

rtipent to the exciting through which we are now Taimage, in which he proposes to cheer the people who are saddened by the horof war; text, Psalms xxvii., 3, "Though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident."

The ring of battle axes, and the clash of ablelds, and the tramp of armies, are beard all up and down the Old Testament, and you find godly soldiers like Moses and Joshus and Caleb and Gideon and scoun drelly soldiers like Sennacherib and Shalmaneser and Nebnehadnezzar. The high pricet would stand at the head of the army and say, "Hear, O Israel, ye approach this day unto battle against your enquales, let not your hearts faint, fear not and do not tremble, neither be ye errified because of them!" And then the ficers would give command to the troops, Let him go and return to his house, unto his house, lest he die in the battle sess. Before this conflict is over the and hath not taken her? Let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in the instead of the wornout dynasty that now battle and another man take her." Great afflicts the people. The liberty of all naarmies marched and fought. In time of When Israel came out of Egypt, and it cannot be stopped. 10.24. they were 600,000 fighting men. Abijah commanded 400,000. Jeroboam comthen he wrote in the text, "Though war the letter of surrender to Emperor hould rise against me, in this will I be onfident."

David is encouraging himself in stormy War." War is organized atrocity. It is the science of assassination. It is the convocation of all horrors. It is butchery wholessie. It is murder ploritied. eath on a throne of human skeletons, It is the coffin in ascendancy. It is diabolism at a game of skulls. But war is here, and it is time now to preach on its allevia-

# Rennion of North and South.

son why most of the European nations are not now banded together against us is scause they dare not take the part of that behemoth of cruelty, the Spanish sulted nations. Government, against the crusade of mer-

cy which our nation has started. Had it en ou our part a war of conquest, a Cuba might be continued from generation ar of annexation, a war of aggrandize-to generation without sufficient protest on war of annexation, a war of aggrandizement, there would have been by this time enough flying squadrons coming to this country across the Atlantic to throw into panic every city on our American sea-The wars of the crussders were only to regain an empty sepulcher; the Napole

ic wants, with their 6,000,000 slaughtered men, were projected and carried out to appease the ambition of one man; of the 25,000,000 slain in Jewish wars and of the 60,000,000 slain in wars under Julius Caesar, of the 180,000,000 slain in wars with Turks and Saracens, or the 50,000,-000 slain in wars of Xerxes, of the 20, 000,000 slain in wars of Justinian and the 32,000,000 slain in the wars of Genghis Khan not one man was sacrificed

by mercy, but in this Hispanic-American war every drummer boy or picket or gunner or standard bearer or skirmisher or sharpshooter or cavairyman or artilleryman of engineer who falls falls in the cause of mercy and becomes a martyr for God and his country.

# The Principle of Liberty.

Another alleviation of this war is that it is for the advancement of the sublime principle of liberty, which will yet engirdle the earth. Not only will this war free Cuba, but finally will free Spain. By what right does a dynasty like that stand, saying: "What man is there that hath and a corrupt court dominate a people for wilt a new house and hath not dedicated centuries, taxing them to death, riding in gilded chariot over the necks of a beglest he die in the battle and another man gared population? There are 10,000 boys dedicate it. And what man is he that in Spain growing up with more capacity bath planted a vineyard and bath not to govern that nation than will the weak of it? Let him also go and return boy now in the Madrid palace ever posand another man cut of it. And what Spanish nation will be well on toward the man is there that hath betrothed a wife time when a constitutional convention will assemble to establish a free government tions, transatlantic as well as cisatlantic, and Joshua all the men were sol- if not already established, is on the way

Napoleon III, thought he had success fully driven the principle out of France nanded S00,000 men, of whom 500,000 when on the 2d day of December, 1851, he sere slain in one hattle. Some of these rode down the Champs Elysees of Paris. wars God approved, for they were for the constitutional government scemingly rescue of oppressed nations, and some of crushed under the hoofs of his steed. But them he denounced, but in all cases it was did it stay crushed? Let the batteries on indgment upon both victors and van- the heights above Sedan answer, and the ed. David knew just what war was shout of 250,000 conquering hosts, and liam tell the story. "Sire, my brother, not having been able to die in the midst of my troops it only remains for me to

imes, and before approaching battles ad-ninisters to himself the consolutory. So I am, your majesty, your good brother,

Another alleviation is that opens with a great victory for the United States. It took our Government four years to get over the fiasco at Bull Run. A defeat at the start of this present war would have been disheartening to the last

or leaving them unburied for the oursards to take care of! If Spain could destroy 200,000 men, women and children, the slaughter of 268 people was not a very great undertaking. But this one last deed will result in the liberation of Cubs, and the driving of Spain from this hemisphere and the overthrow of that Government. which will soon drop to pieces if it does not go down under bombardment of in There was danger that the long con

tinued oppression of our neighbors in our part and the pronounced execution of the people on both sides of the Atlantic, but that bursting volcano of destruction in the harbor of Havana fired the nation and shocked the whole civilized world.

ion. But what a small crime it yas com

pared with the grotematic patting into their graves of hundreds of theusands of

All nations will learn that such an act cannot be repeated without the anathe ma of all Christendom. As individual criminals must be punished for the public good, and we have for them courts of over and terminer and penitentiaries and electric chairs and hangman's gallows, so governments committing high crimes against God and humanity must be scourged and hung up for the world's indignation. When in Spanish waters our battleship, looking after our commercial interests and intending nothing but quiet ude, was hurled into demolition and the men on board, without time to utter one word of prayer, were dashed into the eternal world, the doom of the reigning house of Spain was pronounced in tones louder than the thunder which that night rolled out over the sea.

### God Is with Us

Another alleviation is the fact that we have a God to go to in behalf of all those of our countrymen who may be in espe cial exposure at the front, for we must admit the perils. It is no triffing thing for 100,000 young men to be put outside of home restraints and sometimes into evil companionship. Many of the brave of the earth are not the good of the earth. To be in the same tent with those who have no regard for God or home, to hear heir holy religion sometimes sinrred at, to be placed under influences calculated to make one reckless, to have no Sabbath except such Sabbath as in most encampments amounts to no Sabhath at all, to go out from homes where all sanitary laws are observed into surroundings where questions of health are never discussed, to invade climes where pestilence holds cossession, to make long marches under blistering skies, to stand on deck and in the fields under fire at the mercy of shot and shell-we must admit that those thus exposed need especial cure, and to the omnipresent God we have a right to commend them and will commend them, Pos al communication may be interrupted and letters started from camps or homes may not arrive at the right destination, but, however far away our loved ones may be from us and however wide and deep the seas that separate us, we may hold communication with them via the throne of God

A shipwrecked sailor was found floating on a raft near the coast of California, While in hospital he told his experience and said that he had a companion on the same raft for some time. While that companion was dying of thirst he said to beside the ashes of his father, swore to him, "George, where are you going?" and be revenged upon the Prussians. From the dying sailor said, "I hope I am going to God." "If you do," said the rescued sailor, "will you ask him to send some water?" After the death of his compan-ion the afternoon of the day on which the Prussians marched through Bois-lewould have been disheartening to the last degree and would have invited foreign in-tervention to stop the war before any-thing practical for God and humanity had been accomplished and would have prove the survivor always thought it was in answer to the message he had sent to them. heaven asking for water. Thank God we may have direct and instantaneous communication with the Lord Almighty through Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, and in that faith we may secure the rescue of our imperiled kindred. Is not



# BRAVE : MARIE.

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Scarcely was her work finished when T happened in 1870, which is still she heard a loud knocking on the door spoken of as the "terrible year" in and a Prussian officer entered. He Bois-le-Duc. The war between stopped, abashed, when he saw only rance and Prussia had raged all about the little maid before him. Perhaps hem, but not a soldier had been seen the thought of some little girl that he n the tiny village, for which the peas- had left behind in the fatherland came ints daily thanked their stars. The old to his mind, for the look in his eyes nan who lived alone with his son was quite gentle and his voice trembled harles, in the cheateau above the in spite of himself when he spoke.

"We saw a man enter this house just own, and who was still known as "le Due," though his title had vanished now," he said. "Tell me, my little with his estates long before, firmly be- maid, where he is."

leved that France was on the road to In the moment while she was waituin, but he scoffed at the idea that the lug for him to speak Marie had had Prussians would ever invade French time to collect her wits and to reflect that the man did not look like such a erritory. But one fine summer morning Bois-le- monster after all. Now she replied

buc was startled by a sound of martial readily: nusic and a body of Prussian soldiers "A man? O, yes, a soldier just came narched through the town. Up the hill in here and left that," pointing to an ally applying the seal to documents. sent the Prussians, and there before old musket of her father's which stood he old chateau the order to halt was in the corner of the room, "but he is iven. The old soldier had seen their gone now," she added.

She carefully related to the Prussians oming and had prepared, according to is own ideas, to receive them. From how the franc-tireur had taken the path The purse is handed to the queen by in upper window waved the colors of that led from the rear of the cottage the purse bearer, given back to that rance, and as one of the Prussian of- to the forest.

cers started to enter the house, to earn the meaning of this hostile dis- readily that it was hard for the officers coming chancellor. orm and stood, sword in hand, in the enter of the room.

"Ah, Prussian pig!" exclaimed he,

ocks and shaking hand. The Prussian officer smiled at the thought of a sword ombat with him and would probably paring to leave one of the men asked: have withdrawn, leaving the old man in peace, had not an overzealous soldier, thinking that his officer was in danger. as he stood.

The mistake was unfortunate, but the Prussian command could not afford to waste time over a single dead Frenchman. The house was fired; the soluiers marched on, and by the time the rear of the column disappeared over the next hill little but a heap of smoking ashes was left on the spot where the old chateau had stood.

necessary for the goddess of pots put the raw food on the kitchen touch a button, and ring the hell for the hungry. One man makes a clock wake the sleeper and light the lamp, ays Invention. Now another inventor makes a clock light the fire while the cook is in bed dreaming of her new bicycle and bloomers. This other smart clock is of the alarm kind. When the hour for lighting the fire arrives the time piece "goes off," so does a fre-carriage with which it is connected. The carriage slides on a track, which extends from the clock base to the wood to be ignited, being put in motion by a spring released by the clock mechanism. First a match, carried by a sliding match-holder, is struck as the latter moves, and from this the fire carriage is lighted, after which it alides down to the wood and completes the

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tob. THE GREAT SEAL OF ENGLAND.

What Was Done with the Old Seal of George IV.

The great seal is not allowed to leave the kingdom without special permission. In 1521 Cardinal Wolsey carried the seal into the low countries and scaled writs with it at Calais, a violation of duty which formed one of the articles of his impeachment. Nowadays, if the chancellor leave London the great seal goes with him, and if necessary the traveling scaler attends the chancellor for the purpose of actu-When the great seal is to change hands the retiring lord chancellor goes to the queen, attended by his purse bearer, who carries the seal in its purse. official by her majesty, and is then The girl answered his questions so handed by the purse bearer to the in-

play, he was met by the old man, who to suspect her of deceiving him, but he George IV, had one seal only, and ad dressed himself in his ancient uni- ordered his men to make a thorough when William IV, succeeded him there search of the cottage. They looked in was some contention as to the disposal closets and cupboards and rummaged of the pieces of the defaced seal of the loft. One of the men in passing George. The difficulty came out of the opened the oven door and glanced in. fact that when William's seal was orbut she gave no sign of her alarm. See- was chancellor, but when it was fining nothing but the heap of faggots the ished and ready to take the place of man closed the door. Marie could hard- George IV.'s seal (August 31, 1831) ly keep from heaving a sigh of relief; Lord Brougham was chancellor. Lyndit seemed in her own mind that she hurst claimed the old seal, on the must shout of joy. As they were pre- ground that the transaction must be referred back to the date of the order for the new seal, and that the fruit It was the usual rule when a peasant must therefore be considered as hav-

was suspected of harboring a franc- ing fallen in his time; while Lord ushed in and bayoneted the old man tireur to burn his cottage as a lesson Brougham insisted that the point of



trawing his sword, "draw and defend courself, or I will hew you down. No Marle's heart almost ceased beating, dered (August 4, 1830,) Lord Lyndhurst Prussian ever yet entered my house, or shall while I live." His brave words seemed almost ridicrious when one looked at his white

that it has consolidated the North and the South after long continued strained It is thirty-three years since relations. our civil war closed, and the violences are all gone and the severities have been But ever and anon in oration, in sermon, in newspaper editorial, in magasine article, on political stamp and in congressional hall the old sectional difference has lifted its head, and for the fest time within nor memory or the memory of any one who hears or reads these North and the South are one. By a marvelous providence the family that led in opposition to our Government thirty years ago is represented at front in this present war. Nothing else could have done the work of unification so auddenly or so completely as this conflict, At Tamps, at Chattanoogs, at Richme and in many other places the regiments are forming, and it will be side by side, Massachusetts and Alabama, New York Lord! Let everything that hath breath are forming, and it will be side by side, and Georgia, Illinois and Louislana, praise the Lord!" Maine and South Carolina. Northern and Southern men will together unlimber the guns and rush upon the fortification and charge upon the enemy and shout the triumph

who were under Sidney Johnston and Joseph Hooker will give the command on the same side, the old sectional grudges forever dead. The name of Grant on the Northern Side and of Lee on the Southern side will be exchanged for the names of Grant and Lee on the same side. The veterans in Northern and Southern homes and asylums are stretching their rheulimbs to see whether they can again keep step in a march and are testing their can again look along the gun barrel to Washington!" has become the war cry of "On to Havans!" "On to Porto Rico!" "On to the Philippine Islands!" The two old rosty swords that in other days clashed at Murfreesboro and South Mountain and Atlanta are now lifted to strike down Hispanic abominations.

#### An Unselfish War.

An Unselfish war. Another alleviation of the war is the act that it is the most unselfish war of he ages. While the commercial rights four wronged citizens will be vindicated, nat is not the chief idea of this war. It is the reactes of hundreds of thousands if people from starvation and multiform matronamont. A friend who went out Rag of the Red Cn m two years In Cuba, says that the auf-Armenia were a comedy and spared with the greater suffer-ing. At least 200,000 graves to us to some or and rememthey crying

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been accomplished and would have prolonged the strife for which we are hoping a quick termination. In the most jubilant manner let this victory of our navy he celebrated. With the story of the exploding battleship fresh in the minds of the world, it required no ordinary courage to sail into the harbor of that a mighty alleviation? Manila and attack the Spanish shipping That harbor, crowded with sunken weaponry of death-to enter it was running a risk enough to make all nations shive But Manila is ours, and the blow has shaken to the foundation the palaces of Madrid, and for policy's sake the doubt ful nations are on our side. For Commodore Dewey and all who followed him let the whole nation utter its most recounding huzza, and, more than that, us thank the Lord of hosts for his guiding

#### Might Allied with Right.

Another alleviation is the fact that h this war the might is on the side of the The voices of military officers right. Again and again have liberty and justice and suffering humanity had the odds against them. It was so when Benhadad's Syrian bosts, who were in the wrong, at Aphek came upon the small regents of Israel, who were in the right, the Bible putting it in one of those graph ic sentences for which the book is remark-"The children of Isrsel pitched beable. fore them like two little flocks of kids but the Syrians filled the whole country. It was so in the awful defeat of the Lord's eyesight to find whether they | people at Gilbon and Megiddo. It was recently when gallant and glorio successfully take aim and fire. The old Greece was in conflict with gigantic Mo-war cry of "On to Richmond!" and "On hammedanism, and the navies of Europe hovering about the Bosporus were in practical protection of the Turkish Gov ernment, fresh from the slaughter of 100, 000 Armenians. It was so when, in 1776 the thirteen colonies, with no war ship-ping and a few undrilled and poorly ciad

soldiers, were brought into a contest with the mightiest navy of all the earth and an army that commanded the admire. tion of nations. It was so when Poland was crushed. It was so when Hungary went under. It has been so during all the struggles beretofore for Outan inde pendence. But now it is our powerful navy against a feeble group of in navy against a feeble group of incompe-tent ships, crawling across the Atlantic to meet our flotillas, which have enough guns to send them as completely under as when the Red sea submerged Pharach's army. It is so in these times when only a few thousand Spaniards at most can reach our hemisphere, and we go out to meet them with 125,000 armed men, to be backed up speedily with 500,000 more if needed. We do not have to ask for any racle, but only a fair shot at the ships ided this way and time enough to de-lish them. This is one of the cases in orid's history where might and right anider to shoulder.

crime Hust Be Punished. Crime Hust Be Punished. thes alleviation is in the fact that an atrocity as the destruction of 206 in Havans harbor in time of peace at with impunity be wrought in this of the world's division. The cost.

#### Pray for Our Country.

Until this conflict is ended let ne b much in prayer for our beloved country. Do not let us depend upon the friendship of foreign nations. Our hope is in God. vision commanders. Out of every misfortune he has brought this ustion to a better moral and financial condition, and so let us pray that he will lift us out of this valley of trouble unto a higher mountain of blessing. Morning, noon and night let us com

mend this beloved land to the care of a gracious God. That he answers prayer s so certain that your religion is a hallucination if he does not answer it. .Pray that in reply to such supplication the farmers' boys may get home again in time to reap the harvest of next July, that our business men may return in time to prepare for a fail trade such as has never yet filled the stores and factories with customers, and that all the homes in this country now anddened by the departure of father or brother or sou may months be fore the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays be full of joy at the arrival of those who will for the rest of their lives have stories to tell of double quick march, and narrow escape, and charges up the parapets, and nights set on fire with bombardment, and our flag hauled up to places from which other flags were hauled

#### Away with Barbarian

Now that we have started on the work let us make that Spanish Government get out of this hemisphere. We do not want her any more, with her injustices and barbarism and stilettos of cruelty, hanging around the shores of this free land. Si must not breathe her foul breath on our winds; she must not again redden our seas with her butcheries ..

Yet what the world most wants is Christ, who is coming to take possess of all hearts, all homes, all natio the world blocks the wheels of his char I would like to see this century, which is now almost wound up, find its peroration in some mighty overthrow of tyranni and a mighty building up of liberty as instice. Almost all the centuries have ended with some stupendous event that transformed nations and changed the map of the world. It was so at the close of the of the fifteenth century; it was so at the close of the sixteenth century; it was so at the close of the seventeenth century; it was so at the close of the eighteenth cen-tury. May it be more gloriously so at the close of the nineteenth century! "Blensod be the Lord God of Israel from everiast-ing to everianting, and let the whole earth be filled with his glory." Amon and come

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It was soon discovered that the strange, silent lad was a valuable member of the company on account of his knowledge of woodcraft and his absolute fearlessness. Important scouting duty was entrusted to him, and after a time he became the captain of the most daring of all the bands of the franc-tireur. His little company was a constant aggravation to the Prusslans, a very thorn in the sides of di-

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One afternoon, shortly after the second visit of the Prussians to Bois-le-Due, little Marie Duret was alone in her parents' cottage while they were at work in the fields. Marie was a comely little maiden, a dark-eyed, nutbrown peasant girl, and though not a dozen summers had passed over her head, she was a next, thorough-going little housewife. Although her home stood quite apart from the other cottages and not far from the great forest, so that it could scarcely be called a part of Bois-le-Duc at all, Marie had become so accustomed to playing the mistress for a whole day at a time that she did

not in the least mind the loneliness. To-day she had set the house in order, had swept the floor and had piled beside the large brick oven a heap of faggots against the morrow's baking. All her tasks completed, Marle took possession of a low chair and began sedately to amuse herself with a large rag doll, her one playmate and i eparable companion.

Now, it happened that on this very morning Captain Charles, the franctireur, having gone out on a reconnoit ering expedition, had been cut off from his men by half a dozen Prussian cav airymen, and had to run for his life. The Duret cottage was the only one near him, and so, while Murie sat talking to her doll, the door was suddenly burst open and the soldier rushed in. Marie knew at once that it was Captain Charles, for she had often seen him about the village, and as she had heard of his brave deeds in aid of the French. she was not in the least frightened.

Where canst thou hide me, little one?" the man hurriedly asked. "The Prussians are on my track."

Marie had beard those stories of the Prussians and her heart sank with fear at the thought of facing such monsters. Nevertheless she showed berself a brave little woman. For an instant she glanced helpleasiy around the room. Truly there were few hiding places in the little cottage. Then her eyes fell on the large baking oven and her busy the brain found a way out of the dif-rulty. She quickly hade the franc-rour get inside the over and then the last it with the lases fraggets.

received a curt, almost savage "No."

"Shall we not fire the cottage?"

away, and when they were well out of the incident: sight, she let Captain Charles out of brave girl. Then he departed by the road opposite to that which the Prus-



sians had taken, to join his men at their meeting place in the forest.

Marie was the pride of her parents and the heroine of the town when her story was made known. And in the depths of the forest, when the franctireur gathered about their campfire and their leader told of his narrow escape and the bravery of the little peasant girl, each man lifted his canteen and enthusiastically drank to the health and prosperity of Marle Duret. The landlady of the little vine-covered inn at Bois-le-Duc tells this story to every stranger who visits the place. And if one is inquisitive enough to ask what afterward became of the franctireur and the peasant girl she will un-

fold ber hands and say: "Just walk up to yonder brick house on the hill and ask for Monsieur le Maire and his good wife. There you will find Captain Charles and the brave Marie."--Omaha Bee

## Morely a Sine

Labor - mying appliances for the kitchen are now so numerous that if inventious along this line continue to multiply the position of cosk will seen become a sinecure; and it will only be

to him and a warning to all others, but time to be regarded was the moment Marie's winsome manner had touched when the old seal ceased to be the the officer's heart and the questioner clavis regni. The matter was submitted to William IV. Greville.in his Me-Marie watched the Prussians ride moirs, gives the following account of

"King William IV. is a queer fellow. his narrow hiddan place. He had Our council was principally for a new heard all that passed in the cottage, great seal, and to deface the old seal. and he kissed Marie and called her a The chancellor (Brougham) claims the old one as his perquisite. I had forgotten the hammer, so the king said, 'My lord, the best thing I can do is to give you the seal and tell you to take it and do what you like with it.' The chancelfor said, 'Sir, I believe there is some doubt whether Lord Lyndhurst ought not to have half of it, as he was chancellor at the time of your majesty's ascession.' 'Well,' said the king, 'then I will judge between you, like Solomon; here' (turning the seal round and round), 'now do you cry heads or tatla We all laughed, and the chancellor said. Sir, I take the bottom part.' The king opened the two compartments of the and said, 'Now, then, I employ you as ministers of state. You will send for Bridge, my silversmith, and desire him to convert the two halves each luto a salver, with my arms on one side and yours on the other, and Lord Lyndurst's the same, and you will take one and give him the other, and both keep them as presents from me." "-Pall Mall Magazine,

#### Centennial Celebrations.

This year's crop of centennial celerations includes observations of the our hundredth aniversaries of Vasci de Gama's discovery of the way to In dia by way of the Cape of Good Hope, at Lisbon in May; of the burning of Savonarola at Florence, also in May, and of the birth of Holbein at Basel, in Switzerland. Montpellier will celebrate the hundredta birthday anniversary of the philosopher Auguste Comte; Ancons that of the poet Leopardi, who was born at Recanati, close by, and Paris that of Michelet, the historian.

America's First Street Hailway. The first street rallway in Ame started on the Bowery, New York, and ran from Prince street to Fourt street, in 1831.

Many really clover and deservi-scopie are unpopular because they is to make out that they amount to m