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TORMENTS OF A MAN WHO LOST AN ARM IN BATTLE.

Haunted by the Itchings, Aches and Pains That Racked the Missing Member, Which Still Seemed to Be Attached to His Body.

My old friend Simon, who fastens his left sleeve to his shoulder with what he calls his "chainless safety." a nursery pin well worn down to the brass, sat down the other day and discoursed concerning the grim side of the war question, or perhaps I should say the grimmer side, for there is little that is cheerful in the

"A wound is a curious thing," said he "It's still more singular when it takes off your arm or your leg. And that a man can be pestered by the ha'nt of a part of his body buried away in the ground know for a fact. When David Barker said, 'What a queer, weird thing is an empty sleeve!' I'll bet he didn't half rewhat he wrote.

"I wouldn't know where to go to look for my arm at Appomattox. I was hustled up to the hospital into the operating nom and away to a cot, and my arm that had lived and slept with me for 25 years went out on the heap and then away into a trench somewhere. But I wish I could have had the burying of it Now, you want to know why, don't you? And when I tell you you will think I am a notional old duffer. But let me tell you this-there ain't no way of going bekind what a feller knows for himself, no matter what other people may think they know. I say that, notwithstanding all the poppycock talk about the influence of the dead flesh on the living and yearning blood and all that, there are the truly strange things that old soldiers know for

"When I woke up on the cot after the operation, the nurse was keeping off the flies and wetting my head. First I got my bearings. I went right back in my mind to that pasture where it all hap-

"There was the start from where we had been lying since early morning, wor dering what was going to be our part in the picnic that was on all around us. We were hugging the ground down in a hol-low, and all that we were getting of the fight was sound. There was lots of that. There were bangings and bellowings and shudderings and beltings from all about. "Then came our turn when we went on jog trot up the incline toward-we didn't know what. All that we had seen of the outside world on ahead was the grid of a five barred fence at the top of the hill. We had counted all the knot holes in that fence as we had set there

and waited. "When we got to the fence, I grabbed the top rail and started to vault over. The next moment something snapped, and when I got my eyes open I was on my back down the hill usder the feet of men who were hopping over me. 'Look out!' I yelled as I scrambled up the hill again. 'I just took hold of the top rail there, and it's so rotten it

"Then I reached out to grab the fence again. Bless me, something was the matter! I could get hold with only one hand. I looked down. There was my left arm swinging and dangling around as though it belonged to a straw scarecrow. I had to feel of it, lift it, jerk at it, before I could fairly realize that I had "And that was all I knew about get-

"But when I came around to my senses on that cot in the hospital I had a more realizing sense of things, now I can tell you. But still I wondered. For down in the tips and along all the fingers of that left hand I could feel all sorts of aches,

left hand I could feel all sorts of aches, pains, yanks and thrills.

"I never had any idea they would try to save that arm,' I said to the nurse.

"Poor man,' said she, 'you are like all the rest! That arm was off two hours ago, and you've been growling and gritting your teeth and coming out from under the influence ever since. Your arm is nicely handaged. is off, and the stump is nicely bandaged. Now take this and be quiet as you can.' "And so I lay there and cocked my eye down and looked at the place where the arm ought to be and wondered what in time it all meant; for, just as plain as I ever felt anything, there were twinges in the fingers of that left hand and awful aches in the wrist and pains in the mus-

cles that made me scream.
"And yet where all that terrible aching was I could see nothing but empty air. And with my other hand I would grope around in that space, trying to find and

rub-well, what?
"But worse than the pain even was a tickling that used to take me right in the palm of that missing hand, and I would have given \$100 any day to have been able to dig down into that itching place with my thumb nail.
"A ha'nt? Why, there was no ghost

that ever flitted that could be so bad a spook as the ghost of a piece of me.

"And then because that dead arm of mine wouldn't let me forget it I commenced to get notions into my head. I would lie there and fancy so vividly just would lie there and rancy so vivinly just what was happening to that hand and arm that at last, out of nervousness, I would scream like a woman. Why, you know, I could see teeth gnawing into it and feel the pangs for all the world just as though it was really happening. I could see a worm writhing around the fingers and would try to clutch and grasp with the hand that had been laid away

"All that sort of torture wore away in time, of course, but still I'm never al-

lowed to forget that lost arm.
"I used to have rheumatic twinges in that arm. I have them there to this day. that arm. I have them there to this day. I had a felon on my left thumb a few months ago. At least I had all the symptoms and all the pains. I could only grunt and bear it. The hand is cold sometimes, or rather, perhaps, to be understood, I should say that it seems as though I had a hand there that is cold. The hand becomes numb and goes to sleep, it is warm and throbs. In fact, it's a ha'nt, and that's all there is to it."—Lewiston Journal.

-Lewiston Journal. Restrained by Consistency. "You are enough to drive a man to sui-cide!" exclaimed the husband.

"Then why don't you go and hang yourself?" tauntingly asked Mrs. Vick-Senn. "Because," he howled, "I have been all my life opposed to capital punishment." —Chicago Tribune.

Getting married on love and faith is all right, but the husbands of faith, like faith itself, should be known by their works.—Saturday Evening Post.

UNCLE JACK'S PLEA.

It Was Powerful Enough to Save His Bad Case.

When I was in North Carolina, a friend told me about an old darky who was on trial for stealing acturkey, and the proof was positive, and ret he did not seem to be alarmed. His lawyer was discovered out and all the lawyer was discovered out and all the lawyer was discovered out and all the lawyer was discovered out and the lawyer was discovered out and all the lawyer was discovered out and the lawyer was discovered out and the lawyer was discovered out and the lawyer was discovered to the lawyer was disc ouraged and said: "Uncle Jack, it looks

"No, dey ain't, Mas John; dey ain't got me yet, and dey ain't gwine to get me. Tell you how it is, Mas John. Do jedge seten up dar was my young mas-ter when de war broke out and not gwine to send me to de pen. No, sir, he ain't; he ain't done forget what I know."

But Mas John had lost confidence, for he knew that the judge would do his

duty and execute the law. In a short time the trial was over and the judge asked Uncle Jack if he had anything to say in extenuation of his crime. The old gray headed man got up with a grunt and, looking around upon the spectators and then at the judge said:

and then at the judge, said:
"Nuffin much, Mas Jedge; nuffin much, Only dis, you know all about dat old war which we all got whooped, and you hain't forgot how I went out wid you to de army, for you was a cappen, master told me to go 'long and take keer of you, and you knows I did de very bes' I could for four mighty long years and how one time you got wounded and I staid by you ontell you was well again and how anoder time you took de measles and me, too, and I stay by you and nus' you and how anoder time Yankees cotch me and I got away in de night and come back to you and how sometimes you get out of money and out of sumfen to eat all at the same time, and you call me up and say, 'Jack, you mus' go out a-foragin and get us sumfin,' and I go out late in de night and bring you chickens and roastin ears, and one time I bring you a turkey, and you neber ax me nuffin about whar I got him and you neber giv' me any money to buy him, did you, Mas Jedge? You call it foragin den, didn't you, Mas Jedge, and if it was foragin den, how cum it to be steal-

By this time the courtroom was con vulsed with laughter, and the judge could not conceal his emotion, for his recollection of the old darky's faithfulness was revived afresh. He wiped his brow and his eyes and said: "Mr. Sheriff, adjourn court. Uncle Jack, I will pay for that turkey, but you must not do so any more When you need anything, you must come me. I haven't forgotten you."-Atlan ta Constitution.

A CROWD IN THE STREET.

Guessing at Its Number and Watch ing Its Wave Movements.

"Estimating the size of a crowd is the hardest kind of guessing in the world," said an old citizen. "Nothing is more elastic, more compressible and more deceptive than a great throng. On two occasions a street or square may appear to be packed to its capacity, and one would say roughly that about the same number of people were present each time. As a matter of fact there may have been a difference of several thousand. I am convinced from observation covering a number of years that it is impossible for anybody standing on the level occupied by a crowd to form even an approximately accurate estimate of its size. Such a spectator has no means of arriving at the density of the mass before him, and that is the vital point in the whole cal-

culation. "The proper place from which to size up any great gathering is as nearly as possible overhead-in other words, from the roof or upper win jacent tall building. It is only by looking down on crowds from a height that you can appreciate their great differences. One will be full of lanes and passageways, with little open spaces here and there, while in another the people will be standing shoulder to shoulder

with almost military precision. "From above, too, the strange wave movement which occurs in all crowds is clearly discernible, and it is certainly a curious sight. A slight stir will be seen from some extreme corner. For a few seconds it will travel toward the center, exactly like a ripple over water, then suddenly it will break and spread itself along three or four irregular paths, each ending in a crush which must be entirely inexplicable to the people in the vicinity What causes these movements to take such eccentric routes through a throng is at first blush a mystery, but I suppose it can be easily explained on the comm principle of force moving in lines of the least resistance. Some chap on the out-skirts starts the thing by shouldering his neighbor, and the impulse is passed along. always by way of the weakest."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The Deacon's Dream.

"May you take this lesson home with you tonight, dear friends," concluded the preacher at the end of a very long and wearisome sermon, "and may its spiritual truths siak deep into your hearts and lives to the end that your souls may experience salvation. We will now bow our heads in prayer. Deacon White, will

There was no response.
"Deacon White"—this time in a louder
voice—"Deacon White, will you lead?"
Still no response. It was evident that the deacon was slumbering. The preacher made a third appeal and raised his voice to a pitch that succeeded in waking the drowsy man.

"Deacon White, will you please lead?"
The deacon rubbed his eyes and opened them wonderingly.
"Is it my lend? No—I just dealt."—
Detroit Free Press.

Strategy That Failed. In order to overcome her husband's objections to afternoon card playing a North Fifth street woman recently bought a box of cigars and claimed that

she won it at a card game. Her husband smoked only one and is now more opposed to afternoon card playing than ever.—Atchison Globe.

Might Be Worse. "Fate has drawn us together!" he cried

passionately.

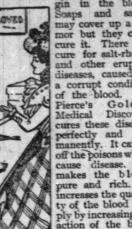
"Then it is not so bad!" she said, with a sigh of relief. "I thought you were going to say some amateur artist had drawn us together."—Chicago News.

A Bureaucrat. Mrs. Wunder-I understand your husband holds a government position.

Mrs. Parvenco—Yes, he is in the chiffonier of statistics.—Baltimore American.

One of the Signs. Contempt for family life is one mark by which smart society may be recogniz-ed.—Arnold White in London Chronicle.

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podern rifle that he concludes that the enemy has no respect for the Geneva Convention, and is using the terrible explosive bullet which no civilized nation uses now. Surgeons who know their business are, says Answers, well aware of the explanation of this mis-take. The explosive effects are due to the air wrich the bullet drives before it into the wound.

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Eau de Cologne Drinking.

Eau de Cologne drinking is "a kind f inebriety that offers peculiar temptations to neurotic women," says The Hospital. Is was long before it was realized that the taking of a few drops of the perfume on a jump of sugar was in any way a dangerous habit. older books on the toilet one may find it recommended as tending to make the eyes bright. But there can be no doubt that the habit grows until it becomes absolutely a form of the drink craving.

evils. Ignorance is not to be confounded with innocence. Prudery masquerades a virtue which is in reality absent. Art has often suffered from the unholy zeal of the fanatic. The press has other standards to adopt than those of the prig or the prude. Coarseness indeed is repre-hensible. Heartlessness and flippancy are deplorable. Sensationalism is parasitical. But have as a rule newspapers pandered to these? Fairness will answer in the negative.

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