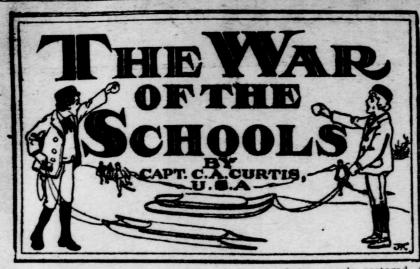
## AN INTERESTING PAGE FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS.



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while we have sometimes lost old, intelligent and bright, and as his that. It is he who has beaten us so

nominate him to be esplain of the Academy, with full power to name Judd Neal first thing," replied Jim. Grath! McGrath approached his leader often inflicted stinging pain on many go to just such places, If I could go six steel traps for him, while the good and name of the large to the full power to name of the large to the large "Boys—we all feel przty badly. We his lieutenants and aids, and make "No; I do not want Judd touched."

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in the scrimmages with the wharf-rats, mously carried and Charlie Murray will be more to our credit to defeat here." before there was a High School, and called to the stage. As he advanced he him than anyone else?" In the contests with the Highs since appeared to be about eighteen years "That's so. I had not thought of

they used to be. Since 1883—the year in which the Academy was founded—

The policy of the policy of the choice of grounds twice, we claim that as ne has had fire as involuntary, and broke into the choice of grounds twice, we claim the choice of grounds twice,

with keen anticipations of success. this position it would be necessary to hedge to its farther end, turn it, and "Wasn't it glorious, Charlie? Of supremacy in the snow fields. When Business being over the boys broke march into a square on three sides of gain the side stairs of the church. course we shall graduate at the they met the evening before the last up and went home. As Murray went which was a hostile force, and be subout of the gate he placed his book- jected to a direct and two enfilading hind the Highs on the front steps, and bag behind a post and walked slowly fires, the latter being delivered from a pelt them with balls from the rear balls was explained to the writer the other of the schools should be up Middle street. He turned from higher point. Every boy of the Norton will take his detachment over many years afterwards, in the camp indisputably victorious. side to side, frequently walking back. Demics took in the situation at a the right fence, skirt the lumber yard of a division of the Army of the ward for a few steps, and seemed to giance and believed the Highs held a fence, pass through the place where Potomac, during the late civil war. The War of the Schools. The next day a be studying the features of the local- greater advantage than on the previous the boards are off, climb to the top principal of the Academy had become policeman patrolled Middle street, and ity closely. He went through to two days. That is, all did but Charlie of the board pile and attack that part a colonel of volunteers, and meeting letters were sent to the two principals Winthrop street, up that street to Murray. He walked on, slightly in ad- of the Highs from the rear. No cheers. me, our conversation had turned to by the mayor, requesting them to pre-Spring street, through that thorough- vance, and examined the new position boys. Nothing demoralizes soldiers BoBmba-hook and the last batles of the vent any further hostile meetings of fare to Central and down Central to of the enemy during the general mur- more than an unexpected flank or rear schools. He said that he and the other their boys. Middle again. He then returned muring of his men-a murmuring attack. Our flank movements must be principal had been classmates in the (Copyright, 1906, by Lathrop, Lee & rapidly to the Academy for his books which soon rose into audible expres- made at a run, so that Captain Neal, same college, and that their sympathies. sions of disgust and discontent. "That's who is an excellent leader, shall not The following day during the forenoon recess, Murray called Stoddart us for a change?" The odds are alinto an antercom and explained the ways against us." "I guess Charlie II we are all ready. Forward, march." duty he expected from him. "I want have to give it up as well as Dan!" The 'Demics caught the spirit of Silence being again restored, StodII. THE VICTORY.

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Ight artillery and sharp-shooter. You Murray, said: "That position shows tory awaited the proper execution of his orders. Each boy felt himself to

boys don't do something to retrieve the reputation of the Academy. We girls are going to leave and enter the High School." Could disgrace go further?

When the door closed upon the girls, big Jim Stoddard, the tallest and oldest attent in the corps, advanced to by the stage, and looking for a moment the stage, and looking for a moment of the stage, and looking for a moment at the silent and dejected lads before him, said:

\*\*Severely injured—merely put out of position is not so strong as it appears, and the position is not so strong as it appears, and the position is not so strong as it appears, and the position is not so strong as it appears, and the position is not so strong as it appears, and the big Captain Murray pressed the fight for the time being. A plug It is weaker than those of yesternay and the day before, unless Neal is a part the fight for the time being. A plug It is weaker than those of yesternay and the day before, unless Neal is a position is not so strong as it appears, and the down the fight for the time being. A plug It is weaker than those of yesternay and the day before, unless Neal is a part to the fight for the time being. A plug It is weaker than those of yesternay and the day before, unless Neal is a part to the fight for the time being. A plug It is weaker than those of yesternay and the day before, unless Neal is a part to the fight for the time being. A plug It is weaker than those of yesternay and the day before, unless Neal is a part to the fight for the time being. A plug It is weaker than those of yesternay and the down the fight for the time being. The blacks. The fight for the time being and the day was as pent the fight for the time being and the day begin and the fight for the time being and the day begin and the blacks. The fight for the time being and the day begin and the same the day begin and the blacks. The fight for the time being and the blacks. The fight for the time being and the day begin and are either degenerate 'Demics, or the such changes in our organization as he That is an exception I was about to mention when you spoke. I want the Neal, and tell him that as he has had fire as involuntary, and broke into

stopped as if waiting for his return. Give it to 'em hard and hold on!" Now me?" The weak points which Charlie Murthe 'Demics' turn had come. In a flash At that moment the farmer came out the bundles. When I leave you we will The Methodist Church had beneath it fence were skirted, the stairs and pile te his son: a Sunday school room, occupying the ascended, and the flanks of the enemy edifice, the entrance to which was on

the southern end, facing the 'Demics. The front steps, now occupied by the Highs, led up to the church floor over the Sunday school room. To enable the Sunday school scholars to gain access to the church without going into the street and ascending the front steps, there was a narrow staircase running from the school room up alongside of the building to the platform before the front door.

Murray saw that if a small detachment could reach the narrow stairs without discovery, there was a good chance that it would gain the platform behind the Highs occupying the broad steps, and thus execute a brilliant flank movement. As if purposely designed to mask such a movement, there was an arbor vitae hedge running parallel to the side of the church from the street back for a hundred feet. On the opposite side of the road from the steps was the lumber yard, a hoard pile in which was occupied by more Highs. Boards had been taken from the front of this pile, so that from the base of its front to the top of it closely remembled a flight of stairs. The southern side of the yard was bounded by a high, close boarded fence, running from the street to the back of the inclosure. About fifty



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beyond their most sanguine expecta- mind the cold, and if you understand A COUGH is often the forerunner of tions at the result. Pell-mell down the steps and board pile went the right and left wings of the Highs, throwing themselves upon their center, which caught the spirit of demoralization, and the whole body went at a run down the slope to the bridge, which it crossed and began to ascend the opposite slope towards their schoolhouse closely followed by the steps and sanguine expectation and the cold, and if you understand trapping you can collect considerable fur. If you get too lonesome you can some down here any time. I don't expect you will be more than five miles away at any time. I think we have some traps around to lend you, and I will give you blankets and all the food and ammunition I can spare. I am willing to help a boy who wants to help Turkey, has entered the medical dehigher position began to tell in favor of the Highs, and they gradually but in an hour it was settled that Joe is his ambition to pecome an American and at last under the firm handling and earnest exhortation of Judd Neal began to press their pursuers hard and promise to divide the honors of the field. Had their numbers been the same as when the battle began, there is little doubt but they would have succeeded in driving back the 'Demics; but Sharpshooter Jim Stoddard had reduced their numbers effectively and had temporarily disabled awakened them to the fact that it was What could it mean?

the crowd collecting his division, and advantage, he ordered a double quick and if they do not come, the High in a moment more was seen running ceeded at once to make up an extra snowball battles for all time, declin- The Academy boys saw the intention dard pelted relentlessly and unerringly struck the Academic commander. Up. Murray turned to his army, and at the most warlike Highs, reducing on further observation, it was plainly said: "Boys, I believe we are going their fighting force materially. Fiveevident that Captain Neal had no in- to whip them, and I will tell you how six-seven minutes passed, and Nortention of occupying his old ground, it must be done, for I want you to hold ton and his force was seen coming at but was taking up another and appar- on hard at the critical moment. If a run down Middle street from the ently an integrable position at you will support me we cannot help north. Plunk, plunk, plunk, from the the intersection of Center and Middle beating. I shall take you first into the rear, and the High School army went streets. The Methodist Church (see very center of the square in order to to pieces and began flying in squads map in Part I.) stood on the left, draw the attention of the Highs from into their schoolhouse, until only Judd and nearest corner to the 'Demics, a movement upon the success of Neal stood defiantly alone in the road. with twelve broad steps running up which our victory depends. We can- He disdained to run, and received the from the sidewalk to the plaform be- not do much there except stand and concentrated fire of the 'Demics, until

hopes rose accordingly, and they began looking down Middle street was the leap the fence on the left side of the or stay? Is it High School or Acad- had become enthusiastically enlisted to look forward to the next contest last third. To make an attack upon street, and move behind the cedar emy?"

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## 'Step-Mother Joe," or the Boy of the Cave and the Woods.

When Joe asked the farmer's boy why not listen. The boy was needed at

"You could come back and tell father he would kill the boy would be well or the sheriff. Of course, you couldn't provided for.

The messenger started off at a run | The pyramids of balls grew gradual- take 'em prisoner yourself." and Captain Murray followed him ly smaller, Charlie Murray raised his "But they might take me prisoner in- said: slowly for some distance, and then head and shouted: "Now, boys - fire! stead and then what would become of

ray had discovered and which he was Ben Vaughan and Ed Norton were over to the barn, and when he learned what hang all the things to the limb of a now carefully observing, were these: the fences. The hedge and high-board the boys were talking about he said tree, and when you have found your

"Henry, you are a very silly boy to entire length and breadth of the turned. The 'Demics were astonished think that a lad twelve years old can experience with large wild animals, he hunt down desperate men. The sheriff warned him to be careful of bears and thinks the horse thieves and counter- wildcats. He must find a cave large feiters are on the other side of the enough to hold a considerable supply of mountains, in old Virginia, and that the fuel, as there would be many blustering horse I've lost is a hundred miles away days when he could not move out. The by this time."

If you go to any of the towns you will his traps. In fact, the talk was not find it just as hard, and they will want over until ten o'clock and all were to know all about you besides. A boy ready for bed. of your age will find it no easy thing It was not yet eight o'clock next

a cave to make a home in, and if I had blankets and a few traps I would be money trapping for furs."

"There are bears and wildcats up

ing something all the time. I think I would be better off than traveling over the country twins the fourth traveling over the country trying to find work. Your suspicious character come down and let boy Henry, here, thinks the horse me know. If you are not feeling well thieves and counterfeiters are hiding up there. Who knows but I may find them?"

or get lonesome come just the same. It is pretty brave of you to think of staying here all alone, and we shall

"There is no chance of that," replied think of you often, Farmer Knox, as he smiled and shook his head. "However, your plan of hunting and trapping is not such a bad one. It you can find a snug cave you won't

The matter was further talked about, Malejan is an accomplished linguist. It

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kitchen-broom;

little sister.

go along, but to this his father would

That night after supper the farme

"I shall go with you in the morning for a couple of miles and carry one of cave you can come back for them."

Then, knowing that Joe had had no mouth of the cave must be small, as Then, turning to Joseph, he con- a bear might come around to investigate, and a small fire should be kept up "Boy, it seems too bad that you have day and night. There were 'coons, 'poshad to leave home in the way you have. sums, mink, rabbits, woodchucks and It is coming on winter and it will be muskrats to be trapped for. Joe was hard to find work among the farmers, told what bait to use and how to hide

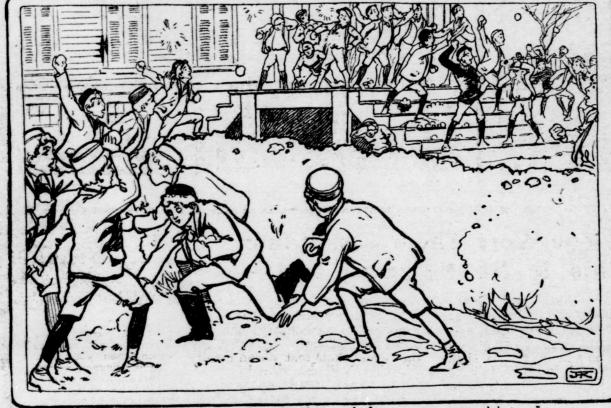
to get along. You can stop here with morning when a start was made. The us for a month free of all expense if farmer took the heaviest pack and stepyou want to, but what will you do ped out, and his wife and son shook hands with Joe and wished him the "I wish I could do this, sir," replied best kind of luck. After going a mile Joe after a moment's thought. "I can down the road Mr. Knox turned aside shoot and trap, and if I was to go up to a path leading up the mountain. It on the mountains for the winter I am sure I could get along. I could find a an hour it was finished. They were al-

"Here is the place for you," said the all right. I think I could make some farmer. "It is a wild spot, and nobody but hunters ever come as far up as this. Over that way is a cliff in which you may find a cave, and you see there "I know it, sir, but I have a gun." are many springs around. You should "It would be very lonesome for a boy leave the bundles here until you find a place in which to make your home. I "It might be, and yet I would be do- have no idea that you will see a human

"Well, my boy, I shall leave you now

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schoolhouse, closely followed by the victors. But now the advantage of a willing to help a boy who wants to help partment of Ann Arbor university. Mr.



The hedge and high board fence were skirted

From all parts of the schoolroom claimed: "Lead us. Jim, and we will give them such a thrashing as will take the concelt out of them for all

"No, boys," continued Stoddard. talking for the purpose of securing my to bring success to us in the next battle, but that he is convinced his place mand of all." is not that of leader."

'Three cheers for Dan," called John

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we will!" Abe Rich stood up and ex-

The 'Demics saw at once that al- five met in front of the portico as on though Charlie had asserted he had no the previous two days. The girls had

weight. Stoddard will form his div- "I suppose they will meet us in the ision in the center aisle, Vaughan in old place?" the south and Norton in the north." | "Yes, probably. We have rarely met When formations were completed, anywhere else. Please say nothing to Murray added: "I have a special the other boys, Jim, about the duty and important duty for Stoddard to assigned to you." when quiet was resumed, "I am not perform which I will announce to him "I'll say nothing, and I'll do all tomorrow. I appoint Ben Vaughan can when we get to work to win for election to an office for which I am to command the ten boys in the south our side." not fitted. Dole has asked me to tell aisle, Ed. Norton the ten in the north The two boys now went to join their you that he has resigned. He says aisle, and I will take those in the cen-fellows in the school, and the first halfthat he will do all he can in the ranks ter; of course, having a general com- day soon passed away. A little before



a battle, we have never until today blue eyes looked over the fellow- far, and you must beat him, Charlie." walked off the field without some show students before him, he seemed to be of pluck. Today we sneaked off like perfectly self-reliant. "Boys," he said, replied Murray, ignoring the personal fallen from the fence. Charlie Mura mongrel cur before a bristling ter- "I did not expect this. I did my best remark. "Heretofore, we have gone in ray's military instincts assured him rier pup. In the past we have gained yesterday and would have done it at a disadvantage. They have se- that if he could take advantage of five victories to their one; but this again today had we gone in. I do lected the ground both times and oc- these features of the Highs' positionsneak destroys our fallant record and not know that I can lead any better cupied it before we came up. We a position they evidently thought implaces us at the foot. To retrieve our than Dan; certainly I cannot give and must try and prevent that today. In pregnable—the 'Demics had an ophonor we must do something more take harder knocks any better. I will, the old dars I am inclined to believe portunity to win the biggest victory in than we have done before-win a vic- however, divide the force into three our boasted victories were achieved their history. tory which shall be great enough to equal parts now and announce my on account of our superior numbers John McGrath returned and reported wipe out this disgrace. Shall we do lieutenants. Stoddard, Vaughan and or greater avoirdupois. We now num- that in reply to Captain Murray's Norton, please form the boys in three ber four less than the Highs, and we message, Captain Neal had said: "If divisions, so that each will contain the are about the same average weight if the 'Demics want to have a snowsame number and be, as nearly as I except you, who are a giant compared fight they must come where we are;

one o'clock the 'Demic army of thirtyhe asked Jennie Payne if she had her books packed for removal to the High

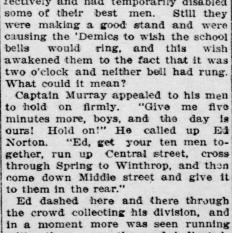
"No," she replied, "I think the victory is to be ours this time; I can see it in the boys' eyes."

"So can I. Give us a warm recention. Jane, when we come back victors." "That is what we intend to do." When the Academy boys got into line each one carried a book-bag or satchel under his left arm and filled to the top with snow-balls. Every available pocket was also filled. The three divisions marched in the order of Murray's, Norton's and Vaughan's. As the column turned into Middle street and an extended view of the space between the two schools could be had, Murray was pleased to see that the Highs were not at the Union street crossing, but appeared to be just coming into sight on the southern slope of the brook. Not doubting their intention to come up to the old battle-field. and determined to seize every possible had been done a big surpise this." ly opposite the steps, on the right- piles of ball I will shout 'Fire!' That hilariously to the Academy, the girls



and deployed on the crossing and pro- School will claim the championship of with them over the road indicated. supply of ammunition. But before ing to meet the Academy boys after of their leader and held on. Jim Stod-

ted one-third of pends upon our ability to 'take it.' cease. force of the High School. Direct- When they have nearly exhausted their When the excited victors returned



fore the front doors; upon these steps 'take it.' In fact, everything de- Charlie Murray ordered the firing to

corner, was a lumber yard, and will be the signal for Vaughan and stood on the portico, waving their on a shelving board pile somewhat resembling the church steps, was another third in Central street and flank movement. Vaughan's party will Murray asked Jane Payne, "Do you go

