HOW THE BOY SOLDIER WON

Story of General MacArthur's Early Career in the Civil War.

Opposition and Sneers of Officers and Men Turned Into Admiration and Gratitude-Value of Perseverance.

difficulties encountered in entoring the chicken-voiced boy. service, the opposition overcome in the early | The adjutant's heart was well-night broken

soldiers who had seen the pale-faced boy, sergeants to the front and center, march!" est appeal to the captain, and, also, probably. have charge of our adjutant." because I saw a tear on his cheek when the Kindly eld Captain B., who knew of the formed a strong attachment for the little

Then you will not take me?" "No: you would not last a month.

his sarcastic remark.

the blessed old Sixth—was making its last applaud instead.

parade in Milwaukee before boarding that It is quite safe to say that no would be

away as poor material for a soldier. Talk About Entisting.

"My son," said the Judge, "you are too

The great war had been in progress over a

young and not strong enough for a soldies. Beside, I want you to get an education and adopt my profession, the law." "Please do not refuse me," pleaded the the enemy he saw in large force rapidly ad-

boy. "I must go. I have wanted to go so vancing. Riding back to the colonel he remy mind on studies while others are going

list, as you did last year?"

"Don't make me run away, father. Let me join the Twenty-fourth." 'Wait two or three days."

"Then may I go?"

"He is determined to go and I shall surrender," said the judge to himself. The next morning the judge left for Madito see the governor.

mon. "By the way, how old is your son?" 'Not yet seventeen."

At the breakfast table the following morning the judge handed a large envelope to

Seeing his father's name on the envelope and that he was addressed as adjutant, the boy enthusiastically exclaimed: "Now I

know you will let me go, for as adjutant shouted: you can look after me.'

after the name?" The boy's appetite was gone when it finally dawned upon him that his greatest officers and men hugged the boy adjutant desire was to be gratified—that he was to after the battle, and I do not blame them. become a soldier. But his face soon sobered stood enough about military matters to dan, in whose division the Twenty-fourth to Denver hoping to pick up what they need

an important officer. have wanted."

Reporting for Duty The next day he reported to the pompous

colonel as his adjutant. "You are too young-far too young for so responsible a position. I shall ask the governor to give me a man for adjutant of this

regiment-a qualified man, sir." The pompous colonel put a hot telegram over the wire an hour later and in another hour the governor returned his answer. It consisted of two words: "Try him." Before night the boy took the oath and

was a full-fledged adjutant. he directed an orderly to request the adjurant to call at his tent.

commander the colonel, with a frown and a voice harsher than usual, addressed him

parade-its first-next Saturday evening. Get your uniform and be ready to officiate." That was Tuesday-not much time in which to have a uniform made. But by jor generals. Ever since then he has been much urging and an extra price the outfit conspicuous for his good service in subduing was ready, and so were the sword and sash. the insurgents. No one has done better. In the meantime the boy adjutant burned more than midnight oil in looking up and Big Harry Dunn when the Sixth was march studying the duties of his office. By ing through Milwaukee in July, 1861.
Saturday morning he was sure of his footing | 1f Big Harry Dunn will come a little close in all respects save one. His voice-well, I will whisper in his ear something like this it was like all boys' voices at a certain "You were right, Harry; there was the mak

roceter at its first crowing.

nitial dress parade. Fifteen thousand peo-ple were present to witness the event. At will shine on the shoulders of General Arthur the proper time the adjutant stepped to the McArthur. front and faced to the left. His "Attention, Battalion" was heard about three companice down the line, and "Shoulder, arms!" no greater distance, but the companies burgh was something of a ventriloquist and which could not bear did as those which it befell that he wanted a lad to assist in heard and brought their pieces to a shoulder, the surgery who must necessarily be of Prepare to open ranks, to the rear; open strong nervos. order, march" was squeakler than the He received several applications and when to execute the order in its own chosen time to test his nerves, he would say, while and way. When the command "Front!" was pointing to a grinning skeleton standing upgiven, and the stripling, with long strides, right in a corner; his sword more on his shoulder than at his "Part of your w baif circle to the right and advanced toward may as well have a try to do so." the colonel until it was time to stop and A few lads would consent to a trial an about face—in doing which he nearly tripped received a basin of hot gruel and a spoon.

After the first sergeants had been called o the "Front and center," had reported and to their "Posts, marched," and the regiment was brought to a "Present," the poor felow had to pass through another ordeal-toabout face, saidte the colonel and report the The doctor began to despair of ever get-parade formed, and then pass around that ting a suitable helpmate until a small boy rear. While the adjutant was making this movement the colonel, with a contemptuous look, followed the boy, and was so noticeably disgusted that the whole regiment was aware of the fact.

Cruel Speers.

That first dress parade was not by any Major J. A. Watrous, U. S. A., relates in the colonel took pains to let his officers fairly roared, but when the laugh was over the Philadelphia Post the wory following, il- know that he was going to demand of the he sugaged the lad on the spot. lustrating the pairiotic zeal of a Wisconsia governor the appointment of a grown man boy at the outbreak of the civil war, the for adjutant in place of that "white-faced,

stages of soldier life, and the triumphs that that night when he sought rest. Immediwon for him not only promotion but the ately after dress parade he had heard many admiration and gratitude of his men. Now of the officers make uncomplimentary rehe is a major general, second in command marks touching his chicken-voice and awkof the United States army in the Philippines, ward appearance. As if that was not enough, he strolled through the company streets after of the wildon the trap caught a fox and Enlist him, captain. Sure there is the dark. In nearly every tent he heard the men the farmer promptly dispatched making of a second Lieutenau: General Win- talking about the adjutant, and in nearly every tent there was one or more who tried to fox came out from the brush and mosted Big Harry Dunn, of our company, who Luitais his dress parade commands. From made the remark, was known for his wit every street came such commands as those, farmer took it home. Refusing the food and keen sarcasm, and as he spoke a dozen in the most boyish voices possible: "First long, lean and slim, as he walked by the "Present, arms!" followed by cat-calls and bright idea. side of the captain, earnestly begging to so remarks like those: "Who's got a baby adto the war in his company, laughed loud! " [utani " "The Twenty-fourth Milwaukee " at Private Dunn's outburst. I didn't laugh, "Colonel Larrabee has bought a new milch carried to the bereaved ewe to receive nourprobably because I had heard the boy's corn- cow." "What for "" "For the nurse who will ishment. The fox throve amazingly on

captain said: "No. my boy; you are not adjutant's efforts to get into the service, and follow. Before other animals and to all old and strong enough for a soldler in my was full of sympathy for him, saw him wan- human beings, except Nye, the fox is ex dering through the streets with head bowed tremely shy, but it sleeps side by side with and sighs that told of mental distress, ap- the ewe and the farmer can handle it like proached him and told him not to mind what a house dog. It was at this point that Harry Dunn made he had seen and heard, but to go right on doing the very hes; he could and in time | Five pretty little pussy-cats, invited out to The incident occurred when the Sixth- those who made fun of him would praise and Cried. Mother, let us go-oh, do: for good

parade in Milwaukee before boarding that train for Washington, in July, 1861, that week after the disaster at Bull Run.

That school boy, a scriping under 15, undismayed by our captain, slipped to the side of each company cummander and besought him for a place in his ranks. The other nine replies were enough like the first to make the boy leave the station, erying. As he passed Company B, Captain Dill called to him with a word of encouragement, saying, among other things. You would better be a scholar than a soldier, anyway.

The propose to be both, sir, was the quick reply.

Other regiments that pursed through the city that year imitated the Sixth in its lack of encouragement to like spinding school boy, and though he made many visits to the recruiting office, he was each time turned away as poor material for a soldier, and the control of the court of the control of the country and though he made many visits to the recruiting office, he was each time turned away as poor material for a soldier, and the court in the spinding school boy, and though he made many visits to the recruiting office, he was each time turned away as poor material for a soldier, and the court is quick and soldier.

The transport of the box leaves the station overcome them. I particularly want the reader to keep in mind the young fellow's many struggles to enlist, for they will look well with what follows.

Hurried to the Pront.

The Twenty-fourth had no more dress parades in Milwaukee. It was soon hurried to the court weeks the big regiment of poorty drilled men invading the north. Within two or three weeks the big regiment of poorty drilled men was soon hurried to be courted as sold as silk. The many of confedence for sweeping into Louisville and the court of the courted and the court of the cou recruiting office, he was each time turned which made terrible music for a new regiment. The officers could not rell how much of a force there was in their front or how far away it was. The boy adjutant heard the year when the boy and his father had a long just what was coming at his command. colonel say he would give a horse to know Without waiting for an order the little fellow put spurs to his horse and in a minute was on the brow of the hill, coolly taking in the situation and drawing a furious fire from

badly ever since the war began that I have ported and suggested that the Twenty-fourth made a failure in school, and I cannot fix quickly advance to the hill from whence he had come, so as to have a chance to strike to fight for the country. Lots of my friends back, instead of remaining in that hollow to are going in the Twenty-fourth, and some be cut to pieces, with little opportunity to of them are no older nor stronger than I harm the enemy. The suggestion was heeded the brigade commander thanked the colonel "But suppose I refuse to give my con- that night for his command's good work old the throne of grace. way and en. Captain B. nudged the boy adjutant and who it was that opened the way for the on the shoulder. He looked up inquiringly regiment to win praise. Keep on my boy; you are on the upgrade. The officers who succeed at you back in Wisconsin are al-

ready ashamed of themselves." At Stone river, the last day of 1862 and the first day of 1863, the adjutant proved to be a real hero, an inspiration to the men and of son, re urning that night. He went out great assistance to the officers of the Twentyfourth. No place of danger was too perilous "Certainly, judge," said Governor Salo- for him to ride to. His bravery was so conspicuous that he attracted the attention of both brigade and division commander. "Rather young, but so were Alexander After that battle every soldier in the Twenty-Hamilton and Napoleon when they received fourth was the boy adjutant's sworn friend,

admirer and defender. Saving the Colors.

At Missionary ridge the color bearer of the stocking up or going out of the business. I wenty-fourth fell. The adjutant was bend- It is impossible to hold on to a range with ing over him in an instant. Picking up the no cattle in sight, and most of the northflag, he sprang to the front of the line and ern ranges have been pretty well cleaned "Now for their line of works, boys!" With a yell the Twenty-fourth made "But I am not to be adjutant of the a new rush, but they couldn't outsprint the Twenty-fourth, child; can't you see the 'Jr.' adjutant, who was the first man on the works, and as he waved Old Glory a mighty shout went up on the right and left. Both

A few weeks after that famous battle the after reading the commission as first lieu-tenant and adjutant. He had only planned The rank and file wanted their boy adjutant to be a private to begin with. He under- and so did many of the officers. Phil Sheriknow that the adjutant of a regiment was had often fought, asked that the adjutant be "Well, I'll do my best, and if I fail, why, leaves of a major looked odd on the shoulcan go in the ranks, and that is all I ders of the beardless boy, just turned 18 but they were not misplaced. During most of the following year the young enajor commanded the Twenty-fourth and none of Sherman's regiments did better work from Chattanooga to Atlanta and surely none of General Thomas' regiments fought more heroic-

ally at Franklin and Nashville. When the Twenty-fourth went back to Wisconsin after the war it was commanded | Hoar's by the youngest colonel on either side of the

great struggle. Later, when the young colonel, not yet a voter, was mustered out, he exchanged the eagles on his shoulders for the straps of a "Oh, yes, I'll try him," said the colonel, as second fleutenant in the regular army, and not long after that was a captain. When the new war came he was a lieutenant colonel of When the youthful officer reported to his the staff, but in June, 1898, he went to San Prancisco with a silver star on each shoulder to take command of a brigade on the way to the Philippines. It was his bri-"Adjutant, this regiment will have a dress gade that first scaled the walls of Manila the following August. The succeeding week I read the name of the boy adjutant of the long ago in the list of newly appointed ma-

Now please recall the sarcastic remark of stage-a good mate for that of the young ing of a second Lieutenant General Winfield Scott in that lad: in a few months he will be The Twenty-fourth was formed for its a brigadier general in the regular army, and

> He Engaged the Boy. London Tid-Bits: Dr. McTavish of Edin-

others, but the Twenty-fourth got around telling a lad what the duties were, in order

"Part of your work would be to feed the side, had forged to the center, made a had akeleton there, and while you are here you

A few lads would consent to a trial and by tangling his legs with his scabbard - | While they were pouring a hot mass into

the officers and men of the regiment who the skull the doctor would throw his voice were not too mad to do so were laughing. so as to make it appear to proceed from the jaws of the bony customer, and gurgle

> "Gr-r-r-gr-h-uh! That's hot-" This was too much and, without exception, the lade dropped the basin and bolted.

TROUBLE BEGAN AT HIS ENLISTMENT officer and take his place to his left and came and was given the basin and spoon. After the first spoonful the skeleton appeared to say: "Gr-r-r-uh-r-hr! That's hot!"

Shoveling in the scalding gruel as fast as ever the boy rapped the skull and impatiently retorted

Well, just blow on't, ye auld beny!" means a success, and when it was dismissed. The doctor sat down on his chair and

STORIES ABOUT ANIMALS.

Nye of Hopbottom, Susquehanna county, Pa., has a domesticated fox, says a writer in the New York Press. Last spring he discovered that something was carrying off his poultry. He suspected a wildcat and he set a trap to catch the marauder. Instead

Hardly had be done so when a little baby piteously around its dead mother. offered it, the little fox was in a fair way to starve to death, when Mrs. Nye had a

young by the wildcars and the little for was sheep's milk and the strange foster mother

State Treasurer Jim Davidson of Wisconin is a fat, happy, good-natured fellow, who likes to take life easy and always looks on the sunny side of things, says the Chicago Chronicle. He happened to be presen at a revival meeting in a small town not far from Madison. The preacher was eloquent and Mr. Davidson was much interested. in what he had to say. The singing was good, too, and Mr. Davidson was forcibly reminded of the good old days when he was younger and had participated in many such a meeting.

At one stage of the meeting young men went through the audience, asking each one; am. I wish you knew how my heart is set and the regiment had a prominent part in on becoming a soldier. I simply can't give checking the confederate advance. When a negative one, then an appeal was made to the person addressed to at once seek

Mr. Davidson was lost in thought when one of these carnest young men tapped him "Are you a Christian?" asked the earnest

young man. 'No! Ah bin Norwegian," replied Mr Davidson, slowly,

Only Hope for Stock Cattle.

The indications are that the run of southern cattle from Texas, New Mexico and Arizona to the ranges of the north through Denver during the next two or three months will be the largest on record, says the Denver News. For three years the range men of the north have been buying few southern cattle, hoping that the prices would drop to a point where they would stand a better chance of making a profit, but this year it is either a question of

n some of these deserted ranges, but most of the hig companies have held on with the few cattle they have and most of them will buy this year, not with an idea of making much profit, but for the purpose of holding on to their lands. The south sems to be the only section where stock attle are left and all the big range men of the north have been making pilgrimages there during the winter and many will come

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The Messenger Appeared.

So faithful, indeed, that a correspondent, writing about him the other day, called him Hoar's Fidus Achates. "And that," said Senator Hoar to Doberty, "means you are a Senator Hoar to Doherty, "means you are a mugwump.

Doherty's face grew long and his anger rose. To be called a mugwump was the height of insult. Taking the paper containing the objectionable phrase Doherty went off to have it out with the man who had called him names. A little while later he returned to Senator Hoar with a smile

He didn't call me a mugwump, senator, "Indeed?" answered Mr. Hear. "What lid he cell you?"
"No, sir." said Doherty, "he says that iddus atchatees is Latin, and it means that am your man Friday."



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