"Thou canst not? Then I can not be The same that once I was to thee. There's no room in the heart for me Where fears arise. From Chambers' Journal.

The Ram Stonewall.

History of Its Sale to the Japanese Gov ernment --- A Curious Story. Rev. E. R. Hendrix, in his highly in leesting letter on the Japanese, men tioned the fact that the celebrated ram "Stonewall" was at present owned by the Japenese Government.

with the arrival of the "Stonewall" in about their house and boats, but just Virginia, I repaired to Richmond, found papan, which may interest the readers now in the dull season is employed on the convention then in session had passof your paper, I will relate it. The Confederate ironclad ram "Stone-

wall" after the uppleasantness, into the hands of the United States Navy De- lydifficult to make anything sensational which was tendered me. These are the partment, and was, in 1867, sold to the out of his very modest matter-of-fact simple facts of the case, and they show Tycoon of Japan for \$1,500,000. The story. Saving human life was with him that Mr. Cameron has been misinformmoney was paid out of the private funds | such a matter of course that really he | ed. Your obedient servant, of the Tycoon, and one of the most trust- | could hardly recollect even the names of worthy officers of the United States Na- those who owe to him the continuance vy, Commander Brown, was granted of their earthly existence. one year furlough to accept the position of commander of the "Stonewall" and convey her to the Japan empire.

ing, but it was nevertheless accomplish-Good Hope, if properly told, would fill a by experience. volume.

and declared war against the Tycoon, plunged in and saved them. give you an idea of the construc- lows in swimming. tion of said castle, I will say that some of the stones composing the Kenny (Garry was not quite certain

that description found within fifty miles | water. Garry saved them, as he did beof Osaka, it is impossible to understand | fore a younger brother of Kenny, last in what manner they were conveyed to summer. Osaka at the building of said castle. inces of the empire, and the Daimios | was pulled out by Garry. then aided him with an army. Arms | Last winter Thomas Haggerty, also and munitions of war were sold to both drunk, fell in at the foot of Hudson avparties by English and American resi- enue. Garry was standing at the corner dents of Japan, Well, the war was ra- of Broadway and the avenue. It was ging nicely; nobody could tell who 10:30 at night. He heard a cry for help, Tycoon's iron-clad, "Stonewall," steamed | the poor fellow out. into the harbor of Yokohama, flying the Tycoot's ensign on the peak, and the other rescued, and a boy named Flynn, Star Spangled banner on the fore.

Of course everybody in Yokahama dozen. knew of the sale and departure of the "Stonewall," by the American papers, and expected she would be turned over to the Tycoon's agents, who already grease in this arrival.

The American Embassador then in Lapan saw his opportunity and improved it. The agents of the Tycoon were told that, as the "Stonewall" had not yet Japanese papers, she was yet an American vessel, and the American Emand all would be satisfactory," etc.

American man-of-war's-men took charge of the ram and the Southern Daimios were privately informed (of O'Neil, who had sazed only two or three course, not by the Embassador,) that the lives, had been given gold medals and "Stonewall" was in Japan. An American missionary horrified at the prospect of the war being prolonged by the addition of the Stonewall to the Tycoon's forces, anxious that the sacrifice of human lives should be stopped, and more anxious still to get his finger in the pie in the hope of finding a plum, became the go-between in the case, and the diplomatic brain of the American Embassador being properly greased by the apand when the grease was dried up and di.-St. Joseph News.

A Live Man with Stone Legs.

On November 4, 1867, James Featherstone, a harness maker, of No. 24, Washington street, was compelled to take to his bed by a "crick" in his back, and he has never risen from it. In June, 1869, the terrible disease of elephantiasis arabum, developed itself in the hardening of the soles of his feet. It rapidly spread upward, and his legs swelled and be-Name like petrefactions. It is believed the legs at the calves will measure thirty five inches in circumference and weigh eighty pounds each. A rope and pulley had to be used to elevate the sufferer so his bed could be changed. He died Saturday morning, at the age of seventy one years. There have been cases of elephantiasis arabum in this country, but none so serious as this. Generally the disease has settled in the leg only. The peculiar effliction is known in the West India Islands, in Brazil, and other South American countries, also in Japan and Egypt. Physi-Tians from various sections of the country have visited Mr. Featherstone to witness the peculiar characteristics of

the disease.- New Haven Palladium. Paganini used to give music-lessons

at only \$400 a sitting.

A Boy Hero.

Garry Benson, the Eighteen-Year-Old Youth who has Saved a Dozen Lives. Various people have various ambi-

About five years ago he said, he fished out the first one, a boy named Fitzpatrick, up in the basin. He was in swim-This was a very hazardous undertak- ming, and, in getting him out, Garry came near going under himself, and

In May, 1872, two girls named Scher-In 1868 the Southern Daimois of Ja- merhorn and Conners, about thirteen or pan, jealous of the prominence the fam- fourteen years old, were in the boat in ily of the Tycoon had enjoyed in the the basin near the elevator and close to empire for many generations, captured | the dock; they began fooling, the boat the Mikado, then at Tokio (not the pres- upset, and both were thrown into the ent Tokio which then was called Jeddo) | water. Garry, happening to be near,

who at that time resided in Osaka. The In July, 1873, William Platt and Wm. Tycoon escaped from the city, and his Allen were rescued by Garry, near the castle was fired by Satsuma's army. To end of the pier; they were young fel-

In July, 1876, Benjamin Klup and Jas. wall around it were of the following di- about the names) were in a boat, when a boy, chased by the police for being in Sixty feet long by forty broad and swimming, jumped into the boat, which twenty thick. There being no stone of upset, and both were thrown into the

Last summer John Flood, of Scranton, The Tycoon fled to the northern prov- Pa., while drunk, fell into the river and

would win, when, one fine morning, the and, running, he arrived in time to pull

taken with cramps, makes out a round

This is not all the service young Benson has done. He is not omnipresent, and in his absence people sometimes drown. It is an important thing to rewere awaiting her arrival. But they cover their bodies. Benson has brought were not diplomats, and did not see the to the surface the remains of four-Michael Healey, young Grace, Mrs. Hart and Anthony E. Phalen. For this he has received in one instance only \$25, and we understand that a proposition troubles. The Bitters are a capital appetizer, wili be made to the Board of Supervisors to vote him some compensation for this service at least. Surely some recogbassador would take charge of her for nition of modest bravery would be fitthe time being; "just wait a few days, ting. Benson is poor, and a little money would go a good ways with him. He said he had noticed in the papers that a young fellow in New York, named a good position. Why cannot as much be given for Albany's life-preserver, Garry Benson ?- Albany, (N. Y.), Times.

Lincoln and Lee. The Offer to Gen. Lee of the Command of the the United States Army. In 1868-several years after the wara Senator in Congress had the temerity to make the charge that Gen. Lee had applied to President Lincoln for the command of the Federal army destined plication of \$150,000 worth of lubrica- to invade and subdue the Southern ting material, Vattell on International States, and being refused, from pique Law was opened and the Tycoon lost and resentment he turned and offered the ram "Stonewall." The ship laid in his sword in aid of the Southern cause, the harbor of Yokohama for some time, and thus was raised to the chief command of the rebel forces. On the inthe Missionary had sent his drippings stant Mr. Reverdy Johnson, of Mary-(\$10,000 worth) home, the vessel for land, himself a union man, denounced which the Tycoon had paid with his own | the statement as untrue, saying, altho' private money was turned over to his he had not the authority of the accused enemies and aided in giving him the to deny it, Gen. Lee's lofty character and finishing blow in the battle of Hakeda- unstained honor alone sufficied to repel the charge. This furnished the occasion for General Lee to giv, through Mr. Johnson, not alone the conclusive proof of the incorrectness of the charge but the clear evidence that he had himself declined, from a stern sense of duty and honor, the very preferment which he was falsely accused of coveting. for this purpose. No other compound posses-None can tell the extraordinary story in better terms than Gen. Lee himself, as contained in the following modest and characteristic letter addressed by him at the time Reverdy Johnson, who not long before his death vouched to

the contributor its entire authenticity: "LEXINGTON, VA., Feb. 25th, 1868,-Hon. Reverdy Johnson, U. S. Senate, Washington-MY DEAR SIR: My attention has been called to the official report of the debate in the Senate of the United States of the 19th inst., in which you did me the kindness to doubt the correctness of the statement made by Simon Cameron in regard to myself. 1 desire you may feel certain of my conduct on the occasion referred to, so far as my individual statement can make you so. I never intimated to any one that I desired the command of the United States Army, nor did I ever have a conversation but with one gentleman (Mr. Francis Preston Blair) on the sub-

as I understood, at the instance of President Licnoln. After listening to his remarks I declined the offer he made me to take command of the army that was tions, for which there is no accounting, to be brought into the field, stating as and which we do not propose to account | candidly and courteously as I could, for, or even to enumerate. The partic-, though opposed to secession and depreular case just now in mind is that of an eating war. I could take no part in an Albany boy, aged 18, named Garry Ben- invasion of the Southern States. I went son. The object of his life thus far directly from the interview with Mr. seems to be the rescuing of people from Blair to the office of Gen. Scott, and told the embraces of the treacherous waters him of the proposition which had been of the Hudson. Within the past five made to me and my decision. Upon reyears he has saved from death at least flection, after returning to my home, I a dozen people, and that without fee or concluded I ought no longer to retain reward. He does not set up to be a the commission I held in the United hero either, but is rather reticent about | States Army, and on the second morn narrating his adventures. He is a strong, ing thereafter I forwarded my resignastoutly built young fellow, with black tion to Gen. Scott. At the time I hoped hair and eyes, a round face, and skin peace would have been preserved, that which shows much exposure to the some way would have been found to weather. He lives at 396 Broadway, save the country from the calamities of He has worked about the river a great | war, and I then had no other intention share of his life, and loves the water like | than to pass the remainder of my life as a duck. For some time he has been in a private citizen. Two days afterward, for instance, all over the world, and superior-There being a little tale connected the employ of the Mutual Boat Club, upon the invitation of the Governor of the new capitol. A reporter of the ed the ordinance withdrawing the State Evening Times had an interview with from the Union, and accepted the comhim the other day, but found it extreme- mission of commander of its forces,

> R. E. LEE. A. B. McGRUDER, in Philadelphia Weekly Times.

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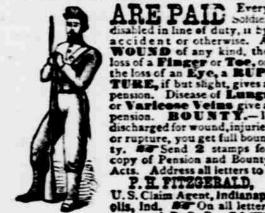
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