Some Things the Fresh Water Sailor Must Learn in the Service.

QUEER

Minstrel Shows, Dancing and the "Foo-Foo" Band-Forbidden Recreation Between Decks-Seven Bells Ceremony.

Some of the "fresh water" sailors of the naval militia have had to learn a good many things since they became members of Uncle Sam's war navy. Their experiences have been those of every civilian who enters the naval service in acquiring the real salty flavor of the sea. The moment he steps foot stranger in a strange land.

He discovers that he must learn a new very first thing he notices is that the cardinal points of his home compass are lost for his government. naval parlance they are fore and aft.

only every superior officer, but two inani- main deck awning fixed by the ship's car-

QUAINT BITS OF NAVY LIFE | vessels, but there are ways and means by in the service, and they are generally played | GETTING RICH OFF THE ARMY played. Empty coal bunkers are utilized, there is anything more doleful or annoying and in these foul, confined compartments than a Danish air played on a German acsailors, marines and firemen gather long cordion it is yet to be found. There is the elusive jackpot.

Poker is not the only game played. Banker, faro, and in fact almost any gamb- one evening. He never got beyond the secling game can be found in progress deep ond note. down in the lower regions of the hull. Cases Allied to music as a means of amusement have been known where complete roulette is dancing. Sailors are naturally nimbleand keno outfits have been smuggled on footed, and it does not take long for them board to find a resting place in one of the to acquire the art. After the smoking lamp empty coal bunkers. Then it is that the is lighted in the evening on board the flagexecutive officer, who always has a paternal | ship the band, using stringed instruments, regard for the members of his crew, sets to plays popular airs and the port gangway wondering why John Sullivan, the fireman, is given over to the members of the crew is so extremely flush with money, while who wish to dance. Stag parties only are divers other firemen, coal heavers and deck- allowed except when the officers give a hands are short.

Among the legitimate amusements dulged in by Uncle Sam's sailors are the 'woman' is designated by a piece of have swarmed on the edges of the resergiving of minstrel and other theatrical performances on board ship. A surprising on board ship he realizes that he is indeed a amount of local talent can be found in almost every crew, and it is not an uncommon thing to discover that one of the marine language and cut the tenor of his future guard has been a real actor in his time. existence by a different measure from that Unappreciative audiences and the decline of to which he has been accustomed. The the stage have driven him to enlist and he be passed over. In these latter days the

to him. He no longer goes upstairs, but on | It is in the matter of stage and stage deck. For downstairs he goes below and properties that the sailor minstrels find instead of front and rear he finds that in themselves handicapped. The modern war ship is so cut up with steel bulkheads that The words floor and fall and stairs are it is hard to find a compartment large forbidden him. Where he walks is on the enough for the purpose. The gun or berth deck. He leans against a bulkhead and deck is generally selected, and one end is ascends or descends a ladder. By the time divided off for the stage. Dressing rooms he is a month in the service he finds that are provided on each side by stretching canhe is supposed to honor with a salute not vas walls. The curtain is a part of the



THE "FOO-FOO" BAND, U. S. S. NEW YORK

mate objects as well. One of these is the penter so it can be raised or lowered like : flag and the other is a division of the ship sail. It is an easy task for the electrician called the quarterdeck. At 8 in the morn- to contrive footlights from his store of porting and at sunset in the evening, together able electric lamps. with his mates, he faces aft and reverently its snow-white planks represent the foun- bower of beauty. tain-head of all discipline.

the officer of the deck, who is in charge of jokes used in the minstrel performances are same way, with the result that the stock the entire ship during his watch, issues his usually home made and they consist mainly of sheep has been steadily diminishing and orders. Court is held here near the maju- of hits at local officers and favorite mem-

In seating the audience the officers are bares his head as Old Glory is raised or placed in the front rows, and the enlisted lowered. As a patriotic citizen he likes the portion of the crew left to find resting places ceremony, and means it when he does honor on the mess benches arranged in the rear, to the flag of his country. He learns in What the improvised theater lacks in regutime that the reason he must touch his cap lation fittings is made up by the picturesque when he steps on the quarterdeck is be- draping of many colored flags which transcause it is the seat of authority, and that forms the compartment into a veritable

given to the comic, and the broader the and the scorching suns of the Australasian It is here that the captain holds sway and subject the better Jackie likes it. The skies. The other colonies suffered in the



A QUIET GAME 'TWEEN DECKS

He generally holds court on the quarterdeck several times a week. There, assisted by the executive officer, he gives one man three months' restriction to the ship for smoking out of hours, another a week's

month's restriction for being over leave. To the casual observer these would seem snapshot judgments, but, in fact, they have been determined beforehand in an interview with the executive officer. When a case is grave enough to warrant a more severe punishment the offender is placed under arrest and held for summary or general courtmartial. The captain of a war ship also has the power to order a man confined in the "brig," a small cell 'tween decks, for periods of from one to five days on full diet, or

bread and water. As in police courts ashore, punishments differ on different ships. Some captains are known for the picturesqueness of their punishments and others are famed, like the late Judge Duffy of New York, for their Solomonlike judgments. Many an erring sailor has escaped the penalty of his misdeeds by laughing discreetly at his commanding

officer's bad puns. The captain of the old Kearsarge, during one of its early cruises, laid great stress on ridicule as a penalty. He spent a part o his time inventing new and novel punish ments for his crew, some of which proved useful, while others only brought ridicule to his own door. One of his most successfu was the calling out of the punishment and

the crime at every bell by the culprit. For instance, a sailor named Jack Brown who had been brought to book for fighting would be compelled to take his stand on th break of the forecastle during the evening hours, and, at each bell, shout lustily: "Seven bells, and here stands Jack Brown first loafer of the forward pivot, been a smashing of Bill Jones in the nose. "Sever

Shipboard Diversions.

"In time of peace the monotony of shipboard life is felt to a considerable extent by or two, assembles on the forecastic after the 400 or 500 men crowded in the confined supper and plays a weird collection of airs space representing the modern battleship or to the satisfaction of the members and the cruiser. The many hours between 5:30 in great amusement of neighboring ships. It the morning and 9:30 at night are not all is really a harmless diversion, and taken up with work and drills, and the men counding of taps at 0:30 sceps it from be-

are hard pushed to find amusement. Chess and checkers, backgammon and dominoes are in demand, and some even got up a little game of ball in the superstructure.

Carda are tabooed on board the majority of cordions are known as "in and out jiggers"

avenue, boy.

Deaths—Fred W. Pickens, Honey Creek, la., 37 years, suicide; Milton Paul Nixon, 3028 Charles, 18 days.

quarterdeck, and the long list of punish-| sary for the executive officer to exercise ments for infractions of naval laws, are a consorship over the list of jokes to prevent the jolly ministrels from dwelling too se-In former years commanders of naval ves- verely on the short-comings of the officers. sels had greater latitude in the matter of It is hardly conducive to strict discipline to former and the burden of the latter is bebein and greater latitude in the matter of it is hardly conducte to strict discipline to yound the means of endurance. In other beelbauling were in voyue a captain could enjistment ask Mr. "Johnsing" the differ- words, the country has been artificially dekeelhauling were in vogue a captain could enlistment, ask Mr. "Johnsing" the differsentence one of his crew to almost anything, ence between the navigator and a deep sea but now the rules and regulations issued sponge, and then add that the sponge abfrom Washington cover the majority of sorbs water; or to ask why the paymaster cases. It is only for minor offenses that the is like a poor dummy maker, and give as commander of a man-of-war can distribute the reason because he is generally wrong in his figures

The "Foo-Foo" Band.

The naval regulations state that each flagship shall carry a band of a certain number of pieces, but nothing is said of the bands to be found on almost every other extra bright-work cleaning for being late ship in the service. These latter bands are with his hammock, and still another a neither uniformed nor led by a distinguished baton-wielder. They are, in fact, made up of musically inclined members of the crew who get together, collect a sum of money through voluntary contributions, and form what has long been known as a "Foo-foo"

seems to be the murder of all peace and

quiet. The band, consisting generally of a

couple of guitars, a barlo, tamborine, snare

The music of the "Foo-foo" band is

drum, several brass horns and a triangle

coming a burden.

after taps to risk their monthly money in tradition in the service that many years ago Sutlers and Others Coining Money at the Chickamauga Military Camp. a marine attached to one of our war ships

was foolhardy enough to practice on a flute

spun yarn fastened about the left arm.

Dinner Inspection.

It is a far cry from music and dancing

horse, but in treating of the oddities of

naval life a certain ceremony daily enacted

the commissary department of the navy.

Contractors are required to furnish good

horse with an odor like a Chinese war mis-

In these times the naval menu is good,

and to see that it is perfect it is required

of the officer of the watch that a sample of the crew's dinner be officially tasted by him

exactly at seven bells, 11:30 o'clock. This duty must not be perfunctorily per-

the pot of soup and the contents carried thence to the open mouth of the officer,

peef and then announce to the ship's cook, who is the bearer of the sample, that the

deck, but it is seldom the kid containing the

A COLLAPSED BOOM.

pression in Australia.

ing it caused or the commercial injury it

inflicted, relates the New York Sun. The

fact that no less than about 8,000,000 sheep

perished of hunger and thirst in New South

Wales alone gives perhaps the best measure-

ment of the effects of the parching winds

00.000 in 1891 and 120,000,000 in 1893

has been serious. For the season of 1893

the total value reached over \$117,500,000, and

in 1896, \$115.875,000; but the total for the

current year is estimated to be the lowest

since 1889 and there has been a decline in

the quantity produced every year since 1894.

The prospect opened up by the retrogression

thus manifested in the main article of Aus-

tralian trade is causing those British finan-

ciers interested in Australian investments

good deal of anxiety. The other articles

of Australian export, such as cheese, butter,

dead meats and horses and cattle, have to

meet the competition of other countries, and,

taken together with the exports of gold

and coal, are about the only things they

The cry, as everywhere else, is for a

arger market and better prices. The home

market expands very slowly and is not in-

creasing in purchasing capacity, while im-

migration has almost ceased. The two great

roubles of Australia are its remoteness

from the European and American markets

and the colossal indebtedness that has been

\$1,137,332,000 for barely 5,000,000 of popula-

tion. Railways and other public works for

constructed with these borrowed millions

and now there is fessening use for the

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Confidence Game on the Boy.

spend for firecrackers and torpedoes on the Fourth. Suppose, now, this year you de-

families of the soldiers who have gone to

the war. It will do a great deal more good

I'll let half of it go for that.

Mr. Tucker—You're a good boy, Tommy, and I shall not let you outdo me in this glorious work. I'll devote the other half

Mortality Statistics.

reported to the health commissioner during

Births-John H. H. Orton, 4808 Sherman

the twenty-four hours ending at noon yester-

The following births and deaths were

chapped hands, chilblains

have to meet their liabilities.

improvidence.

sores, tetter,

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INSPECTING THE CREW'S DINNER (A DAILY 7-BELLS CEREMONY.

To those who have had experience the in that way than to spend it for some

mission of these "Foo too" bands thing that merely makes a noise."
s to be the murder of all peace and Tommy (with some reluctance)—All right

sample is materially lightened of its load.

sailors a class apart.

his portion.

KLONDIKE FOR PUSHING PEDDLERS

How the Thrifty Take Advantage of the Golden Opportunity-"The Biggest Sunp the South Ever Struck."

Although the festive sutlers of civil war fame—the vultures who follow in the wake violent hemorrhages. dance and reception to their fair friends of armies-have been excluded from the ashore. In quadrilles and all square dances army in Cuba and from military camps, they business. A correspondent of the Baltimore American, who has made the rounds to the inspection of bean soup and salt of the camps of the sutlers, gives an interesting account of their methods and their

prosperity. on board Uncle Sam's war ships must not finds his daily bread in carrying a musket United States government looks well after little Klondike without going to the exfood and the naval cooks are compelled to size without a sutler, with his well-stocked pose all took hold of a long rope, with the cook it in a palatable manner. In the old store on wheels, would not be an up-to-date guide in front. Mrs. Maxson, who had been regime mouldy biscuit, rancid soup and salt affair; hence, not a success from one point covered up with snow once, was discouraged sile were supposed to be good enough for the man forward. He got what the authori- he received during the strife back in the and die rather than attempt to go through ties wished to give him, and if he grumbled, sixtics, as he raked in the nickles and the rass. She was urged to take hold of the an extra dose of the "cat" was added to

formed, but the spoon must be dipped in to traveling salesman for a New York house, feet of snow. and quite well known in Baltimore. He Those who were not caught by the slide followed an Indiana regiment of volunteers | went to work at once to dis the others out. He must eat a generous portion of the to Chickamauga with the intention of en- It was a slow and arduous task and out of listing at the first opportunity. He changed ninety-one persons thus buried only seven his mind at meeting a busy lemonade ven- were taken out alive. One of these was dinner is all right or otherwise. This duty der in a shady nock on the roadside. The Milton Black. is not a hardship when the previous hours of next day he bargained for an outfit, and | The slide occurred at 9 o'clock in the the watch have been spent by the officer in today he is doubtless worth \$3,000 or \$4,000, morning and he remained buried until 5 an appetite-producing walk along a breezy it not more, in hard cash.

Shut Out at Tampa.

At Tampa the sutler basn't the oppor If the ceremony answers no other purtunity to make money as rapidly as at pose it certainly forms a picturesque scene Chickamauga. The camps at Tampa are to see a nattily-uniformed officer eating near the city, while the camps at Chickbean soup out of a tin pan in full view of amauga are miles distant from Chattanooga, chance visitors, who are generally of the the nearest city. Through an unforutnate fair sex. It is spectacles and incidents of circumstance, the soldier at Chickamauga this kind that serve to lend an air of is not allowed outside the park, except by special permission, and then only for a time profanity, originality to life in the United States naval service, and to make the officers and sufficient to visit Chattanooga, make his purchases, return straightway and report Ravages of Drouth and Business De-The few items of news that appeared at intervals about the great drought in Austra-Ha during the last summer conveyed but a visiting was stopped forthwith. faint idea of the reality, either of the suffer-

the game, and the visitor would supplied and I heard a voice saying: the trade overan, but it isu't. Each wagon, no matter how numerous, has its patrons, and long before the wheels come to a dead the vehicle is completely surrounded sandwiches and cool drinks.

The American's correspondent, who acside by a sutler on the way to camp the But she was dead, day the regiment arrived. The correspondmiles from Chattanooga, and reached by breezy trolley cars. When the train bearing the regiment pulled in at a busy place | would not go through that experience again called Citico, Colonel Coale was told that a wreck at Rossville, three miles distant. had blocked the way to Chickamauga, and that the Fifth would probably have to spend the day aboard the train. It was hot enough to cook eggs on the cross-ties and water was conspicuous by its absence. The two days' rations, dealt out at Pimilico, had about become exhausted and food was the

After walking an hour or so I was told that the park was about ten miles distant. A carriage was not to be had for love or money. So far as the trolley car was concerned, the tracks were not even laid. An approaching sutler pitied me, made room for me in his wagon and in that way I finally reached camp. There appeared to be hundreds of similar wagons about the grounds, piled up by all the colonies, aggregating but that fact didn't trouble my rescuer. He had been there before. In less than five minutes after our arrival the wagon was a population far beyond those figures were empty and the sutler had the money in his

All the Klondike They Want. "This is the biggest snap we people the south ever struck," said my sutler veloped and is now suffering the penalty of friend, with a smile almost as broad as his home-made straw hat, that looked as though it had seen hard service in the late war At every turn in the road there was a verification of the remark. Every man, woman or child who could beg, borrow or buy a horse and trap, or a mule, for that matter, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively had a load of saleables among the soldiers before the day was many minutes old. Beanteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale sides, there were enterprising young men from the far north and west, who had temporary sheds put up slong the roadside in cool spot at the foot of a rugged bill, Chicago Tribune: Mr. Tucker-Tommy, you know I generally give you a dollar to within a stone's throw of the park limits. These were numerous and the business they did in one day seemed equal to a week's sales in a dry goods store around holiday vote half of it to the relief fund for the

But the most unique business of all was the house wagon. There were hundreds of them and they contained everything, from a button or a row of pins to the half of a beef, coal oil, candles, clothing, pies, cakes, bread, candies, writing paper, pens, pencils, envelopes and stamps. Every natural want was supplied at prices varying from those charged by the shoestring vender to the big rich city merchant who caters to Charles street shoppers. These wagons were in one camp one day and in another the next. The money the owners made was simply astonishing, and yet the soldiers did not seem to spend much, for cash was mighty scarce,

even among many of the officers. Everybody Makes Money. Thrifty people make money at Chickanauga in all sorts of ways. The sutler no sooner arrived and began raking in piles of loose change among the thousands of soldiers than another class began putting up temporary frame houses and supplying them with cots and other cheap hotel paraphernalia, including meas tables, the stragglers and money-makers put up over night, and here also thieves and midnight prowlers go

in their work for awhile. The hackman is making a fortune out o the camp at Chickamauga. Every man who owns any kind of a rig presses it into service, and has all he can do. The rates vary cording to the size of the vehicle. For instance, the majority of the drivers will haul a load of not less than ten out to camp from Chattanooga for 50 cents a head. He will not, however, drive over the camp. He stops at a certain point. A buggy costs \$4 on week days and \$5 on a Sunday. Two persons can make the trip in a two-seated phaeton for from \$3 to \$4. If they want to drive over the camp. So the hackmen had pretty much their own way, and soon be came the most independent class in the

A steadfast growth of half a century tells that Cook's Imperial Champagne, extra dry, is. Gold medal, World's Fair,

IN AN AVALANCHE.

A Pennsylvania Pilgrim Tells His Experlence at Chilkoot. Milton Black, who lives near this town, returned home last week from a journey to the gold fields of Alaska, relates the Punxutawney (Pa.) Spirit. He was caught, with 200 others, in the great snow slide in Chilkoot Pase, April 3, in which Mrs. Maxson of that place, lost her life, and had a thrilling experience and an almost mirac ulous escape from death. He was buried under twenty-five feet of snow for eight hours, and was finally dug out alive, but so much the the worse for the accident that he found it impossible to proceed on his journey, the long interment under the snow having so injured his lungs as to produce

It is interesting to hear Mr. Black tell of his experience and of the wickedness of the average Klondikor. "As soon as you vation and are doing the fabled land office get on the trail," he says, "Sunday school is out. There's no further use for hymn books and prayer meetings are not in it. There were about 200 people in the party with whom Mr. Black entered Chilkoot Pass. They had pitched their tents to rest Sutlers among the numerous camps at and recuperate, when a snowslide came Chickamauga, he writes, have struck a rich down upon them, covering their tents. After considerable labor they all managed to get pense of rigging themselves out with frigid out. They concluded to get through the zone paraphernalia. An army camp of any pass as quickly as possible and for that purof view. Many a retired merchant today and hysterical. She said she would go no owes his fortune to the handsome little start further. She would lie right down there dimes from the hungry and thirsty soldiers, fope, but would not. Two or three stalto whom a sutler's wagon was a most wel- wart men offered to carry her, saying they would not go and leave a woman to die. She During the first week of the volunteer would not be carried. While they parleyed army's stay at Chickamauga one sutler for ten minutes the second slide came, alone took in enough money to pay for his which they would have escaped had there outfit, including the horse and wagon, and been no delay. About a hundred of them was something like \$50 ahead. He was a were caught beneath twenty-five or thirty

o'clock in the evening. One peculiarity of his situation when covered up with the snow, Mr. Black rays, was that he could hear just as well as though he had been in the open air. The groans, prayers, lamentations and curses of those beneath the avalanche were plainly audible. Seme prayed fervently, bade goodby to their near friends and gave up. Others cursed their fate and used their last breath to utter

"I made up my mind," said Black, "that I would die as I had lived and that it was to his commanding officer. This rigid rule no use to pray at that stage of the game. is the result of a New York soldier's insult It seemed to me that I got a breath about to a young lady in a Chattanoogn store. The every five minutes. I had little hope of essoldier was arrested by the civil authorities cape, but resolved to live as long as and turned over to General Brooke. The could. The snow was packed so tightly city was upset over the occurrence, and a about me that I could not move a fraction trong petition scat to camp. Promiscuous of an inch. I thought every time I got a The sutler reaped the benefits, while the but I never became unconscious and i city merchants suffered. As one suffer seemed to me that I had been there at least larry consed money, another one got in a week when a shovel struck my shoulder

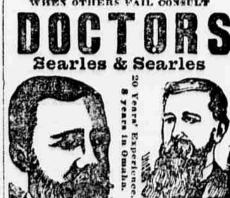
" 'Is he dead or alive?' said another voice "'I don't know,' answered the man with the shovel, and he soon had my head unwith soldiers clamoring for fruits, candies. covered. When I got a good breath of air I felt that I was all right and I said: 'There is a woman right in front of me. Dig her companied the Fifth Maryland regiment, out. I have air now and can wait. They idea of how solidly the snow was packed, continued Mr. Plack, "when I tell you that Baltimore that Chickamauga Park was three when they had me all uncovered but one leg up to the hip I could not get out unti the snow was all shoveled away from it.

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