at close quarters. Small, has not done any night-walking since. hand-pressed balls were no longer used, but the combatants scooped up

bearing and opponent to the ground by When Norton turned the corner in- the combined dead weight and propulassertion, and no toasting," said Ed to Middle street he glanced along the sion of the ammunition. The forces track before him and sow nothing of became so intermingled that there was "Precisely," laughed Charlie Merrill, the rival leader. He glided swiftly no longer any right or left, front or another High. "You would hardly be- along, followed hard by Rich, and as rear, and the whole mass swayed here lieve ofter that, that I beat him three they crossed the foot of Central street and there, governed more by the suptimes out of four yesterday with this," Neal turned into the procession just ply of untrodden snow than anything, exhibiting a sled with a saber-tailed behind the latter. Vaughan came next, else. The Academy army was the comet depicted in gilt upon its board, and behind him Merrill came into line, smallest by four at the beginning and "Just an accident—that's all. I can then the remaining two 'Demics and had been reduced by as many more in the early part of the battle, and at no As the sleds now slowed along the time had it been so well led as the "Look here, Judd," said Abe Rich, almost level highway the "hold-on" army of the High School; so it was coming to the front; "we all know the quality of the skeletons showed itself, not at all strange that victory showed reputation of your sled and your repu-tation for getting all the speed possible Judd Neal. The latter put out his hand of the Highs long before the half-hour out of it, and would consider it an and seizing the runner of Ben's sled intermission had expired. Before the honor to beat it. Let's make a race capsized the owner into the road, and crisis was reached, however, the school

had concluded to look upon these contests as tending to disturb the quiet if were possessed of a new style of sled, will lead on the hill, as it always has it was too early in the day for the of captains. A few of the more snow to be sufficiently soft for ball-thoughtful boys claimed for Dole that "We shall try it, then?" asked Ben making, so the combatants had to he had not had a fair opportunity; avail themselves of the blocks thrown that the boys had not acted promptly up by the snow shovels in clearing the on his suggestion to be on the ground low me," and not sent them ahead; Joe had been home two weeks when a thing found for him to do, as he was a The skirmish was raging with vary- that he had remained in the front tragedy happened. All the children were great favorite of the family. He did not The skirmish was raging with vary that he had remained in the front tragedy nappened. All the children were steat tavorne of the family. He did not rank throughout the whole engage- all the time trying to pick a quarrel with go, because he knew that they would talk collected before the door of their house, ment, performing prodigies of valor; him. They provoked him a score of times about his father, and he did not want to noticed the fray and ran to the assistant and that when the bell rang a cessa- a day, but for his father's sake he refused be an object of pity himself. Besides, he ance of their comrades. The Academy, tion of hostilities, he had stood envel- to quarrel. Neither one of the boys would had taken the gun and the money, and teing a little retired from the street, oped in a crowd of enemies, holding do a stroke of work, and when ordered by he had some fear that the woman would

ceased.

On the following day, as noon approached, the 'Demics showed renew proached, the 'Demics showed renew shotgun and learned to shoot, and spent say where he would have brought up had he not encountered a how about his own



fit for service. The mid-day sun had turned from their grounds into Middle He waited that night until all were asleep, softened the snow, and it could now street were surprised to find a large and then got up and made a bundle of his

as well have been a private as an offi- approached to the very gates of the Academy as their crestfallen adversar-

Shepard Company.) A BOY SOMNAMBULIST.

Charles Gredd, a boy 14 years old, and a them to halt until it should fall off, and after being watched it was found that fire with no serious effects, and while back. On reaching the stream he would waiting many of their best men re- stand for fifteen minutes as if looking

Mr. Gredd determined to break the boy The Highs' piles of balls rapidly diminished and finally disappeared, giving stood. This night, when the boy took up the 'Demics a brief chance to retrieve his old position, he slid into the river with themselves with their reserved fire. a great splash, and when rescued by a They came up gallantly and the battle boat he was scared half to death, and

HE FOUND A DOG.

In returning to his home one night last fall along a lonely highway, a lad in Western Missouri was approached by an ani mal which he took to be a dog. He whistled it up, and patted it and it followed him home, rubbing against his legs now and then on the way. He shut the lost dog up in the barn before entering almost frightened to death. The "dog" turned out to be a panther

that had escaped from a circus a month before, and he was held until the owner could send for him. The boy still wants dog if anyone has one to spare, but not that kind. They growl too much and show

JOCKO THE CUNNING. It's no use, Mr. Monk, I can't battle With that snake, so please stop your

prattle; Then perhaps he will sleep-When he does I will creep Slyly up, and get babe a nice rattle.

their teeth too often.

I'M AN ORDINARY RABBIT.
BUT TAKE AWAY THE
BEES (B'S)
AND THEN TAKE OUTA SINGLE EYE (I) AND I'LL BE FOND CHEESE.

'Step-Mother Joe," or the Boy of the manner about to be described. From the time the High School first "hold-on" at the foot of the hill contestants should start. Among the aboy to the ground. Norton plunked that his command had gone into action with less men. They reminded the faultfinder that Dan had said "Fol-

then a little retired from the street, oped in a crowd of enemies, holding up a stroke of work, and when ordered by the nau some fear that the woman would the scene of the struggle was not visit them at bay by his superior strength Mr. Brayton they only laughed at him. cause his arrest. He was going on twelve the scene of the struggle was not visit them at bay by his superior strength and the scene of the struggle was not visit them at bay by his superior strength and the scene of the struggle was not visit them at bay by his superior strength and the scene of the struggle was not visit them at bay by his superior strength and the scene of the struggle was not visit them at bay by his superior strength and the scene of the struggle was not visit them at bay by his superior strength and the scene of the struggle was not visit them at bay by his superior strength and the scene of the struggle was not visit them at bay by his superior strength and the scene of the struggle was not visit them at bay by his superior strength and the scene of the struggle was not visit them at bay by his superior strength and the scene of the scene of the struggle was not visit them at bay by his superior strength and the scene of the scene o forcements came to the aid-of the four could not be denied and the grumbling even then the stepmother was always com-

belis simultaneously rung a summon, ed enthusiasm, and exhibited consider to duty, causing the excited boys to able impatience for the time to arrive other boy, was jealous about the gun and age soon after daylight. This boy was a farmen's son and the sound of the slowly disperse, with a few scattering when they would meet, their enemy always trying to get it away. The boys farmer's son, and was milking a cow in had come to blows more than once, but the barnyard as Joe came along. the gun still remained in the hands of the elder. On this day he had been out hunting as usual, and when he returned Peter suddenly leaped at him to wrest the gun away. There was a struggle for the loaded weapon, and Mr. Brayton interfered. While he was trying to part the boys the gun was discharged and he fell over dead. Until after the funeral, which took place have breakfast with me, and then we'll three days later, the mother and children have a talk. Great things have happened had a feeling of awe and were fairly When they returned from the funeral they began acting as before. Joe went out to the barn to have a cry by himself, but was followed by Zeph and Peter, and made fun of. When he became indignant they began pushing him around, and at length he lost his temper and sailed into them. Either one of them would have been a match for him if he hadn't

"You bloodthirsty little wretch, you can-

en he followed the boys

t, ning down the slope, and, as he at-opponents where Union street crossed and reported to their assembling triends in the bureau drawer and found it, and tained his full speed, drew the cord Middle, and had piled up by the road- what had been done to receive their took five dollars. He was more than an Middle, and had piled up by the road- what had been done to repert took nive donars. He was more than an side several large pyramids of balls in attack. All were at once d'sheartened, hour making ready, but no one was disreadiness to give their foes a warm readiness to give the foes a warm read and marched them to a point from up a package of bread and meat, and Captain Dole was not a boy given to which the preparations for their re- when he was finally ready he bent his making speeches, but one of action. He ception could be seen, they came to a steps toward the great ridge of the Alle-

Had Joe gone to the home of Mr. Thomas THE "TWINS"

around here, and I want to tell you about them. Our name is Knox."

"Hold on, boy; but which way are you

"I can't say," replied Joe, as he stopped

"Not exactly. My stepmother ordered me

"Well, don't be in a hurry. Come in and

"Running away from home?"

at the gate.

Joe was hesitating about going into the house when the farmer appeared and also invited him. The wife had a kind word for him, and as he ate he was questioned and told his story. He was asked where he was going, and what he intended to do, but he could not answer. After breakfast he went out to the barn with the boy, whose name was Harry, and when hey had "I told you I had some big news to tell,

and here it is. What do you think of horse thieves about?"

"You don't say!" exclaimed Joe. "But I do say. Yes, sir, horse thieves about, and they stole a horse from us two nights ago. About six horses have been stolen right around here in the last month, and nobody can find where they went to. We had the sheriff here yesterday. What do you think of that for news?" "I never heard the like."

"Of course, you didn't; but I have got something else almost as big. There are counterfeiters around." "You don't say!"

"And a tin peddler passed a bad silver dollar on mother day before yesterday. The sheriff said they were passing 'em all around us, and that there was a big reward to be offered for the horse thieves and counterfeiters. I'll bet I could get it if father would let me go up on the mountain."

[To be Continued.]

MOTHER GRAVES' Worm Exterminator has the largest sale of any similar prepar-ation sold in Canada. It always gives satisfaction by restoring health to the

Never quarrel more than once with

YOUR BRAIN HOLDS THE NERVE STRINGS

AND IF DISEASE TAKES HOLD OF THE NERVES THE BRAIN LOSES CONTROL OF ALL THE FORCES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO HEALTH AND MENTAL AND PHYSICAL COLLAPSE ARE AS CERTAIN AS SUNSET

South American Nervine

begins at the beginning to prevent and eradicate disease—it acts on the nerves that control the vital organs of the body, gives strength to the house, and a few minutes later his the whole nervous system, fills the blood with that richness and purity that is so essential to health - because, remember this, that when these nerves become weakened and exhausted it means indigestion, torpid liver, stagnant kidneys, the heart flutters and becomes irregular and weak, the lungs fail to have the nourishment and weaken, and the climax, naturally enough, is debility—and the next stage may be consumption. All such dire consequences may be saved by the wonderful potency of South American Nervine.

South American Nervine is greatest blood purifier of modern medicine. South American Nervine is woman's best friend in very deed. You persist and it never fails.

SOUTH AMERICAN RHEUMATIC CURE cures in from one to three days.

SOUTH AMERICAN KIDNEY CURE for diabetes, Bright's disease and all bladder troubles.

SOLD BY C, McCALLUM AND CAL LARD & McLACHLAN-



"The skeleteon."

on the hill "

"Do you think they're any good?"