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## CAMPFIRE SKETCHES.

### GOOD SHORT STORIES FOR THE VETERANS.

**The Character of the Soldier—About War.**  
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**Nelson's Famous Signal.**  
Two sturdy tars of Scotia's stock in famed Trafalgar's Bay. Where glorious Nelson's gallant fleet established Britain's sway. Where standing on the Sovereign's deck, like lions led eating honey. Anticipating lots of light and more-esteemed prize money.

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And swore that ne'er a one of them knew how to lay a gunner's word at a sailor's head. And swore that ne'er a one of them knew how to lay a gunner's word at a sailor's head.

**Just then the signal grand and terse in all its simple grandeur.**  
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**A habit of obedience to orders is one of the most important requirements,**  
and even though upon arriving at suitable age the boy was found not quite fit for active service, there are many channels into which he might be drifted where he might find suitable and lucrative employment.

**Except in times of war excitement,**  
like the present, our home troops play a conspicuous part in the possibilities of the nation's defense. It is, however, well agreed by all practical persons that a reasonable number of regular troops is absolutely necessary.

**The United States is able to maintain a credible army,**  
and surely there is no lack of material out of which to make it. It is a curious experience, however, to spend some time in recruiting camp. The army does not want men who enlist simply for the sake of rations and a place to sleep, but a great many men visit these offices in the hope of being taken just because the life of a soldier is better than occasional nights in a station house.

**If the common soldier got a little more pay and a little better quarters,**  
no doubt a better class of men would apply for enlistment, but the compensation seems very small. It is to be regretted that it may be more than they get above their living when they are engaged in other occupations.

**It is argued by many philosophical writers of the day**  
that there never again can be a long war. The facilities of modern communication, the improvements in arms, and, above all, the mighty interests of modern commerce, forbid the possibility of such a deplorable event. Let us devoutly hope that the conclusion is just. Human passions, however, when thoroughly aroused, cannot readily be governed by rules of policy.

**It will not, however, be trust too much to modern civilization**  
as a preventive of protracted and vindictive war. The taste of blood that converts the tamed tiger into a sanguinary monster has pretty much the same effect upon civilized and Christian man.

**Later, it is true, makes his onslaughts under certain rules and regulations,**  
and gives quarter to his prostrate and bleeding foe. But let the war last long enough, and even the chivalry and mercy that should mitigate its horrors will at last be forgotten. The true way to prevent a long war is to make a strong war. Every overwhelming blow is a mercy stroke. In a short time combat, when one party has no hope of victory, he cries "enough," and as it is with man the individual, so it is with aggregates of men. The policy, the true Christian policy, in war is to smite irresistibly and then tender the olive branch with brotherly hand.

**Called "a cool 'un."**  
"He's a cool 'un," is the way the soldiers in a certain English regiment describe one of their officers, a young man whose self-possession in a time of danger saved his men from defeat, and probably from death. The circumstance which gave this officer his reputation is related by Rudyard Kipling. He writes:

**almost straight from school**  
to the army and thence to India, was leading his company through a rocky pass, on retreating from a scolding expedition. They were best by the enemy, who fired at them from behind the rocks, and the men were growing very impatient. Those in the rear began to be impatient, and shouted to the men in front, "Hurry up! What are you waiting for there?"

**The young officer answered quite coolly:**  
"Hold on a minute! I'm lighting my pipe."

**And he struck a match and lit it.**  
There was a roar of laughter, and a soldier called out: "Well, since you're so peaceful, I think I'll have a pipe myself." And he, too, struck a match and began to smoke. This bit of fun pleased the men, and the march came through in good order.

**"Well," said the major, as he sawed off a plank for his political platform,**  
"you may talk war, but talk war, but—there's one fellow who won't be in it! The war between the states was enough for me. It cost me a fortune."

**"In property, major!"**  
"No, sir, in cold cash. You see my family had the measles when the war broke out, and I had to stay at home and nurse them."

**"But I was so patriotic!"**  
"That I employed a substitute at \$2 a day."

**"Exactly."**  
"You hired another?"  
"Yes, sir, I did."

**"You hired another, too?"**  
"No! and that's where I lost my money. The infernal fool fought for three solid years without a scratch. He was in the worst of the war, but he wasn't a bullet struck him. They took him prisoner, but exchanged him immediately, and the blundering idiot went to fighting again at \$3 a day. And when the war ended he turned up all serene and demanded the remainder of his money. You see, I had paid his wife a good deal of it in monthly installments, but I still owed him a big balance, and as I wanted to keep the thing as quiet as possible I had to shut up and pay up; and the fool charged me interest for the time I'd had it on hand, and wouldn't take considered money either! Down with war! is what I say. It's the ruination of me. John, pass the jug."—Atlanta Constitution.

**Simon Peral Walter, although eighty-three years of age,**  
lives upon the streets of St. Louis, crying out his wares as lustily as do the boys engaged in the same business. His old age and poverty are always forgotten in his loyal mind when he explains that he is a cousin, once removed, of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant. He has a

**marvelous memory and relates his country's history with a warm enthusiasm.**  
—St. Louis Star.

**During the siege of Boston,**  
General Washington consulted congress upon the propriety of bombarding the town of Boston. Mr. Hancock was then president of congress. After General Washington's letter was read a solemn silence ensued. This was broken by a member making a motion that the house should resolve itself into a committee of the whole in order that Mr. Hancock might give his opinion upon the important subject, as he was deeply interested from having all his estate in Boston. After he left the chair he addressed the chairman of a committee of the whole in the following words: "It is true, sir, nearly all the property I have in the world is in houses and other real estate in the town of Boston, but if the expulsion of the British army from it, and the liberty of our country require their being burned to ashes, let me the order for that purpose immediately."

**It is an experience that any woman can verify, and, conversely, she can see that sleeping in a perfectly dark and well-ventilated room brings back the contour and the roses of childhood or early youth.**  
—New York Ledger.

**Gold can positively be traced in Scotland**  
from history to 1457, and it is believed to have been played much earlier than that date.

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## MR. VEST'S DEAL IN EGGS.

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Are Left in the Ruins of Signal Stations, Shaded Batteries, Ships and Forts.

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## IT IS NOT NICOTINE.

**Professor Mallet Corrects Cigarette Critics' Mistakes.**

**Communication in the "Scientific American" on a Matter of Popular Misapprehension—Standard Cigarette Test Is No Test At All.**

**J. W. Mallet, professor of chemistry**  
in the University of Virginia, in a communication to the current number of the Scientific American, says with reference to cigarettes of American manufacture:

**"Ignorance of easily ascertainable scientific facts is, however, common enough, as is often illustrated by the brown, oily material formed in the smoking of tobacco being pointed out as nicotine, though in reality this is merely the tar produced by the action of heat on a substance known as nicotine." "Nicotine when pure is colorless fluid of somewhat oily consistency and strong, peculiar, penetrating odor, but it darkens on exposure to air and light, becoming first yellow and then brown, so that it looks, in this darkened condition, something like the tarry matter which soils a smoker's fingers or a handkerchief through which tobacco smoke is exhaled, or is often noticed as deposited in the stem of a pipe."**

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**"A part, but only a small part (about one-seventh) in the experiments of Mallet, of the real nicotine of tobacco is volatilized without decomposition; the remainder is burned and destroyed in the process of smoking."**  
The simple fact, that such a simple test as I have examined, representing a large part of those in general use throughout the United States, are made from pure, light-yellow tobacco of the high grade produced on certain special soils, prominently in certain of the southern counties of Virginia, and the adjacent portion of North Carolina, with wrappers of the best quality of harmless vegetable fiber paper, and are entirely free from the adulterants which it has been asserted are present, with no evidence in favor of such assertion, and in absolute contradiction of the scientific evidence actually available.

**Look on This Picture and on This**  
"All's fair in love and war," is a common adage, but it is to be hoped, not wholly true in every case, at least of the meanest sort. Napoleon was not above the patriot's deeds. At the battle of Dresden, in 1813, he noticed that a group of officers had ridden within gunshot, and bade his artillery send a shower of shot amongst them. "There are," he said, "my brave fellows, but I have not joined the allies, and who was almost as fine a general as Napoleon, was fatally injured. Curiously enough, in the course of the battle of Waterloo (1815), a colonel in command of a battery of British artillery reported to Wellington that he had the range of the spot where Napoleon and his staff were standing, and asked if he might pick some of them off. "Not at all," said the Iron Duke; "generals-in-chief have something else to do than bludge their officers as each other."

**The Adjective.**  
A writer in Longman's Magazine says that everybody nowadays is prone to petty clips on an adjective to prove noun. It degenerates the adjective and enervates the noun. Then, too, there are a host of vulgar, over-dressed people introduced into our company, whom we, the old-fashioned adjectives, hardly recognize—"strenuous," "intense," "splendid," "brilliant," "sympathetic," "splendid," "strenuous," "intense," "splendid," "brilliant," "sympathetic," "splendid," "strenuous," "intense," "splendid," "brilliant," "sympathetic," "splendid," "strenuous," "intense," "splendid," "brilliant," "sympathetic."

**Among the remarkable discoveries of the Harvard College observatory**  
is that of the existence of many variable stars in four well-known star clusters in the southern hemisphere, the most celebrated of which is the one called Omega Centauri. The latest observations show that no less than 286 variable stars are contained in these clusters, and there may be many more. It seems sufficiently remarkable that these stars should be assembled in such swarms—for in some of the clusters they are almost innumerable—but the interest is greatly heightened by the discovery that so many of them are unsteady in their light, alternately flaring up and dying down in another's presence, like flaring torches in the night of space.

**Whipping tops come from the land of the Pharaohs, hoops and swings**  
from the islands of the West Indies. A blind man's buff was an ancient forerunner of the equivalent of horse play in the day of the megatherium and the mastodon. The Malay islands give us cat's cradle. Kite flying has been popular in Japan for many centuries, the kites depicting the most absurd figures, generally of aged gentlemen, birds or puppy dogs. Games of ball have always existed, but the bat, with all its sports which followed in its train, was not introduced till after the Christian era.

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OFFICERS:  
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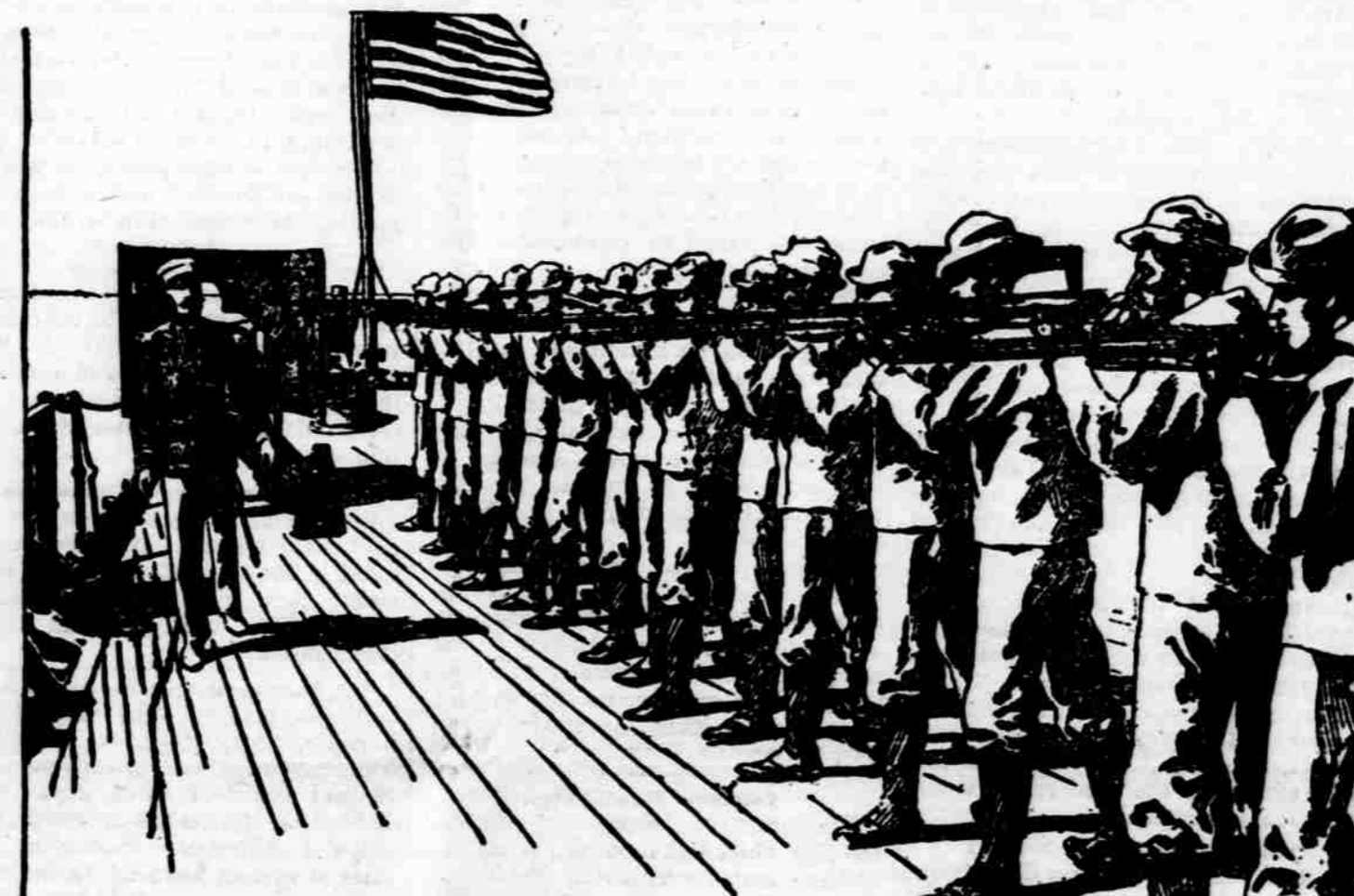
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