### A RELIC OF THE WAR:

The Sanitary Flour Sack Kept by Gridley's Family.

Story of the Hero's Efforts to Aid the Union's Suffering Soldiers.

San Francisco Chronicle.

Few occurrences of our civil war attracted more notice, or created more enthusiasm throughout the country, than the tour of R. C. Gridley and his sack of flour, which so amply assisted the noble work of the Sanitary Commission, in caring for the health and comfort of our soldiers, restoring the sick warriors to health, and nerving the arm of the well with the encouraging thought that he was not unthought of, nor likely to go uncared for in case of misfortune. During the ry Commission. war Revel C. Gridley was a merchant of the firm of Gridley, Hobart & Jacobs, doing business in Austin, in the then territory of Nevada. Gridley was a Democrat, not one of the class known as Copperheads, but a trial and terrible struggle.

THE WAGER.

A local election was pending in Austin in April, 1864. Some banter between him and Dr. Herrick, an office-holder of the county, resulted in a wager on the outcome of the elec-The conditions were that the Doctor, if the election went against his party, should carry a twenty-pound sack of flour on his shoulder through Main street, from the First ward, Clifton, to the Fourth ward, Upper Austin, a distance of about one mile and a quarter, marching to the tune of "Dixie," and that Gridley, in the event of his losing, should carry the sack of flour through the same street from Upper Austin to Clifton, having Sioux and His Captivity. the advantage of the down-hill grade, marching to the air of 'Old John Brown." Those were the days before Nevada became a rotten borough, whose vale belonged in fee simple to the richest citizen. Nevada, was stanch in her loyalty, the election went against Gridley's party, and on April 20th he paid his debt. The whole population of Austin assembled about his store to witness the novel affair. The utmost good-feeling prevailed on all sides. Gridley took his redeeming his word. A TRIUMPHAL MARCH.

bons and flags, was shouldered by him, and with the stars and stripes in his hands he took his place in the line prepared for the novel march, amid the cheers and laughter of the concourse. A procession was formed, and head of the column a cavalcade of County Committee, two of them with flags; one with a pole, on which was a sweep that they had undergone. The procession started, the crowd cheered in concert, every steam whistle within hearing screamed, and over all the hills echoed back the strains of "John Brown's" march. Gridley stood manfully to his task, by his bearing disarming defeat of half its humiliation. "Go it, Gridley!" "Stick to it, Gridley!" "Never say die, Gridley!" shouted the crowd, cheering encour-Never was there a day of livelier mirth in Austin town. Reaching Clifton, the losers set about the ceremony of formally confessing their its bearer to the Doctor, the flag surrendered, and the symbolic besom placed in the hands of the successful AN INSPIRATION.

A bright, good thought struck the hero of the occasion. Why not turn the hilarity of the day to public advantage by doing something with the sack to aid the Sanitary Commission. The suggestion was eagerly caught up by the jolly crowd. It was suggested by some that the sack of flour be baked into cakes and be distributed as mementoes of the occasion. Gridley held to his patriotic purpose. "No," said he, this mass of people for our sick and wounded soldiers. We will put this sack of flour up at auction and sell it with the understanding that whoever the purchaser may be he shall pay the money bid and then give back the flour, to be sold again for the benefit of the Sanitary Commission fund," The proposition was received with geest favor.

A stand was erected and Gridley mounted it as auctioneer. Bidding was spirited and in a few moments the sack was knocked down for \$300. Gridley was the purchaser. He paid his money and immediately put up the sack for sale again. It was sold over and over, until a large sum had over and over, until a large sum had been realized. The procession then returned, overcharged with enthusiasm, to Upper Austin Gridler. ed upon a spirited horse and now doubly the hero of the occasion, hav-

### SPREADING ENTHUSIASM.

The fame of the incident soon spread to neighboring mining camps, the spirit of the enterprise taking hold of them all, the enthusiasm growing as it spread. Gridley, fired with his patriotic impulse, took the hint and set out on foot with his sack to raise money for the suffering soldiers of the nation. The people everywhere turned out en masse to greet him and help on his noble enterprise. They formed great processions in every town, with the man and the sack at their head. At Virginia City \$8000 was realized from the sale of the little bag of flour, at Sacramento, \$10, 000, and in this city \$25,000. No tle bag of flour, at Sacramento, \$10,000, and in this city \$25,000. No
Palidin returning victor from high
martial emprise was ever accorded Indians. When I saw the whole force

such a reception as awaited the Man with the Sack on his noble and pa-triotic mission. His reception here was the most memorable ovation ever to force their way in who desired to be present. The newspapers spread far and wide the fame of Gridley and his sack, and paved his way to success everywhere. From here he went East with his sack. The same gen-eral recognition of his noble enterprise attended him everywhere, and before his famous sack returned from its patriotic tour it had put over \$200,000 into the fund of the Sanita-

THE HERO'S FAMILY SUFFERING. The measure of that noble benefaction only the Omniscient can esgone to the adjustment of the ac-Democrat whose heart pulsed for the Union constant in all of that dark brought it back to his own home, the battle of life,

ndence N. Y. Herald. For some days pat I have been learning facts about the Indian question at Standing Rock. The officers here speak in thopeful terms of the effect which the late manceuvre of the government has produced, and assure me that the removal of Sitting Bull from the Standing Rock reservation was a wise step on the part of the war department. He has been the organizer of nearly all the recent outbreaks of the Sioux. Trained as a business of the single symptoms I complained of have vanished; my wife is also enthusiastic in praise of it; she was disfigured by blotches and pimples on her face, and had a continuous headache. She is all right now, and all unsightly eruptions have gone. You may refer any doubting parties to me. R. M. WILLIAMSON, "Elk street, Buffalo."

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bored for months, were freely vented, sponge, and another carrying aloft a new broom, symbolic of the clean sweep that they had undergone. The wonderful power was shown. Although the great Uncapapa returned broken down with hunger and suffering, stripped of his paint and a pris-oner, he walked through the Sioux oner, he walked through the Sioux camp like the natural monarch that he with weak kidneys, by a judicious use of Host-t tor's Stomach Bitter which invigorates and is and his worst enemies were eager to do him homage. There was not, among the 7,000 savages who live on this reservation, a single warrior who did not tremble when the eagle eyes of the hostile chief were turned upon him, and when the sound of his footsteps was heard among the lodges at of formally confessing their

The flour was delivered by
of cowardice skulked away in fear. He is the idol of the squaws and the god of the children. He is thoroughly honest and poss sais a kind heart. Sitting Buli despises the Indians who idle their time away on the reservations and live on rations issued by the government. To him the Sioux who accepts provisions is a beggar not fit to associate with honorable men who live by their own exertions. These ideas have been moder-

ated, however, by his recent hard-ships, and the probabilities are that Sitting Bull will soon be an exponent of civilized methods. Experience has shattered many of the images which he had built up in his barbaric imag-I ination. Fierce and cruel as he has have had their fun at my expense, I ination. Fierce and cruel as he has now propose that they do something proved himself to be when bent on war, Sitting Bull has many noble traits. When he surrendered his proudest boast was that he had never eaten a pound of meat that did not belong to him and that helwas, consequently, under no obligations to the OMAHA & CHICAGO. government. He told the officers of Where direct connection are made with Through this post that his whole aim now was

to be the leader of the Sioux nation in peace as he was in war. Herein lay the danger of allowing him to remain

A GREAT POLITICIAN. Sitting Bull is the greatest politician in the territory and has a keen appreasm, to Upper Austin, Gridley mount- the war path he had been gradually undermining the influence of the other Stoux chiefs and absorbing their ing changed humiliation to a noble fighting men into his own band. triumph. The day's sport ended there, but the history of that famous sack of flour had just begun. There is a rude chivalry about the man and such a strong personal magnetism that the young Uncapapas surrounded him ready to follow under his The fame of the incident soon commanded it. This taste of absolute

on dress parade this morning and then turned my eyes to the tents of the 3,000 Indians who were encamped three miles away in full sight, the uttendered a private citizen. The town went wild with enthusiasm. Mont-impressed upon me strongly. Many gomery street was thronged, and the welkin rang with cheers, as Gridley who have firearms are splendid marched along with the sack of flour on his shoulder and the national ban-assemble any night, steal up to the ner borne in his hand. The Metro-politan Theater on Montgomery street man would be left to tell how the atwherein the sack was put to auction, was thronged, thousands being unable to force their way in who desired to be present. The newspapers spread far and wide the fame of Gridley and there are few men left who have

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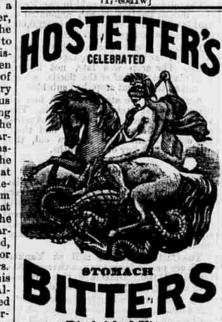
The old warrior's disappointment.

The accounts which were telegraphed to newspapers all over the country at the time of Sitting Bull's removal from this post were extremely sensational, and many statements were made which had no foundation in fact. The whole situation bas been misrepresented.

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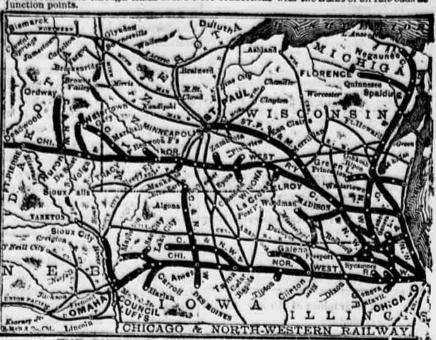
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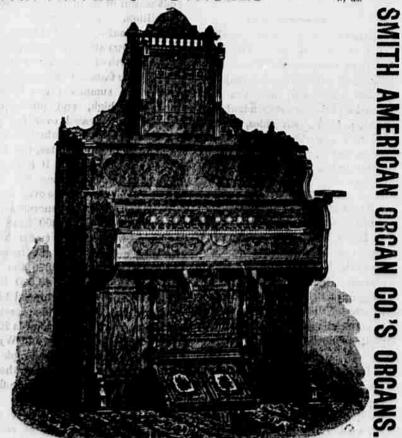
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