

T is a hot summer evening in July, 1795, and the setting sun is enly through the rolling smoke that field of Kunersdorf.

The fiercest battle of the fought and

great struggle began the cause of Prussia seems wrecked beyond re- faded. demption.

lost; and for the third time since the

Of 48,000 men who gathered around this morning barely 3,000 remain together.

Marshal Soltikoff is scribbling on a drumhead his triumphant dispatch to ty's enemies are anihilated," and valuables he possesses. Frederick himself, with despair in his heart and a hand clenched convul- silver watch which has been his comsively upon the little phial of poison which is his last resource against adverse fortune, is galloping wildly the methodical king likes to see every hither and thither in a fruitless effort to rally his beaten host.

Could anyone have shown to the despairing king at that bitter moment a vision of his "annihilated" Prussia as she should be a century later, with Russia courting her alliance, and feet, he would have been sorely preserves as a relic. amazed; but for the time the greatness of her present peril hides the splendor of her coming deliverence.

And well it may; for one glance at the field of battle suffices to show that all is lost.

The batteries stormed so irresistibly this morning are once more crowded with white-coated Austrian grenadiers.

The dark blue mass of the Prussian scattered streams like a broken wave, battalions overlapping it like wreaths of spray; while gray and shadowy in the background loom the vast masses of the Russian infantry, rallying for the second time with the stubborn courage of their race to victory licious jester looks upon this involunand to vengeance.

Last in the field, as the swarming destroyers came raging on, stand two islet of stout manhood in that roaring sea of ruin

They are prepared to die, if die they must; but at least they will sell their lives dearly. And so they do.

Loudon's dragoons on the right, Batthyanni's hussars on the left, storm in upon them like a whirlwind, but all in

Falling fast on every side, the indomitable handful still close sternly up to make up good their impregnable

Firm as ever looms out the line of grim faces behind their hedge of steel. flash and crack of the fatal musketry; while all around the gay dresses of the splendid horsemen swept down by scores at every volley strew the trampled earth far and wide.

"Courage, children!" cried the cheery voice of the Prussian colonel. "Hold out but a little longer, and our king is safe."

But such a struggle is too unequal to last.

For now the Russians coming up in their mighty fall upon the devoted square, and break it by shear weight of overwhelming numbers; and now it is all one frantic hurly-burly of hand-to-hand fight, one welter of stab-



ON THE RESAST.

bing bayoners and pounding musker butts, such as mostern, worfare has seldom ween.

Amid the maddening din and con fusion of the linal struggle a few lower men gather around the king and hold the awarming assallants at bay while he mounts the horse of a staff-officer, his own baying been Millard.

At that moment a shower of bullets comes pelting into the midst of the little group.

A tall Fomeranian throws bimself front of the king; and receives one of the balls full on the breast. Is he dend?

No oft has pierced his uniform, but beneath lies the steel case that holds his mother's ministery, against which the bullet flattened itself.

He staggers with the shock, but

bending from his saddle to look at

officer cheerily, holding up the flat-tened bullet.

"What's your name?" "Captain Hasfeldt of the -th dra-

goons, if it please your majesty." "Good," says the king. "I shall not forget you, Colonel Hasfeldt, if Prussia and I survive this day. Come, gentlemen, there is nothing more for us to do here."

And turning his horse he rides hastily off the lost battlefield.

Years have come and gone, and the Seven Years' war is over, and Prussia is safe, and Frederick, busied with the overwhelming labor of replacing the ruin which the great struggle has wrought-rebuilding burned villages, covers the replanting ravaged fields, bringing field of Kunorder out of disorder, extending national trade, promoting national education-fails to notice the careworn look and increasing shabbiness of a certain Colonel Hasfeldt, who is on duty at the palace of Potsdam.

And in truth the veteran's look may well be anxious and his uniform

Scanty as are his means, he has narrowed them still more by assisting his the standards of Frederick the Great old comrades in their need, and now trouble after trouble has fallen upon

Money is short, his wife is ill, and he, in order to supply his wants has the Fmpress Elizabeth: "Your majes- sold or pawned one by one what few

At last nothing is left but the old panion in so many battles, and over it he hesitates long, for he knows that officer with his watch about him, and he is fond of asking the hour.

But money must be had, and the watch has to go.

However, the chain is still left, and in order to keep it in its place, the veteran attaches to it the flattened France and Austria prostrate at her bullet of Kunersdorf, which he still

Thus equipped, and with the same stately bearing as ever, but hiding a very sore heart beneath his torn uniform, the old man goes up to the

Now, as ill-luck will have it, just as he comes up the steps the chain gets loose and drags out the bullet along

He puts it hastily back, hoping that no one has noticed it; but unhappily column is ebbing back in a thousand there is at that moment looking out of an adjoining window the very last the long white lines of the Austrian man whom he would have wished to see him-a French wit who is on a visit to the king.

Fond of mischief as a monkey, and rejoicing in every opportunity of making other people look foolish, the matary betraval of poverty as a first-rate joke, and hurries off to tell the king.

"Your majesty," says he, "when battalions of Prussian guards-a little Colonel Hasfeldt comes in just ask him what time it is, and you'll see something comical."

The king looked rather stern, perhaps feeling conscience-stricken at the sudden remembrance of his old servant's careworn face, and the little notice he had lately taken of him. But just at that moment in came the

colonel. "Are you not a little late this morning, colonel?" asked Frederick. "Out with your watch, and let me see what

time it is." The old soldier saw in a moment by the Frenchman's spiteful grin the from which bursts ever and anon the snare that had been laid for him, but

he faced the trial like a man. Without hesitating a moment he

pulled out the flattened ball, and holding it up to the king, said quietly: "This watch, sire, keeps but one time-it tells me that I must be ready

at any hour to die for our majesty." Frederick shot a glance at the maligious Frenchman, before which the latter recoiled as from a blow, and then taking off his watch, said with a look of emotion rarely seen on that

"Take this, my old comrade, as the gift not of your king but of your friend, and to morrow you shall see that I have not forgotten the field of

Kunersdorf." And sure enough the very next morning Colonel Hasfeldt received a pension which made him comfortable

for life.

Chinese and Cockroaches. One of the strangest superstitions of Chinamen is the awe with which they regard the cockroach. John holds the ugly black pest as something sacred, claiming that it is especally favored by the gods and a partietiar favorite of the great joss. The next unfortunate mishap that can befall a chinaman is to step on a cockonch. Instantly visious of terrible isasters and calamities rise before im In some instances the superstiion has been known to prey so on be minds of the celestials as to drive hem meane. As a result of this state d affairs t himstown is overpute with estreaches, and a Chinaman would croon think of killing himself as vifstilling one of them.

A Character.

The following response was made to acrossiles of a character witness in a out in William county. N. F. Quesout the non-know the general char--1-T-TF Answer Life Queson What is it? Answer-Well, passor with re-pressing, entertaining and clus currentained, in a accial point of low. It is growl; but in matters of busnew, where he is financially intersated and especially in winding up lead men's estates, his character is

Another Three.

Some one has said that the three sardest words to pronounce consecutively are, "I was mistaken." Let he person who bolieves this amertion. 'Are you hart?' asked Proderick, by his articulating powers on the sames of the lakes in the state of Maine-three, for instance-Huknaty-"Not a whit, sire," answered the thob, Zitzmeruumsahia Mahoranea-

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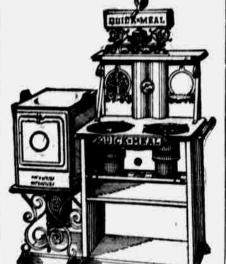
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In Her Christian Zeal She Had Got Him Into Her Bible Class.

The Christian zeal of a young wo man of Louisville placed her in a most grinning. uncomfortable position. She is one of a family of bright girls who are celebrated for their good looks. She is line, he was heard to say: also a teacher in the Sunday school or a fashionable church. Recently she age, as she said that she thought the him to marry me every time." male generation at that age needed more Christianity than at any other. So earnest was she in her work that she would make the rounds of the ly were trying to instill into the young back seats of the Sunday school and man's mind the principles of selfdrag forward the men who had come only to see the girls and be seen by sort of thing. He had been given them. This earnest young teacher would then take them in her class refused to divide with a little boy who and teach them to walk in the straight came to play with him, claiming that

and narrow path. One Sunday she noticed a chap away with himself. about 30 years old in the rear of the church. She saw that he was a must not do like that. When Johnny stranger, and thought there was a de- or any of your other little friends ask cidedly worldly look about his care- you for some of your candy you must fully arranged attire. In a moment give them some. You must not be the earnest young teacher had made selfish." up her mind and invited the young man to become a member of her class. The stranger blushed slightly with surprise and probably with pleasure at the thought of being in the handsome teacher's class. Soon he had and one of them was smaller than the taken a seat, appearing perfectly at other and not so good. Supposing home. The teacher was surprised to your little sister was to ask you for hear the stranger answer all the difficult biblical questions with perfect ease. Finally an amused smile was observed on the new scholar's face. He began to ask the teacher questions with which she was tolerably une and give me a chance: familiar. In desperation the teacher finally asked the new scholar who he was. The latter replied with the utmost gravity that he was the Rev. who had been jurited to come and becture that evening at the Young Mon's Christian association.

The deputy wheek in the unrriage bureau at Jacksonville was very. Yery. busy. Without looking up from his work he know there may a reduced couple looking around timidly near the door and occasionally pooring over at the deal, where he ast writings. Well, well, want to get married;

why don't you say no?" he demanded: They grinned at each winer, then grinned at the clerk. Then the man faltered:

"Yacan sir. "Got a Decision"

"Ya-aa, sir." "Got any money?"

e-Yu-au, siz." "How much?"

"Two dollars."

"Hand it here." grabbed it. "Join right hamls," he paid all I owed," was the answer. said. Then faster than a thunder-

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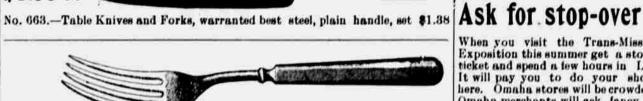
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shower can patter on a tin roof he rattled off the following:

"By virehof thoritof state of Florida me vestedinnow declare you manwife Gitowder here!" and they went, still

Next day, while the bridegroom was laying track for the new electric car

"Mr. Charlie Verelst is de smartest white man in Jacksonville -marry you took a class of men over 21 years of in a minnit! Golly! I specks to git

> The parents of a youth who makes things interesting for a Bud'alo famisacrifice and generosity and all that some candy that afternoon and had there was no more than he could get

"Now, Reg." said the mother, "you

Reg couldn't see things in that light. His mother labored with him for a while longer and succeeded in making no impression whatever. Finally she said: "Suppose you had two bananas one, which banana would you give her, the small and poor one or the best one:

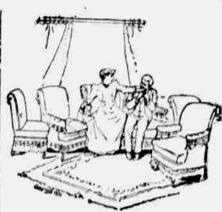
Reg pondered for a minute. Then he said: "tio out and get the bananas That ended the lesson

She Had a Firth

The spechanical figure of a symmu that taps on the window of a lastere. store with her fan to attend the attention of the passers by it and no object of curiouty for bloom in the street, and, leaning on the bandle of hispheleaxe: he disppediup to have a measure trails. One of his companion called out eviding til was not now are flirting with Mollage They are there-Pat Bestart who resemble me in the wild because where he conclude young "Away will year." Yes outd re-man and More pound will her philal our the windy widout breakin' the glass."

Stopped Payment.

In a civil action on emoney matters. the plaintiff had stated that his fluxucial position had always been satisfactory. In the cross-examination he was asked if he had ever been bankrupt. "No," was the answer. Next question was: "Now be eareful; did you ever stop payment?" "Yes," was the reply. "Ah," exclaimed the counsel, "I He alowly, almost painfully counted thought we should get at it at last out 85 in chicken money. The clork When did that happen?" "After I had



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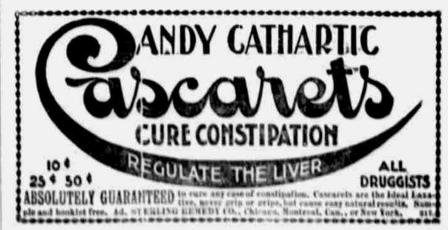
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