SHERMAN ON SHILOH.

What he Says About That Much Discussed Battle.

been much discussion and many letters written concerning the battle of Shiloh, braska, and whether it was a surprise or not. Captain H. A. Smith, of Janesville, was in the Fifty-fifth Illinois, which was in Stuart's command, on the extreme left of the line of battle, and he lately wrote to W. T. Sherman asking him certain questions, in reply to which he has received the following:

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE) UNITED STATES,

WASHINGTON, May 5, 1881. \

Captain H. A. Smith, Janescille, Wis. DEAR SIR: I have received your letter of May 1st, and answer you with great pleasure. You, of Stuart's Spread the vitriol on a thick linen brigade, on Sunday morning, April 6, 1862, were detached to watch the crossing of Lick Creek, from the direction of Hamburg, to which place a main road led from Corinth. You had no reason to expect the attack which came on you from the "Bark road-a movement of the enemy to turn the position of Prentiss." Nevertheless, as you were wide-awake, with ranks formed, ready for a Sunday morning inspection, I do not call it a surprise. What were you there for if not to fight? You were astonished, not surprised. Of course, we were all new soldiers, green as Sunday school children, and I only claim what I believe to be the truth, that the army of the Tennessee that day. heroically, held the enemy in check all *cation*, in a serio-comic lecture, gives day, till the reinforcements due could its readers some good precepts, "beaten come on the ground, and accomplish in" with examples. the object of our being there, viz., to In promulgating the Fifty-fourth Ohio, "Kirby Smith," osity, out the Bark road and up Lick creek to reconnoiter and feel the enemy. Most tions possess a clarified conciseness, a of the controversy grows out of the compacted comprehensibleness, coal-word "surprise," I contend that we escent consistency, and a concatenated were as ready for a fight as new troops cogency. usually are, that nobody was, as reported, hayoneted in bed; that before the blow fell on Prentiss' division and asinine affectation. mine, the men were all in line of battle, with muskets in hand, and ammunition | ings and unpremeditated explanations in their boxes; that we fought stub- have intelligibility and veracious bornly all day, giving ground only vivacity, without rhodomontade or when forced; that to do the execution thrasonical bombast. we did the bulk of the men must have been brave, while some did flee to the fundity, pompous prolixity, psittaceous was written by fugitives and corres- vaniloquent vapidity. pondents on the boats, and ought to

NEBRASKA ADVERTISER said. That she dressed in female apparel when she first became acquainted with her, but told her she was a man. It was proved that she was the divorced wife of a merchant of New York and had one child." It is evident to'us that some people are terrible slow in finding things out. The very idea of a woman sleeping with another nine JANESVILLE, WIS., May 12.—Since years, before she was aware of the the recent meeting of the army of the fact. This may be all right in the Tennessee at Cincinnati, there has city of baked beans, but it couldn't be successfully played nine nights in , Ne-

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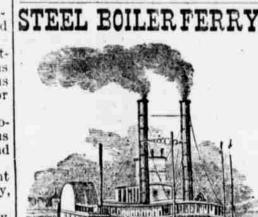
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West Virginia, Aug. 28, 1979. -- I received your medicine, and I believe it has cured me, for which I am very thankful. In-closed please find 38, for which please send me another box (No. 2) for a friend. You have done a great thing for me. I will send you all the orders I can.

From a Physician and Surgeon. Missoar, June 2016, 1879.—Pinase farward me af ouce another buy of the Partilles. The patient on whom I have ouch most of see bex, in addition to a sample box, is fast recovering, and I think another will set him all right.

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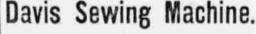


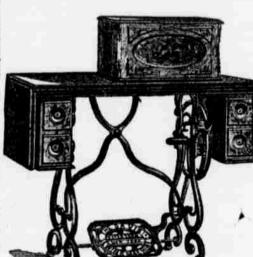
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that is all.

The attack on my left at Atlanta, July 22, 1864, was unexpected, but who naturally, sensibly, truthfully, purely, calls it a surprise? We were ready for Keep from "slang;" don't put on airs, anything, for everything, and drove say what you mean; mean what you Hood back to Atlanta with 5,000 of his say. And don't use big words! men left on the ground-the same at Shiloh April 6, and 7. Wait for the publication of the proceedings of the meeting of the Army of Tennesse, at Cincinnati, and read what was then said.

Yours, W. T. SHERMAN.

What is the "star" mail service, about which so much is now said in the papers? The following from the Kansas Chief, answers that question:

They are called Star routes because in the advertisements for bids for him.' carrying the mails they are marked with a star (*), indicating that they are of an exceptional character. Besides the essentials of safety, celerity, expedition, &c., these routes lay over important sections of country, as in new and growing States, where new settlement, and postoffices are springing up constantly, and new mail facilities rendered necessary. To meet this demand, the Postmaster General is authorized to increase the service tapped him on the nose?" on these routes, and to increase the pay corrrespondingly. Here is where the big steal comes in. These routes are almost invariably let to rings. If they are not the lowest bidders, "straw bids," or bogus bids, are put in, lower than the lowest legitimate bid, so that the ring gets the contract. Of course, then the service is increased, and the pay immensely so. Say that the ring is awarded a Star Route at \$10,000 a year. The service is increased, putting the contractor to an additional expense of from \$500 to \$2,000 a year, and his pay is increased to say \$250,000 a year. When a man takes a contract for \$7,500 a year, and because his expenses are increased \$500 a year, he is allowed \$275,000 for increased service, it looks as if he was making a fat thing of it. And this is the Star Route steal.

Two Woman Married.

The Boston Herald, of recent date tells this rather startling story: "Ten years ago last month two persons were united in marriage by a Congregational clergyman of this state. This ceremony was performed in a small town, not many miles from this city. They lived together as man and wife for more than nine years, having resided in several different places. A few months ago the wife petitioned for a divorce, on the grounds that her husband was a woman. On examination it was found to be as she had

obscurant or apparent. In other words, talk plainly, briefly,

An Incensed German.

"Dis feller comes mit my saloon und asks for beer," began the witness as Samuel Peters stood before the bar of justice. "Vhen he has one glass he tells me to set em oop again. Vhen he has two glasses he vas as dry as a brush fence. He drinks six glasses right off, und says I must sharge it to the sinking fund. I doan' know vat Rates Low, Camps Shady, such tings mean, und I lock der door und makes me all ready for a fight mit

"And you had one?"

"Vel, you can see how my nose is all busted oop, und some black on my eye und such a bad feelings in my ears. I vas novhere; yes I vas,-I vas under der table,"

"Who struck first ?"

"Vel, I gifs him a shendle taps on der nose to make him see dot he must pay oop."

"You locked the door on him and

"Yaw." "Well, the prisoner is discharged and you may go home."

"Vhat! Doan' you send him up for six months?"

"No, sir."

"Doan' I git some prodection of der law ?"

"Not when you lock the door on a man and begin tickling his nose."

"Vel, I nefer see! I might as vel close oop my pecsness und take poison. Dot preaks me all down like a child, und I tells der vomans dot we move back to Milwaukee right off."



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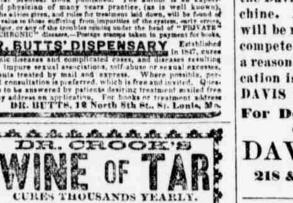
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