

THEY MAKE GOOD SOLDIERS

Major W. H. Clapp Writes on the Indian as a Soldier.

THEY ARE, HE SAYS, A DECIDED SUCCESS

Their Good Qualities and Their Failings Fully Discussed—The Indian Easily Disciplined—Their Ability to Learn Quickly—An Interesting Paper.

Major W. H. Clapp of the United States Army, commanding company (Indian) Sixth Infantry, has kindly contributed the following on the subject, "The Indian as a Soldier." The major has had many years experience with the Indians, and he has made their habits, mode of life and warfare a study. The subject is ably handled and deserves the careful consideration of those interested in the work of the government.

Judged by the record he has so far made the Indian as a soldier is proving a decided success, but while doing so he is furnishing ample reason for the reconstruction of popular ideas concerning his character, temperament and personal equation. Every one who, as a school boy, read the delightful stories of Fenimore Cooper came to believe that the Indian was stoical and sedate; that he was brave to recklessness, capable of enduring the greatest privation and even torture with calm indifference; that his eye was true and his hand quicker than those of white men; and, finally, that although a savage he was a very superior sort of humanity of the misdirected kind, needing only to be civilized and christianized to be something better than his white brother.

A Few Wrong Ideas Corrected. Those of the whites who have been in contact with the noble savage have had these early illusions dispelled long since, but the mass of the people still think of such red savages as the "Honest Indian" with varying trials relations. Now the Indian has not and never had any of these fancied qualities to the extent which white men have been led to believe. In place of being stoical and sedate he enjoys fun and rough horse play as much as any school boy; he breaks down and weeps under trouble or sickness very quickly and completely; he bears pain with difficulty and in moments of danger is timid. He can do no better than a white man and, perhaps, because less intelligent, he is a less accurate shot. The Indian is, however, very proud and so sensitive to ridicule that his conduct when among his own people is molded not upon his own desires and wishes, but rather upon the standard of heavy requirements which he has learned in most cases high no is forced to deeds of daring which in his own heart he would prefer to leave undone.

As a Soldier. The experiment of making regular soldiers of this material has never undergone trial for something more than a year, and as stated is proving a success. A company of Sioux Indians now serving at Fort Douglas, Utah, and which has been in service barely six months, will perhaps fairly represent the condition and progress of other Indian companies in the army. When enlisted, these men were mostly untrained and typical savages. Six or eight can read simple sentences, and do something with figures. They are given the most reasonable care of their persons and clothing and are proud of appearing well. They have learned the duties of a soldier, and are as correct as white recruits of the same length of service, and having had the usual two months course of instruction in musketry they show a very fair record.

Easily Disciplined. They yield readily to discipline, and except that they are rather headless and forgetful they obey orders commendably. It has been difficult to teach them habits of order and personal neatness, but in these respects they make constant improvement. It was expected that they would incline to drink heavily and to be troublesome when intoxicated, but from the first these men, though having the privileges of the cautions equally with white soldiers, have had less drunkenness and fewer disorders among them than have occurred in any of the white companies at the post.

They were on coming to the post, kindly received and treated by their white comrades, and so far as known there has been no instance of quarrel or dispute between the races. So far these men have not been on parades as other regimental formations, not having until now been supplied with full dress uniforms, nor have they performed guard duty, but in both these respects they will undoubtedly prove efficient.

The battle tactics of the Indian regulations involve a complete abandonment of the former close order and precision of movement and with a substitution of extended order the rushing and retreating when advancing and the requirement, strongly insisted upon, to take every advantage of cover in a retreat to something like the tactics which defeated Braddock's army and which are certainly very like the Indian methods of fighting at the present day. These men may, therefore, be expected to understand and adopt it and to make efficient soldiers if occasion arises for sending them into battle. It is well believed by those who know them best that they will prove treacherous or cowardly.

Removes the Danger of Indian Wars. Now, regarding the other side of the question, there appear three considerations: First, that by reason of so many of their young men being in the army the tribes so represented are much less likely to engage in war against the government, because they will realize that should they do so they may have to fight their own people, and so those in the service are to that extent hostages for the others who have not entered the army. Second, these enlistments furnish a safety valve for the superfluous energy, the restless desire, common to all young men, to do something and make a name. With the young brave this is unduly stimulated by what he constantly hears of the deeds of his elders, and more still by the taunts of the young squaws whose favor he wishes to gain, and not infrequently these causes have led to outbreaks the cooler heads were unable to control.

The chance to enlist and be a uniformed soldier of the Great Father satisfies this ambition and such an one becomes regarded as a favorite with the fair sex as is the white-waisted cadet among the fair maidens on the Hudson. It appears therefore that the enlistment of those people into the army may be considered a silver bullet in every way a success, and as giving promise of final peace that has so long been the vexed Indian question.

UNVEILED A MONUMENT.

Omaha Danes Honor One of Their Dead. Death is an unpleasant thing to contemplate, but the grim reaper in his successful rounds has and will continue to measure the years allotted to each man, woman and child, finally gathering them all to that home beyond the grave.

members are insured. The bylaws and constitution of the order provide for a sick benefit of \$6 per week and \$1,000 to be paid to the beneficiary in case of death. The order has 1,000 members in the United States, of which 150 reside in Omaha. The first member of the Omaha lodge who was called to meet his Master was Jens Fredericksen, who died December 10, 1880, and it was to unveil the monument erected to his memory that caused 600 of Omaha's Danish citizens to journey to Springwell cemetery yesterday. They went in private carriages and carriages, and upon their arrival they gathered about the green grass plot, beneath which now rests most peacefully the remains of a good citizen, a kind father and a loving husband. At the very top of the hill, on the east side of the cemetery, is the green grass-covered mound, over and around which loving hands have placed daily flowers. At the head stands the monument which was unveiled. It is a shaft of white Warrenburg sandstone, eight feet in height, carved to represent the traits of a broken tree. On the side is the inscription:

HERE LIES JENS FREDERICKSEN. Born at Frank, Denmark, June 26, 1834. Died December 10, 1880. He was a member of the Danish Brotherhood—a rope attached to an anchor. Besides, there is a cross across which there is a key and a small anchor. The stone was donated by the brotherhood and the carving was done by H. Hendricksen, who donated his work.

Prior to the unveiling of the monument, the widow and the eleven children of the deceased were given seats at the foot of the stone, at which A. P. Gram, the chairman of the committee, drew aside the American and Danish flags which hid it from view of the audience. N. O. Nelson was introduced and gave a brief history of the brotherhood and the work that it had accomplished. Axel Waga spoke of the condition of the Danes, both in the land across the sea and in the United States. He said they were law-abiding and peace-loving people. Other speakers were introduced by Mr. Gram, and each spoke of his own feelings after the unveiling ceremonies had been completed, the members visited the graves of the deceased, and the day was given up to a picnic, which was held in a grove one mile west of the cemetery.

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AFTER BEING RENOVATED.

Rev. William Bryant Preaches at the First Presbyterian Church. The First Presbyterian church was reopened yesterday after having been thoroughly cleaned and repaired from roof to basement. The edifice looks as neat and fresh as a new building. The large audience that assembled there yesterday morning felt comfortable and well pleased with the handsome appearance of the church. A great deal of the credit for the improvement should be ascribed to the Ladies Aid society.

Rev. William Bryant of Marshalltown, Ia., filled the pulpit. The congregation has not yet secured the services of a permanent pastor. Rev. Bryant took as his text three sentences taken from different chapters in the book of Job, "What is the profit of gold and silver? and 'The truth shall make you free.'" He said the first seemed to be a very simple question, but it was a very profound one. It was the question that had kept the world from intellectual stagnation. Honest inquiry always benefited the race. Some people became blind to the truth because they were afraid to throw the bible overboard." But he said there was no real cause for alarm. The truth of God would withstand the closest and most searching investigation. No man should allow others to think for him, accepting their conclusions without further question. Every man should think for himself part of the time at least. "There is some danger when a stream overflows its banks and rushes down the valley sweeping mills and fences before the rushing waters, but there is more danger lurking in your stagnant pond that never turned a mill or floated a cargo, where poison and malaria are breeding to fill the air with disease and death."

There is hope in the tendency of mankind to investigate, to search for truth. The trend of the ages is toward truth. The answer to the question what is truth comes only to those who search for it. Truth will come to the pure mind that searches after it. How sweet is the confidence of a child because its mind has not been corrupted. Some people can investigate where others cannot. The eagle soars aloft and builds its nest in the mountain peak, but the sparrow must be content to stay in the valley and build in the trees and holes of the lowlands. Christ is the truth. Christ came to a world of falsehoods and sin. In Christ all divine truth centers. Justice, purity, kindness and unselfishness are exemplified in Him. He is the truth. He is the light. He is the life. He is the power. He is the love. He is the truth. He is the life. He is the power. He is the love. He is the truth. He is the life. He is the power. He is the love.

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SHE'S PRETTY IN THE PICTURE

A San Francisco Girl Hammering Her Way to Fame in a Forge.

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Nebraska Women Backward in Assisting the Erection of the Dormitories at the World's Fair—Gossipy Notes and Fashion Rumors.

Almost any day pretty Ray Sunshine Beveridge of San Francisco, may be found deep in the study of problems in welding and forging over her hot blast and anvil in the smithy annex of the Coggswell polytechnic in that city, where she is learning the trade. If the pictures in the local press are true to life, Miss Ray marks an epoch in the blacksmith trade. Both the real and ideal smiths of this and past ages gathered on the persons of the grime of the business. Long and strong leather aprons are necessary to protect their clothing from sparks flying from the anvil. She has apparently discarded these essentials. The girl blacksmith has introduced innovations in costumes that will cause old timers to shudder. She is represented with curly hair flowing loosely over her neck and shoulders, and forming an attractive background for a youthful and ideal smithess. She is shown toying with a thirty-pound swing-hammer which would give a strong arm a full grown backache. These are pictures. They do not represent the actual work.

It is not to the more common branches of blacksmithing that Miss Beveridge is giving her attention. Her work is of a more ornamental and artistic nature. She is working in the making of ornamental forged iron work, in which it is rare to find a single piece that cannot readily be manipulated by a woman. Her work is of a more artistic nature. She is working in the making of ornamental forged iron work, in which it is rare to find a single piece that cannot readily be manipulated by a woman. Her work is of a more artistic nature. She is working in the making of ornamental forged iron work, in which it is rare to find a single piece that cannot readily be manipulated by a woman.

The California World's fair commissioners have invited her to go to Chicago and set up her forge. The precise place in the exposition to which she will be assigned is not known, but the managing directors of the fair have expressed great interest in her unique exhibit, and have promised that suitable provision shall be made for Miss Beveridge and her work. Her work is of a more artistic nature. She is working in the making of ornamental forged iron work, in which it is rare to find a single piece that cannot readily be manipulated by a woman.

The Women's Dormitory association of Chicago proposes to erect five dormitories for the accommodation of the women who will visit the fair, especially those known as "industrial women." To accomplish this a stock company has been organized, known as the "Women's Dormitory Association of the Columbian Exposition," with stock at \$10 per share, this to be paid in installments. The association will have a building at the fair grounds, at the rate of 40 cents per day. Mrs. Helen M. Barker, secretary of the association, writes that she "is more and more convinced that women who come to the fair will find that they cannot get a room within miles of the grounds, and will have to patronize the hotels and boarding houses. They will greatly regret that they did not see their opportunity and seize it before it is too late. She also says, "if your state does not see fit to take the 100 shares other states are clamoring for more than we have assigned to them, but I hope that there will be a hundred women in Nebraska who will want the advantages of this wonderful plan."

The queer characters of the national capital are not confined alone to the males. There are several females of the first class in East Washington resides a comely dame, young and not unpossessive, who cites out an existence in a novel but uncanny manner, says the Philadelphia Bulletin. She carefully watches the death notices in the daily papers, and when a person of wealth, or even moderate means, she writes him a day or two after the funeral, and then goes to the house, and represents herself as a young lady of good family, but reduced circumstances. She stays at the house of an invalid (should the party who has departed be a male) and asks for the clothing left by the deceased man, as her father's or mother's wardrobe. In case the deceased is a woman she appears in a rather dilapidated outfit and solicits the clothing for herself. She is usually successful in getting many good garments, which are promptly disposed of to some second-hand dealer.

The exquisite toilets that are now displayed at all the fashionable summer resorts are delicious examples of the taste and ingenuity of the modern dressmaker. There is a quaint and alluring simplicity coupled with the artistic grace noticeable among the fresh toilets of flowered muslin, white sheer wool, etc., and a poetic dignity in the sheer fall and sweep of undressed silks and satins, and all the pretty girls in the world of fashion are just now looking their very best in their jaunty waists and waistelets, their airy gowns and the additional dainty elegances in the shape of lace cases, fectus, berrias, picture hats and leagues of gay ribbon garters.

The French bicycling costume for ladies consists of a tunic and knickerbockers made exactly like those worn by men, except that in the former the knickerbockers are worn by women. The most approved costume for the mail-a-wheel in England has a full divided skirt, supported from the shoulders by suspenders, a light silk blouse held in place by a rubber band, a Windsor tie at the neck, a jacket like the skirt, beneath all a "union suit" of wool.

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At last justice has been done to the American woman by the English writer in the Queen, who finds her "so pliable, generous, intelligent, vivacious and brave," but stimulated by the exhilarating climate and incense actively to undervalue her energy, laziness in respect to her health, and perfect her charms, "the cold morning tub, less violet powder, more fresh air and outdoor exercises, less lie-in her house and the termination of the invariable rocking chair."

Should be taken away. It would be a difficult matter to find in real life a full-blooded Sioux maiden who is without civilized training around whom to build up a pathetic romance to the extent that it could gain the sympathy of the public at large if reproduced true to life in marble curves.

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The cold blooded Detroit Free Press peeps into home life thereabouts, with this result: "Where are my suspenders, my law?" shrieked a Jefferson avenue belle to her mother across the upstairs hall. "I can't find my four-in-hand tie." "Your brother Tom wore it last night. You will find it in his room." "But, my, where's my silk yachting shirt?" "Aly wore it to the regatta." "There was a brief silence. Then the voice wailed across the hall again: "Maw, I can't find my riding trou-s-e-r-s." "Charles has them on," was the answer. Then a tired-looking young man who had been waiting unannounced in the hall below roared up and softly stole away. "She might wait my boots next," he said wearily, and no one knows why that engagement is off.

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