

By Charles Battell Loomis.

All the boys in Oakville had hen favor, the first thing I did see was stars. I once heard a little boy say "hen fever is Bryant langhed. Here was an old woman like scarlet fever, but it lasts longer than he was the better pleased to help her, for either," and I guess he was right. But if he was always joking himself. you who are reading this are so unfortu- He put his arm around her and finding nate as to be a city boy and only know hens her a bag of bones he lifted her with no as the featherless things they hang up by trouble at all. their legs in the poultry stores I can tell of hens-which are the birds who lay the badly off as a turile on its back." eggs of commerce. It means feeding them the right food and rejoicing in their cack- I carry your basket?" ling, which is their way of saying "Watch hidden nests with maybe a dozen eggs in them and it may be a dozen fuffy little chickens. It means the right food and plenty of water for them and tucking them into hed at night so they won't catch cold and it sometimes means enough pocket money from the sale of eggs and chickens to buy a handsome double ripper with a picture of Dewey winning out at Manila on it So you see that hen fever doean't require services of a physician and you can catch it at any time of the year, although March and April are the easiest months in which to get it, for then any old hen at all you have her all day tomorrow if you will do it all the year round and you get your father to buy forty of them, and the first

and you're buying your eggs at a grocery witch woman of Watertown who in winter store. And that sometimes cures hen fever. lived in Watertown, but in summer lived in But it also shows you that you didn't have an abandoned charcoal burner's hut on the the right brand of fever or they would mountain. have kept on laying.

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(Copyright, 1900, by Charles Battell Loomis.) | cracked my hip. 1 didn't see the ice and Russell, who stood by Bryant to see fair play, held the egg up and told the crowd omething like chickenpox and something who could make a joke of her trouble and farmer could have it for that price spot

"Indeed but you're a good lad. Once I't you that hen fever is very delightful while on my feet I'm good for all day, but when it laste, for it means the onthusiastic care I tumble-which I don't often do-I'm as "Are you going far?" said Bryant. "Can't

'Thank you kindly if you will," said the lay an egg." and it means hunts for old woman. "My hip pains me a good deal. I suppose you'll be going to the Bangtown fair and exhibiting some chickens like the

other boys. "No. indeed," said Bryant, ruefully, " have just money enough to get in mysel and I made that helping Beecher Ward take care of his ducks. I wish I could enter some hens, for I love them and would like to win a prize."

"Well, it's a lucky thing that you met me and that I fell, for I have the hen that laid the golden egg in my basket and I will let will lay eggs, and you think she's going to promise to return her to me next day. I live THE MAN PEARED." on Black mountain."

And then Bryant knew who it was that thing you know your hens are all on strike he had befriended; none other than the

"You can win a prize with the hen and The annual Bangtown fair was billed to you can sell the golden egg which she will



come off the first Tuesday in October and lay at 10 in the morning for a great deal ten of the Oakville boys had entered their of money and you can show her in a tent and

hens in the hope of winning prizes. Abbott charge so much admission." Lyman was going to send ten Black Leghorns and Philip Wendell was going to many times on his door at once? His eyes ship a crate of White Plymouth Rocks filled with tears and he grasped the old and Beecher Ward was going to exhibit three Black Spanish hens.

But poor little Bryant Williams felt quite left out because he had nothing to send, at once," said Bryant. He was a little crohan who would have had hen fever in a minute if he could have bought or borrowed any hens, but it was all furnish tent and all myself, but I see that machinery going, and to have bought even he will fix you out. Here, take the hen the last hour in the twelve months had machinery going, and to have bought even he will fix you out. Here, take the hen the last hour in the twelve months had one scrub hen would have overtaxed his along, but be sure that no one steals her passed by. A sufficiently liberal rate is al-

this, for people up Oakville way don't carry their clothes, a queer thing happened. was going to steal it.

> glistening egg he seized the enchanted fowt general traveled from Baltimore to Richand burst through the crowd and out of the tent as quick as winking. The farmers followed him, crying "Stop thief," but they had not run ten feet when a remarkable thing happened. That man and the hen disappeared as it they had been swallowed up. There was

> the hen. been seen from that day to this, although went to the dining hall, and he was puzzled it was way back in October. The old as to how it came to be there, but being witch's prediction had come true. I dare sleepy and very much exhausted by hard say that she had the hen, but who has the man I don't know. And I don't care much. As for Bryant, he sold the egg to a

some blooded Wyandotte hens with the gate money he took in, and now he has one of the best poultry farms in the whole state of Connecticut.

LINE OF CRADLES.

Would Extend Around the World Were Every Family Represented. It will probably startle a good many per sons to find, on the authority of a

woman's hand and thanked her with all the "I must go and see about getting a tent "Now, I like that," said the old witch.

vertised to lay the egg. The tent had been | GENERAL STANTON IS ILL | hotel. Of his own personal funds the gen-full before that, but there's slways room | GENERAL STANTON IS ILL | hotel. Of his own personal funds the genfor more people in a crowd. These people A search of the dead man's pockets rethe coaled the dagger that fitted the scabbard egg was faid had something to talk about for the rest of their lives, and I dare say Friends of the Fighting Paymaster Are which General Stanton found in his bed. room. How the scabbard came there he if you go up to Oakville you'll find persons

THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 1900.

Anxious About His Condition.

ben began to cackle a silvery lay. Mr. THRILLING WAR STORIES ARE RECALLED

that it was probably worth \$300 and any General Stanton Has a Remarkable Experience with a Band of Robbers in Richmond_His Record as a Fighter of Indians.

> The serious illness of General Thaddeus Stanton, the retired paymaster general of the United States army, is causing much anxiety among his friends in this city and elsewhere. For several weeks General Stanton has been unable to leave his home and he has recently taken a turn for the worse. A complication of diseases is the trouble

> > Fight for Life.

work, he dismissed the thought so far as

possible and tucking his pistol under his

pillow, went to bed and was soon asleep.

be went to Washington as private secretary. Thaddeus H. Stanton has been one of to General S. R. Curtis. The following spring he joined the Columbia volunteers. the most picturesque characters in the military history of this country. Of Honorably mustered out in 1861, he returned thrilling adventure he has had enough to to lowa and was elected to the state legisfill a book, and his life has been ex. lature. In 1862 he raised Company C, Nineceptionally active ever since he became teenth infanity, and was made captain. In identified with the army many years ago, the same year he was appointed as an ad-While General Stanton is a genial spirit ditional paymaster. In 1864 he was chief and an interesting entertainer, he has al- paymaster at New Orleans. In 1872 he was ways been reficent about relating stories ordered to the Department of the Platte, wherein he appears as a hero. But some of being stationed at Cheyenne. For bravery the chapters of his career are of such im- in Indian fighting General Stanton was comportance that they have been told from plimented by the War department and his ocean to ocean, and while newspapers have title was raised from colonel to that of genfrom time to time published columns about eral. As a frontiersman General Stanton General Stanton, many of the best incidents, is particularly noted, although he has had

cash. While the crowd was laughing at have never found their way into print. a wide range of army experience, and was The title, "Fighting Paymaster," was for a time stationed at Washington City, many three hundred bills around loose in given to General Stanton because he really General Stanton received his appointment as was a fighting paymaster. Whenever there paymaster general in March, 1895. He was was any possibility of action General Stanborn in Indiana, but early in his career he moved with his parents to Iowa. He has frequently declared that he likes Omaha better than any other city in which he has ever lived.

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One of the most thrilling incidents in the ODD RECORDS OF LAST YEAR.

areer of General Stanton occurred at Rich-The Miss Lucy Marshall of Centralia, Mo broke all records at hiccoughing. coughed constantly for two years. She hic mond with an armed escort, carrying \$550,-The record-breaking flower sale of the cear was that of the famous Lawson carna-tion, which was sold in Borton in January 000 of government money. On arriving in Richmond he deposited the money at army for \$30,000. headquarters and sought lodgings in a hotel

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never knew, but the presumption was that

the robber entered the room while the

general was at supper and accidentally

dropped the scabbard. Failing to find Gen-

eral Stanton in his room, it is presumed

the robber went away to wait until he re-

The foregoing is only one incident out of

many that might be related of the typical American soldier. It is said of him that he

made an absolutely spotless record as a

paymaster, always having his accounts bal-

How he Entered the Army

General Stanton's army career dates back

into the '50s, when the Kansas border tronb-

les arose. He took part in that and at once

displayed the essential characteristics which

in later years made him famous. In 1860

To Boston is given the credit of furnish-¢ known as the Ford house. He was in his ing the largest banquet ever given in the country. This was the famous dinner given in honor of President McKinley in the Mechanics' building in February, 1859. room just before supper and, leaving the apariment, descended to the dining room. Returning to his sleeping room he observed on a mantel piece the scabbard of a dagger.

Captain Arch Horner of Vanceburg, Ky., died in 1899, with the proud and boasted consolation that he had been continuously drunk for hfty years. He believed that this eral Stanton felt certain that the scabbard was not in his room prior to the time he record would serve as a potent passport to the spirit land.

the spirit land. A record unparalleled in the history of theatrical Chicago was made on January 7, 1899, when Richard Mansileld closed his live-weeks of "Cyrano de Bergerac" at the Grand opera house, the gross receipts for thirty-seven performances being \$55,134. William G Supports the ordest employ

William G. Summers, the oldest employed of the Philadelphia mint, claimed the record, shortly before he died last year, for having handled more gold than any other person. In his quarter century of service he handled more than \$1,500,000,000 in gold. General Stanton's sleeping room was on the second floor of the hotel and two large windows opened out upon a balcony. The windows had inside shutters, which the general closed. It was about 2 o'clock in the The world's greatest whistling record wa made by Chris: Monberger at Buffalo early in January. He whistled 100 hours withou morning when General Stanton was aroused in January. He whistled 100 hours without a break. He was in a hospital and whistled merry tunes all through the long hours of his mortal illness, and died while piptas "Break the News to Mother." by a noise. He looked at the windows and saw a man crawling through one of them. Instantly it occurred to him that the tres-

Dreak the News to Mother." On January 24, in New York, the total clearings at the banks' clearing-house amounted to \$347,216,853. It was estimated that if all the clearings had been made through the banks' clearing-house, as was the case before the Stock Exchange clear-ing-house was established, the total would have reached \$500,000,000.

have reached \$500,000,000, What is said to have been the record-breaking life insurance check was that given on April 20, 1829, by Samuel New-house of Sait Lake City to J. A. Ervin of the Mutual Life Insurance company. The check was for \$283,828, and for this Mr. Newhouse will receive an annuity of \$5,000 during his life, and his heirs will receive \$200,000 when he dies. room the general could observe the outlines of the figure. Believing his time had come,



Tireder in the morning than at night; back feels as though it was going to break; there's a dizzy sensation about the head and a miserable feeling of languor that makes getting up in the morning a torture rather than a delight.

What a lot of women there are who feel just that way -- women who ought to be strong and healthy and hap-

> py as the day is long-who would be if it wasn't for those delicate little organs, the kidneys.

Kidneys have such a distressing way of getting out of order, of failing to take the

poisons out of the blood, and of leaving us weak and miserable with a back that aches like the toothache — and a head as dull and heavy as a lump of lead. When Kidneys get in that Ó shape they need help. If they can't do the work nature intended them to do, we've

got to help them, that's all. Got to give them

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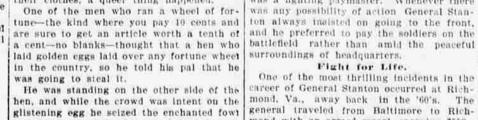
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MILLBURY, MASS



no place where the man could have hidden He had simply vanished because he stole but the weapon was not in its case. Gen

AND THE HEN DISAP

And neither the hen nor the man has

banker in Waterbury for \$400 and put the money in the savings bank and he bought

passer was in some way connected with the empty scabbard. A knife thrust was mowell mentarily expected by the general. The known statistician, that could the infants hotel had no gas and a tallow candle was of a year be ranged in a line in cradles the best light the place afforded. In the the cradles would extend round the globe. excitement of the moment there was no opportunity to light the candle. General

says the Cincinnati Enquirer. The same writer looks at the matter in a more "Some boys would have expected me to picturesque light. He imagines the bables being carried past a given point in their he could do to get enough clothes to cover you are willing to help yourself. Go to mothers' arms, one by one, and the prohim and sufficient food to keep his internal Lowell Russell and tell him 1 sent you and cession being kept up night and day until



vertised to lay the egg. The tent had been

At 10 sharp the egg appeared and the

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schoo resources Bervie I'm rather afraid that Abbott Lyman At caught it from his hens-and maybe not. with be the with Sure day e meetl Young



popular with smaller boys and got him into so many scrapes with bigger ones: "If I at the fair I'd go jump into Naugatuck." But little Bryant, instead of making an ugly reply, simply turned a handspring and went down the road to help Beecher Ward knock a crate together for his Pekin ducks. On the way to Beecher's house he came black eyes and a sugar loaf hat and long straight hair and her nose was within hailing distance of her chin and she looked a | good deal like Old Mother Hubbard or els that the people paid to go in and see

Bryant was a helpful chap and instead picture of a hen at least two feet high and of laughing at the old woman as Abbott with two high feet and the tent was natuwould have done he stopped and said: "Have rally a magnet of attraction. you hurt yourself? Can I help you?"

or she and the thief will disappear entirely. lowed, but even in the going past at the rate of twenty a minute, 1.200 an hour Bryant promised and ran off with the crowed a little over Bryant-maybe he had basket. While he was waiting for Mrs Russell to open the door he lifted the cover But wherever he had caught it he should of the basket and looked in. There sat a have dropped it instanter. He said in that quiet looking hen of a bright golden color. taunting way of his that made him so un- Her comb was as red as blood and she looked exactly as if laying golden eggs was a good

Did ever a boy find fortune knocking so

fervor of a warm nature.

thing for her health. 'Which it undoubtedly was, for think how many years it is since she was first discovered.

Bryant told his errand to Mrs. Russell and she told him that her husband-who was vice president of the Bangtown Fair association-had a tent that was to have been used by a man with a five-headed calf, but the calf had lost four of his heads in a railroad accident and was now no better than any calf, so the man didn't need the tent. And then Mr. Russell came in and proved to be kindness itself.

. Next morning the fair opened and it was like all the country fairs that were ever held. And if you have never attended one I can tell you that the chief things to be seen there are people. People who have come afoot and ahorseback, on wheels and between wheels, and some would come in balloons rather than miss coming. There is one big tent and a lot of smaller ones and there are men who sell candy and oysters and soda and whips. The whip men are really worth while. They sell half a

dozen whips, each one worth \$1, and charge \$1 for the lot and still make money. Now, that ought to make a good problem in of the infantile host. In other words, the was so poor that I couldn't enter any fowls arithmetic. If one whip is worth \$1, and a babe that had to be carried when the man sells six such whips for \$1 and makes tramp began would be able to walk when money on the sale, how much does ha make? Do it in long division. Or, maybe fractions would be better. But I'm sure I don't know how the man does it. The poultry show was a fine one; not only all the boys, but the farmers for upon an o'd woman who had slipped on a miles around had entered birds. But Brygirls "slide" and had fallen. She had dancing ant took first prize as a matter of course. A hen that lays golden eggs is worth any number of hens with silver feathers. Bryant was kept busy taking in the nick-

Mother Gooose or one of the other mothers the hen in a parrot cage-loaned by Mrs. Ward. Mr. Russell had painted a beautiful

Of course the biggest crowd was in the "Indeed you can, sonny. I think I've tent at 10 o'clock, when the hen was ad-

CANDY CATHARTIC

WHILE YOU SLEE



"I THINK I'VE CRACKED MY HIP."

during the entire year, the reviewer at his but a mere fraction of its comrades had reached the reviewer's post, and when the year's supply of babies was drawing to a close there would be a rearguard, not of infants, but of romping 6-year-old boys and

PRATTLE OF THE VOUNGSTERS.

Little Willie-Say, pa, did you ever have another wife besides ma? Pa-No. Willie. But why do you ask? Little Willie-The family record in the bible says you married Anno Domini 1877.

"What's an educator, pay" "You ought to know, Freddy; one dined with us yes erday."

"Aw, yes, I know; it's a teacher with her lunday clothes on.

"Say, mamma," said 4-year-old Flossie who had eaten intemperately of the Christ mas dinner, "my sash is just like the win dow sash.

"Why is it, dear?" asked the mother "Because it's all around the pain," replied Flossle

Johnnie-Most folks don't think much of boys, but our teacher is stuck on 'em, I guess.

Mamma-Is that so?

Johnnie-Yes'm. I heard her say today that a thing of beauty was a boy forever.

Admiral Dewey, having been requested by the Columbia (Mo.) Herald to decide as to the relative merits of several "Santa Claus letters submitted to that journal by little folk just before the holidays, selected as the prize winner the epistle of a little girl who wanted "one penny doll, one sheet of green tissue paper, one cream dipper, one set of clored pencils, candy, atmonds, pecans, on lunch box, one silk handkerchief and one toy bank. P. S .- One bible." In communicating bis decision the admiral said: "The peculiar points of this letter, which, in my opinion is the best and most characteristic of a gir are that it is novel and unlike most of th OUR GUARANTEE FOR WEAK MEN letters; that it is so clear and husiness-lik as to leave no room for misunderstanding the desires of the writer, and that it is characteristic of a female hand in that It contains the inevitable P. S., without which woman's letter is incomplete."

men's voices on the balcony just outside. The man at the window hurried out. General Stanton advanced, still shooting. Throwing the shutters more widely open he looked out and saw a man prostrate upon the ground. The others, who were accomplices, had escaped. Kills His Man.

had happened.

Stanton sat up in the bed with his revolver

in his hand. The intruder stealthily ad-

vanced and despite the inky darkness in the

had to encounter. There was a tumult of All ocean records went to smash on Octo-All ocean records went to smash on Octo-ber 28 when the big North German Lloyd steamer Kalser Wilhelm der Grosse crossed the bar at New York, lowering the world's western record seventeen minutes. It took the big German but five days, seventeen hours and forty-eight minutes to steam from Southampton. Thus it beat its own record, made on September 5, 1899. The average spaced was 29 Ik knots on hour average speed was 22.14 knots an hour

His Wife Saved Him.

About the time that General Stanton My wife's good advice saved my life looked out of the window there came a writes F. M. Ross of Winfield, Tent., for 1 beisterous clamor at his door and on openhad such a bad cough I could hardly breathe. ing it he was confronted by the proprietor I steadily grew worse under doctor's treatment, but my wife urged me to use Dr. of the hotel, who was anxious to know what King's New Discovery for Consumption. which completely cured me." Coughs, Colds, "There is a man outside who needs a Bronchitis, La Grippe, Pneumonia, Asthma, doctor," said General Stanton. The hotel man carried the wounded trespasser into Hay Fever and all maladies of Chest, Throat and Lungs are positively cured by this marthe house and sent for a doctor, but death vellous medicine. 50c. and \$1.00. Every botresulted before the arrival of the physician. tle guaranteed. Trial bottles free at Kuhn General Stanton looked on while his victim & Co.'s drug store. died. Of course the general was never called to account for this killing, because

Joke.

t was so clearly a case of justifiable action Detroit Journal: They spoke of the manthat no investigation was deemed necessary. It subsequently developed that the man

who was killed was one of a band of robbers who had followed General Stanton from Baltimore, awaiting an opportunity to rob-

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Detroit Journal: "They show a the tilla. "Is it not a poem, senor?" murmured the beautiful Castillan. "It is a joke, senor?" "A joke, senor?" "It neually goes over a pretty woman's head, you know" "Ain't you terrible, senor?" Here she looked up at him with her great, plending eyes. him of the government treasure which he was supposed to have with him at the pleading eyes.

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