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get a furlough. . . . Morton, I 'm going in for furloughs and a lieutenant-colonelcy. Back me up, will you?"

"Oh, we 'll all do that!" quoth Morton. "You might have entered as captain and been anything most by now —"

"I did n't care to bother. But now I think I will."

"All right!" said Morton. "I gather that presently there will be chances thick as blackberries."