

# A SOLDIER'S GIFT.

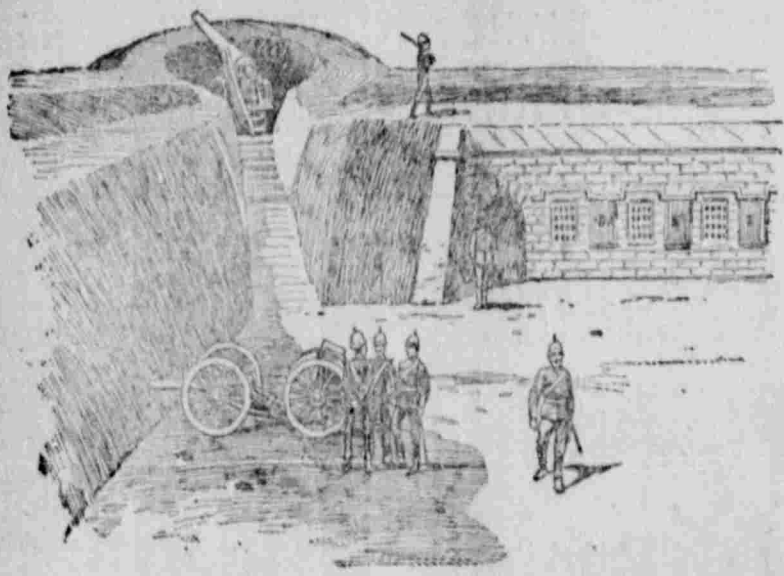
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WHERE the trees of the park drooped low,  
After the war-hail, long ago,  
A stonewall soldier wandered slow  
Such was his fattered homing!  
Homeless, alone in the hurrying town,  
Wrapped in his gray cloak, weather-brown,  
With leaves for a pillow, he laid him down  
To sleep in the friendly gloaming.  
Watching the boarding squirrels creep,  
Down to the eyes dropped dream-lined sleep,  
Over the soul drew slumber deep  
With Nature's kindly blindness,  
Falling dew lay wet on his face  
But the heart beat on in its resting place  
Warm and tender with living grace  
And the milk of human-kindness.

NOW the eyes that closed that day  
Are blind and dark for the further way  
But the heart beats warm forever and aye  
And on the spot where he laid him,  
Mute, articulate bronzes stand  
Liberty clasping Liberty's hand,  
The spirit of France to the Western land,  
The tribute Freedom paid him.  
What though the eye has lost its light?  
Love can lighten the darkest night:  
Never yet hath failed His sight  
A gift from a true soul given.  
Stone may crumble in human Art  
But so long as love in life has part  
The Open Hand and the Willing Heart  
Are heirs of a further Heaven!

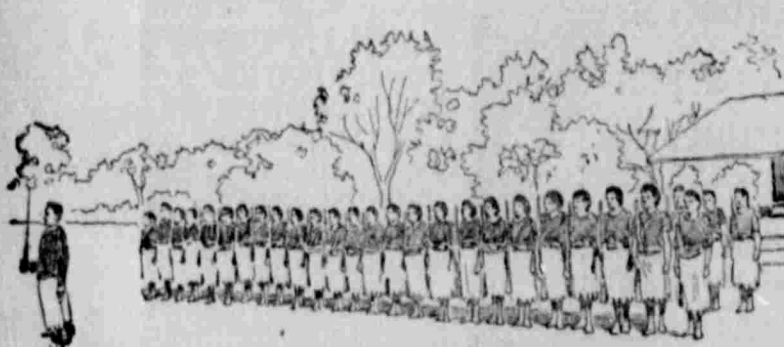
(In Lafayette park, New York, on the 22d of February, will be unveiled the replica, in bronze, of M. Bartholdi's statue of Washington and Lafayette, which stands in the Place des Etats Unis, Paris. This heroic statue is the gift to the city of Charles Broadway Rouss, the blind merchant prince, in memory of his son Charles, who died at the age of 21. Born in Woodstock, Md., in 1814, of old southern stock, at the close of the war Charles Broadway Rouss came to New York, owning nothing but the suit he wore, the ragged Confederate uniform he had worn in the Stonewall brigade. His first night was spent in the tract of land which is now Monmouth park on a bed of leaves. Upon the spot where the penniless soldier then slept will stand this beautiful monument, the gift to a splendid city from the richest Confederate veteran in the world.)

## THE BOER FORT AT JOHANNESBURG.



The Boer fortress at Johannesburg, one of the strongest armaments in the world, occupies a splendid position on top of Hospital hill, which commands the road to Pretoria. It stands out above the picturesque and comfortable residences which abound in the outskirts of Johannesburg. The fort is rectangular in shape, with two bastions at opposite corners. On each of these bastions is mounted a 25 centimeter quick firing gun, with two flanking Maxim guns on the opposite side, which faces Johannesburg, is the entrance. This ingenious entrance traverses the ramparts at an angle of 45 degrees. Within the court, right and left of the entrance, are stables, while under one of the bastions are barracks and a magazine. The other bastion covers officers' rooms and a somewhat smaller magazine. Long before the outbreak of the present South African war this fort at Johannesburg, like the rest of the Transvaal forts, was well provisioned and supplied with an immense amount of ammunition. So today it stands almost impregnable. The accompanying illustration shows one of the fort's bastions and gives a good idea of how the quick firing gun has been mounted by the Boer artillery.

## THE FIJI ARMED CONSTABULARY.

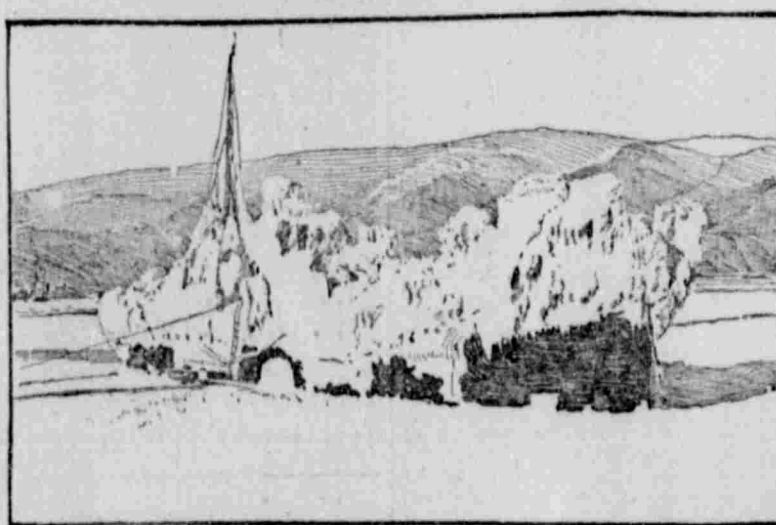


The accompanying illustration shows a type of policeman peculiar to the southern Pacific. These dusky skinned, kinky haired guardians of the peace in that remote part of the world are a company of the Fiji armed constabulary, well trained soldiers who have been taught how to handle a rifle by officers of Great Britain. The uniform of the members of this company is unique. It consists of a white shirt with a serrated tail, a leather rifle belt and a stout, dark blue flannel shirt. That is the entire uniform.

## MEN OF THE HOUR.

Thomas Eggleston, who died in New York recently, was the planner and founder of the School of Mines at the Columbia university, where he was professor emeritus of mineralogy and metallurgy. He was born in New York in 1821 and graduated from Yale in 1841 and from the Ecole des Mines in France in 1850. He was also one of the founders of the American Institute of Mining Engineers. P. C. Torrey of Wisconsin has received notice that the government will pay his claim arising out of the destruction of his schooner Thankful by French pirates in 1793. Mr. Torrey, who is a de-

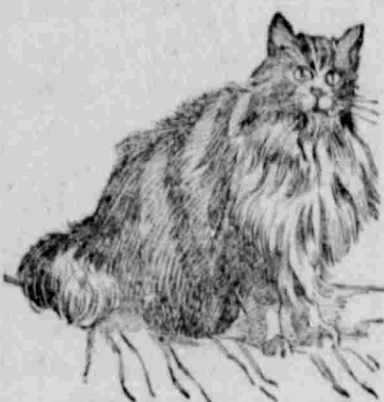
## NAVIGATION UNDER DIFFICULTIES.



Those people who imagine that the south of Russia and the Black sea have a mild and temperate climate will be not a little surprised by the scene depicted in the accompanying illustration. This picture is from a recent photograph of the Russian Navigation company's passenger packet Igor and shows her shrouded in a mantle of solid ice near the Black sea port of Novorossisk. Her entire deck and rigging and hull are entirely imbedded in the icy element, and very little of the vessel can be seen. This happened during a blizzard which swept over the Black sea not long ago and caused great suffering and loss of life in this district. The Igor was at sea during this storm, and when she arrived in port her passengers were landed only with the greatest difficulty—in fact they were not landed at all, but were turned out on the ice a quarter of a mile from shore.

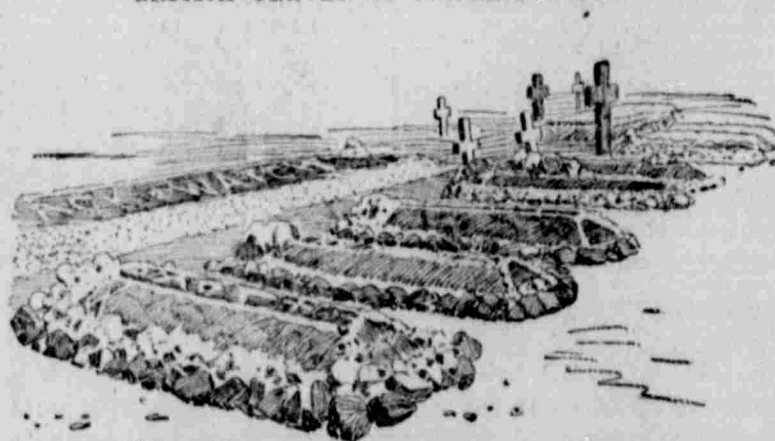
## A BLUE COATED CAT.

The accompanying illustration shows a very pretty and a very valuable little Persian cat which was recently imported



into this country from England. This particular little pussy, for which a surprisingly large sum of money was paid by a New York society woman, is of a pale blue color, and also possesses a perfect head, a flowing coat and huge, dark orange eyes.

## BRITISH GRAVES AT MAGERSFONTEIN.



One of the saddest sights in South Africa, at least to English eyes, is that level plot of stony ground just to the rear of the little township of Modder River, where General Wauchope and some 20 members of the highlanders killed at the battle of Magersfontein were buried. These graves, as will be seen from the accompanying illustration, are of the rudest description. A few of them have rough wooden crosses, but as a rule they are distinguishable only by a heap of earth marked out by small pieces of rock. A great number of the Black Watch who fell were buried side by side, and the words "Black Watch" were spelled out on the long grave with white stones.

boyhood was spent among the Indians of his native state. Not long ago the Cherokees of North Carolina gave him a most elaborate peace pipe as an expression of their affectionate regard. There are 14 Harvard graduates in the Fifty-sixth congress—four in the senate and ten in the house. They are Senators Wolcott, Hoar, Lodge and Penrose, and Representatives Boutelle,

## A RENEGADE OFFICER.

One of the renegades against whom the British in South Africa feel particularly bitter just at present is Thomas Greener, whose picture is herewith published. Greener, who is an Englishman, was a Boer officer, but, what is worse, is a deserter from the Royal engineers, in which body he was once a sergeant



major. When he became a deserter, he joined the Boer forces, and, owing to his expert knowledge of trench building, was at once given the task of superintending the making of the intrenchments for Joubert's army. His services were, of course, invaluable. Had it not been that one of the men captured at Magersfontein was this same Sergeant Major Greener the British officers in South Africa would never have believed that it was one of their own men who was so instrumental in their early defeats.

## AN ODDLY MATED PAIR.

Here is a very charming little picture of domestic felicity. It shows a bulldog who took an extraordinary delight in the companionship of a small kitten and



allowed no one to touch the little feline while in his company. This strangely mated pair of household pets, which belong to a New York broker, often romp about together in the most playful manner. But this same bulldog, strange to say, cannot abide the ordinary cats, and on several occasions has had to be punished for killing them.

## THE TUGELA FALLS NEAR COLENSO.



The valley of the Tugela, which of late has witnessed some stirring scenes in the drama of the South African war, is a bit of Natal containing some of the most picturesque scenery in all South Africa. The Tugela itself, when not in flood, is a most varied and attractive little river, full of waterfalls and rapids. The accompanying illustration gives a good idea of the appearance of the Tugela in the neighborhood of Colenso and shows one of the many pretty waterfalls that abound in that hilly district. This scene acquires an additional interest because of the fact that it was here that a large body of Buller's troops met with signal defeat at the hands of the Boers.

## A BATTLEFIELD PET.

The British soldier is very fond of his army pets and mascots, and he will at times resort to all kinds of tricks to smuggle some regimental bird or beast on board the transport when leaving home for the front. Here is a picture of Mona, the regimental pet of the Thirty-third army service corps, who was smuggled to South Africa on one of the transports and is now seeing active service at the front. The Fighting Fifth also has a regimental dog at the front.



## Washington's Birthday.



THE HEAD OF THE STATUE OF WASHINGTON TO BE ERECTED IN THE PLACE D'ENA, PARIS.

ALL honor to that day which long ago  
Gave birth to him who Freedom's cause espoused;  
Who, by his ardor in the sacred fight,  
The fire and strength of patriots aroused;  
Who knew no master, save that One divine  
Whose strength was his, who knew no fear, save one—  
The fear of doing wrong! All hail the day  
That gave to Freedom's cause George Washington!

Years come and go, and generations fall  
Into the dust. The world its heroes gives.  
They step upon the stage, then pass away  
And are no more, but Freedom ever lives.  
And while it lives, and while its banner bright  
Is upward flung into the golden sun,  
Will win the heart of every freeman's child  
Will live that honored name, George Washington.

Then honor to the day that gave him birth,  
For it is also Freedom's natal day.  
Let all who worship Freedom's cause stand forth  
And to his memory their homage pay.  
And let each loyal son the work take up—  
For, know ye, Freedom's work is never done—  
And greater, grander, build the edifice  
Begun so long ago by Washington.

ARTHUR J. BURDICK.

## THE ORDER OF THE STARRY CROSS.

One of the oldest of the few orders to which women may belong or have in the past belonged, is the order of the Community of Noble Ladies of the Starry Cross. This is an Austrian order and was founded by the Empress Eleanor, the wife of Emperor Ferdinand III. It was so named from the fact that what was believed to be a portion of the true cross of the Lord was miraculously preserved from destruction by fire, and this relic, belonging to the empress, led her to commemorate the wonder by establishing the order. The Austrian empress is its head, and all its members have to be princesses, countesses or other highborn ladies. The accompanying illustration shows their insignia.



The amount of silver dollars coined by our government under the act of 1890, restricted by the repeal of 1893, has increased \$54,000,000 in three years.

## FOREIGN ATTACHES AT THE SEAT OF WAR.



While the Boers and the British are carrying on their tragic drama of war the different foreign attaches in South Africa are playing the part of most interested spectators, receiving free and most instructive object lessons in the art of modern campaigning. The accompanying illustration is from a recent photograph of the different foreign attaches at Cape Town, who have now taken up positions at the front to observe and report on the progress of affairs for their different governments. Beginning on the left, the first of the standing figures is Colonel Stakhovitch, Russian attaché; the second is Captain Trim, attaché of Austria, and the third is Colonel Slocum of the United States. The sitting figure on the extreme left is Captain Gentili, the Italian representative; the central figure is that of Captain Baron von Lutwitz, who represents the kaiser, and the man on the right again is Captain d'Armande, the French attaché.

wounds received by him during the civil war. He was successively captain, colonel, brigadier general and major general in the Confederate army and surrendered with the army of the Tennessee in 1865. A Detroit clergyman advances the novel proposition that "if Adam had worked three days each year from the day he was created to the present time

at a salary of \$50 a day he would not have earned by this time as much property as is owned by Rockefeller or Vanderbilt." Most of the great philosophers lived to a serene and good old age. Aristotle lived to be 82, Descartes 53, Hegel 61, Socrates 68, Leibnitz 70, Linnaeus 70, Copernicus 70, Galilei 78, Kant 79, Plato 82, Newton 84, Humboldt 89.