

languages of the men. Recruits who can speak neither English nor French, should be drafted into the band, and should be frequently encouraged by their officers to express their sentiments on the trombone, while they are engaged in learning the language regimentally in use. By this means a thorough mastery of the instrument specified will be gradually attained.

"10. Lastly, officers commanding regiments are warned against permitting any company drill or other exercise taking place within view of the territory of the United States of America, as such measures executed by such soldiers, would be calculated to cause alarm among the citizens of that Republic, with whom it is advisable that the inhabitants of Canada should remain on terms of cordial friendship.

By command,

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Field-Marshal commanding the Militia of the Dominion, and Adjutant-General.

CHAPTER 17

When war will cease.

When and how is the world to be cured of its passion for the game of war? As to the *when*, we may safely say it is not yet come. In her voyage down the great stream, our world has not yet floated into that spacious and blessed Pacific, where birds sit brooding on the charmed wave. We fear we cannot yet dispense with our cartridges. We cannot afford to beat all our swords into plough-shares. But we firmly believe that we are on our way to this, and that the peace-men are doing much good. The idea of peace, as a thing quite practicable, is gaining the ear of the public, and from thence it will find its way into its brain, and down to its heart, and thence out in act by its will. As to the *how*, chiefly in three ways: *First*, By the commercial principles of profit and loss, of a heavy balance against war coming to influence the transactions of nations, as it has long done those of private and social life—free trade, mutual connexion and inter-