TRAINING THE RAW RECRUIT

How the Aspirant for Military Honors is Transformed Into a Soldier.

VOLUTIONS OF THE AWKWARD SOUAD

Patience and Perseverance Necessary to Convert a Recruit Into a Useful Cog in the Human Machine Called the Army.

The second call, for 75,000 volunteers, has been issued and the young men of the country from every walk of life are flocking to the recruiting offices, anxious to become soldiers for three years, or during the continuance of the war. Combined with their chosen. While on post as a sentry the pripatriotism there is a desire to learn the duties of a soldler thoroughly, and with such material for Uncle Sam to work on, the process of making fighters out of ordinary presenting themselves for enlistment are intelligent and highly susceptible of being

Perhaps to only a few is the process of making a soldier for Uncle Sam's army known. In the first place, relates the Globe-Democrat, the man wishing to enlist must be a citizen of the United States, or must have legally declared his intenton of becoming a citizen. He must be between the ages of 21 and 30 years, ablebodied, free from disease, of good character and of temperate habits. Boys between the ages of 16 and 18 may be enlisted as musicians or to learn music, with the written consent of father or surviving parent, or legally appointed guardian. A person having a wife or minor child will not be enlisted without special

These rules pertain to enlistment in the little for the volunteer service in regard to the age limit. On presenting himself before the recruiting officer for enlistment, the would-be sol-

nished proofs satisfactory to the officer in question is passed on to the surgeon for examination. That examination is most thorough in every respect, the recruit stripping to the skin. Tests and examinations are made that preclude the possibility of anybody who is not physically perfect getting into the army. The eyes are examined for weakness, the lungs for possible phthisis, and the other organs for any derangement that would disqualify the recrult from making a good soldier. While a recruit may be perfect in every other particular, and wholly acceptable to the surgeon, the fact that he has "flat" feet would disqualify aim.

Having passed the surgeon all right, the recruit is sworn in, the oath is administercia and the articles of war, under the provisions of which the armies of the United States are governed, are read to the recruit, and he is expected to become thoroughly conversant with their requirements. Outfitting.

Now, the quartermaster takes the new man in hand, and furnishes him with a complete outfit of clothing and equipment. the time of the organization of the troops. Each man going into the field at this time is issued a campaign hat, one pair of shoes two suits of underclothing and socks, two overshirts of blue flannel, one blouse, one pair of trousers and a rubber blanket or The last named article is a very where cold weather prevails, each man re-

The recruit is now ready to take his first poral or sergeant, who teaches him his du--the position he is expected to assume at 60 degrees; knees straight without stiffness; body erect on the hips, inclining a little off during a storm. forward; shoulders square and falling equally; arms and hands hanging naturally, backs of the hands outward, little fingers near the body. Head erect and square to the front; chin slightly drawn in, without constraint; eyes straight to the front.

fork, and a tin cup and canteen

Having become familiar with this, the recruit is put into a squad of several men who are taught how to "dress" their line, to face to the right and left and about, to march in quick and double time, and all the different foot movements. He also learns how to salute with the hand. In order to secure the proper "set up" and to get his muscles supple, the squad is put through a number of exercises which bring into play the muscles of the arms, hands, trunk, legs and feet. These movements, very properly called the "setting-up exercises," are seventeen in number, and the frequent use of them puts the recruit into the best possible trim for the hard work before him.

By this time the recruit is able to carry himself without awkwardness, and a rifle is given him. This he is taught to care for and keep in the best possible condition, so that when he meets the enemy the weapon will be in such shape that he can handle it effectively. Beginning with the "order," he sent from there every year since, with no soon learns how to execute carry, right and left shoulder, port, present, fix bayonets, charge bayonets, to load, aim and fire, and all the other parts of the manual of arms. In addition to these he learns, for his personal protection and for offense in hand-tohand combats during battle, the bayonet ex-

From the squad the recruit is put into the company, and he then becomes a soldier. As a private he has many duties to Rising at the first call in the morning, he is required to be dressed and in line ready to answer roll call before the last notes of the reveille have sounded After this is over, if his squad is detailed for fatigue duty, he and the other members of it "police" or clean up the quarters, if in barracks, or the company street if in or one other variety of vegetables, is then served to him. The remainder of the day is given up to drills, either in company or battalion, parades and other duties that pertain to the life of a soldier.

Dosed by the Doctor. If sick and not able to perform his usual duties, the soldier is marched to the sur geon, when sick call sounds, and that officer either orders him to the hospital, if the case is serious, or doses him himself. If the soldier is shamming in order to escape the performance of duty, the surgeon quickly youth. pany detail he is marched onto the field, and with the other details the guard is formed To the other the world seeme and the ceremony of guard mount is gone bright; through. This is a very pretty ceremony, seemed to himself.

in which the regimental band is used to 'sound off." After this the guard is marched in review past the officer of the day to the guard house, where for twenty-four hours the men are quartered, when not on post. The guard is divided up into three Fighting Cocks, the National Passion in the reliefs, each with a corporal, and over all is the sergeant of the guard, the officer of the guard and the officer of the day, respectively. Each man stands guard two hours and is off for four, this routine keeping up throughout the twenty-four hours for which the guard

is detailed. At guard mount, the adjutant inspects the men and selects the one that is best dressed, whose uniform and who is the best drilled, to act as orderly at headquarters. This is coveted detail, and before going on guard every man aspiring to the honor spends an hour or two blacking up his leather, shining his brasses and cleaning his gun as well as such high favor as in the Philippine islands, brushing up his uniform, hoping to be vate soldier has considerable authority under Nearly every native throughout the Philiphis orders, which relate to the protection of pines keeps a fighting cock, which is his guard and his commanding officer. All and sleeps in the arms of his master, who is others are subject to the orders received by so devoted to him that he prefers his bird

time reveille is blown in the morning and saved. amenable to this, and can get through on has not more cocks than human inhabit. steam war vessels ever built. It was combeing recognized.

If ambitious and a good soldler, the private may become a corporal, and later a sergeant. If he aspires to become a commissioned officer in the regular army, he may take the required examination. The authority from the adjutant general's office, army regulations provide that, "With the view to the selection of proper unlisted men regular army, and have been stretched a as 'candidates for promotion' to the grade of second lieutenant, each department commander will, as soon as practicable after March 15 of each year, convers a loard of five officers for the preliminary examination dier is closely questioned on all the points of the sodiers of his command who are before mentioned, and after having fur- legally qualified applicants for a commission, to determine their eligibility for the competitive examination. This board will institute a rigid inquiry into the character, capacity, record and qualifications of the several candidates, and will recommend none for competitive examination who are no able to establish their fitness for promotion to the entire satisfaction of the board. Oa September 1 of each year the War department will convene a board of five officers for the final competitive examination to determine the fitness and order of merit for promotion of the soldiers who have successfully passed the preliminary examination." A civilian, to be eligible for the appointment of a commission, must be a citizen of the United States, unmarried, between the ages of 21 and 27 years, must be examined and approved as to habits, moral character, mental and physical ability, edu-

cation and general fitness for the service. In the volunteer service, officers are usu ally selected by the governor after competitive examination. This pertains to all officers of the rank of colonel and under at

MINE REVEALED BY LIGHTNING. Target for Jove's Thunderbolts

Whenever a Sform Occurred. "The best paying and most valuable iron mine in North Catolina," said one of the meful one to the soldier. Having a hole geologists of the Geological Survey to the in the center, through which the head can Washington Star, "was discovered by lightbe run, it is used in lieu of an overcoat as ning. It came about in this way: A gentlea protection from the rain; and at night, man who owned a large farm picked out one laid on the ground, it keeps the dampness of the prettiest cliffs or small hills on it as out of his bed. If the recruit is to see the site for a residence. It was very nicely service in the artillery or cavalry he will situated, sloping from all sides, and besides be given an extra cap, blouse and pair of had a fine spring of water very near it. The trousers, all of canvas, for "fatigue" serv- water was first tested and proved to be In case the troops are to see service nearly pure, though it had a trace of iron in it, not enough, however, to interfere to any crives in addition a heavy overcoat, with great extent with its taste. There were four mittens and cap. Each infantryman's equip- large and finely shaped trees on the hill, the ment consists of a rifle and cartridge belt, locations of which were such that the house clothing bag (knapsack), haversack, in was built among them, a tree being at each which is carried the meat can, knife and corner of the house. The first storm that lesson as a soldier. After being detailed to linger around there in preference to spread- the prows of every coasting ship," says an ing year while lying off Gibraltar. some company, to the infantry branch of ing through the valley. The following storm old traveller, "and, as if the living were not first Ohio was a sailing three-decker of service, for instance, he is put in charge of was equally familiar, and at its conclusion enough, they are sculptured, they are painted eighty guns, the most famous ship of that a non-commissioned officer, either a cor- the large gum tree, the largest and hand- and charcoaled (not artistically), on every stately type which ever flew the stars and somest of the four around the house, was wall for public admiration." ties. The first and essential thing he learns found to be lying on the ground, having been to do is to take the "position of the soldier" struck by lightning. In less than a year the favorite cock and takes him everywhere he ing ship at the Charlestown navy yard. the command, "Attention." This in detail when they were gone the lightning destroyed any one's bird, but it is very polite to ask cut, Florida and Wyoming-are honored by is as follows: Heels on the same line, as the baras, corn houses, tobacco houses and to examine him. They count the scales on Secretary Long's bestowal of their names each other as the conformation of other outbuildings. So far, however, the resi- his legs, look at the form and distinction of upon the four new coast defense monitors the man permits; feet turned out equally and dence was not struck, but the owner moved them; examine the rings on the spurs and There was in 1862 a confederate inronclad forming with each other an angle of about out and deserted it. In one month after-look to see whether the two spurs are alike; ram Arkansas, which did some brilliant

"The fatalities connected with the house, coupled with the prominence of its owner, were made the subject of an article in the opposite the seams of the trousers; elbows local paper. This found its way into Pittsburg and other papers. A prospector who is now one of the owners of the iron mine happened to see it, and it was not long before he was on the ground. He was satisfied from the first that there were reasons why the lightning played such havoc with that particular property, and that a bed of iron tie a horse to a tree or horse-block. thereabouts was the attraction. Without making public his reasons he began negotiations for the purchase of the hill and surrounding land, and he was able to secure the same for about his own price. In less than six weeks he located the iron and examined to some extent its quantity, which he found o be enormous. Then he capitalized the inoperation. It payed from the first day and has been steadily paying for over twelve years. The hill on which the residence was located turned out to be, after ten feet of the dirt was removed therefrom, a mass of iroa. "The whole cost of the outfit, including the cost of the land, was not over \$45,000. and over \$150,000 worth of iron has been telling how long the supply will continue. This is not the only instance in iron mining where lightning identified the mine. The surprising thing to me is that the residence stood as long as it did, with such an attrac-

> Willing to Do His Share. Chicago Post: "Say," he said when he entered the old gentleman's office, "I went out to buy some stamps and I made a mis

tion for lightning immediately under it."

'In what way?" asked the old gentleman unsuspiciously, for, although he had had seventeen or eighteen years' experience with the boy, that being the time that had clapsed since the youth had come into the world, he was still sometimes caught nap-

you see it's just this way," explained the boy. "Instead of getting post-Breakfast, usually consisting of age stamps they gave me some of these coffee, bread, meat of some kind, with beans new-fangled revenue stamps that they put bank checks."
"Ho, ho! Ha, ha!" laughed the old gen-

"Of course I can't waste them," answered the boy. "Suppose you make out a check and I'll put the stamp on it. That's fair

enough Detroit Journal: "And now," exclaimed the bridegroom, radiantly, "what is your

The clergyman grasped the hand of the learns this and sends him back to his "I feel interested in you," he replied, quarters with a lecture, but no excuse from with warmth. "I will therefore say that is detailed for guard duty, outpost or picket duty. With the other members of his company detail he is marched onto the field, and only less bright, indeed, than he

SOME THINGS WE MAY ANNEX

Philippines.

EVERY NATIVE HAS ONE OR MORE

Care and Attention Given to the Serapping Chicken-A Favorite in the Domestic Circle-Arranging the Fights.

Nowhere in the world is the cock held in where our great naval victory_recently took

government property and the passing to great pride. He carries it about with him and fro of persons and vehicles. He can everywhere, either perched on his shoulder,

retreat at night, the sentry salutes all offi- Some men possess as many as six or eight noble ship whose wreck lies in Havana har cers by presenting arms. At night, after of these birds, for which no amount of bor. There have been a Missouri and an taps and until reveille, he allows nobody to money will induce them to part, and some. Ohio on the navy lists before. The former pass through his post without giving the times they are valued at \$600. There is countersign. His commanding officer is not hardly a locality in the Philippines which the Mississippi, and one of the first large

gives vent to his joy by a triumphal crow, but it sometimes happens that the wounded cock rises unexpectedly, and, crowing, turns furiously upon the victor. If the latter should fly, as is sometimes the case, he is condemned to a terrible death. The feathers are plucked from him while he is alive, and he is hung outside the gallera in a disgraceful state of nakedness!

The living bird which revived when at the point of death is, on the other hand, greatly honored. His wounds are staunched with tobacco leaves, dipped in cocoanut wine, and the cock-doctor takes him to the cock-hospital to treat him until he recovers. when he is well, he is a hero, and the next time he appears in public, bets are heavy on him. Tagals, Chinese, and Spanlards all share in the enthusiasm for the cock, and for the feathery tournaments.

GOOD NAMES, THESE

Those Selected for the New War Ships -Bits of Maral History. Secretary Long has chosen good names for the thirty-five new war ships authorized by this year's generous naval approcitizens is comparatively simple, for the men only receive orders from the officers of the or held in his arms. The cock eats, crows printion bill, relates the Boston Journal. The three new linesof-battleships are the Maine, the Missouri and the Ohio. Custhe sentry, who is authorized to go to cer- to his wife, or children, and when his straw tom prescribes that first-raters shall bear tain lengths to enforce them. Between the or bamboo but catches fire which frequently the names of states, and it was expressly hours of sunrise and sunset, or from the happens, the cock is the first occupant to be stipulated by congress that one of these three should perpetuate the fame of the was a wooden sidewheel frigate, a sister of



came up after the house was occupied was a ants, "There are cocks in every house, at pleted in 1842 and after some successful severe one, and the lightning seemed to every corner, at the foot of every tree, on cruises was accidentally burned the follow-

When the master arises he picks up his other trees met with the same fate, and goes. It is considered very rude to touch ward the corner of the house was knocked they look at the shape of the toes and the fighting on the lower Mississippi and nails; count the number of their wingfeathers, which should be eleven; and intakes his cock to church and fastens him

> The Cocking Mains. The galleras, where the cock fights take trees, bamboo, or grass, consisting of a hall self in the large hall, surrounded by sloping

of the contending cocks, now enter. Each t to the audience, caresses it, places it on , the ground, picks it up again, blows cigar smoke over it, and tells it to fight bravely. At this juncture the cock generally crows aloud in defiance and pride. The audience criticize the birds freely and make bets. The sharp steel spurs, two inches long, are now fastened to the natural spurs of the birds, and then the birds are presented to each other with much ceremony. The sign of attack is now given and the cocks are set-to. The two proud cocks, which have been purposely chosen and trained for this day, are now the center of attraction. They bear themselves erect; their deportment is bold and warlike; they raise their heads, fluff out their ruffs, and beat their sides with their wings, the feathers of which spread out in the form of a peacock's tail. They pace about the arena with haughty manners, perfectly conscious of the coming performance, which is to bring glory to the one and shame to the other, and, perhaps, death to one, or both. They raise their legs cautiously, and dart angry looks at each "What are you going to do with other like two warriors who know that they are to fight an enemy before an assembly

> The Fight. Soon the cocks fall upon each other with courage and fury, inflicting terrible wounds upon each other, which they do not appear to heed. Just as one cock grows weak, the cruit his strength. Then he attacks afresh.

gathered to witness the combat.

stripes. It ended its days, as thousands of Bostonians will remember, as the receiv Four other states-Arkansas. Connecti

caused much concern to Admiral Farragut, but the name has never until now been tently regard the eyes and the comb. White | borne by a United States war vessel. The eyes are preferred, and a short comb that . Connecticut and Florida of the old wooden falls over the eyes and beak is considered navy were large, swift "commerce destroyperfection. Color makes comparatively lit- ers," built toward the end of the civil war tle difference, and consequently there are to bring moral pressure to bear upon Great white cocks, red cocks, white cocks with Britain for a settlement of the Alabama black spots, etc. The Tagal native even claims. They were completely successful in this, but it was their only active service. to a bamboo stick outside, just as one would . They were both sold out of the navy and sent to the marine junk heap years ago.

The sixteen new torpedo boat destroyers in accord with department practice, are place, are large buildings made of palm given the names of hero officers of the old wars. The Bainbridge recalls the memory lighted by windows in the roof. Around of a hard-fighting old captain of the illthis, on the outside, there is a high paling, fated Philadelphia, who languished in the behind which the cocks are kept waiting dungeons of the Bashaw of Tripoli, as Hob until their turn comes to appear in the son now in those of Santiago, and comarena. The entrance fee is a trifling coin, manded "Old Ironsides" in her brilliant acless than a year he had an iron mine in full or indeed a cigar will do, and you find your- tion with the Java. Barry-John Barry o Wexford-was Irish born, a true American, scats, and with a stage about five feet high a revolutionary sailor, and the first comin the center. Bamboo galleries run along modore of the United States navy. Chaun ey the walls and these are generally crowded. | was the senior American officer on the Two native Philippine islanders, owners great lakes in 1812. Perry of Lake Erie was his subordinate, but victory has made the one carries his bird under his arm, exhibits junior's name more famous. Dale was lieutenant of the Bon Homme Richard, and in after years a squadron commander against the corsairs of the Mediterranean.

Decatur won his first fame in the des perate combats off Tripoli, and enhanced it by his capture of the British Macedonian in the old United States and by his desperate defense of the unlucky President Hopkins was the first continental commo dore in the revolution; Hulf, the captain of the constitution in her dramatic triumph over the Guerriere, and Stewart, her captain when she took the Cyane and the Levan Lawrence was the victor of the Hornet's battle and the scarcely less glorious vanquishe of the Chesapeake's. Macdonough led the American force on Lake Champiain when it crushed a stronger fleet, officered and manned by Nelson's veterans. Paul Jones was the picturesque captor of the Ranger and the Scrapis, and Truxtun was the Constellation's commander when she defeated the Insurgent and the Vengeance in our short war with France. Preble was commodore off Tripoli in the cruise in which "Old Ironsides" first won distinction. Whipple was a bold revolutionary captain. Worden, as a young lieutenant, brought the Monitor into her first battle, and died awhile

ago an admiral. As to the names given to the twelve torpedo boats. Biddle was the captain of the thought of victory seems to arouse him to the British at sea in both of our wars of renewed effort, and he draws back—to re- independence. Nicholion is a name borne with renown by several brave officers, from to five minutes after the set-to, one of the birds is sure to be wounded or killed. It is squadron, helped to wrest California from singular, but true that the victorious cook Markey in 1846 and add to the squadron in 1846 singular, but true, that the victorious cook Mexico in 1846 and add it to the union, who volunteered to go, but none came back, firing it from the gun in the position he #8.

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fatal venture into the frozen north. Last of all, least in rank, but not least in ublic remembrance, is young Bagley, the first American officer to fall in the present war. It was a felicitous thought of Secretary Long's to give to one of the new torpedo boats the name of the brave ensign of

THE VETERAN'S STORY.

baolutely True Tale of How the Sergeant Sent News to the General. The veteran, in the dingy uniform that might have been gray or blue, was perhaps a shade indefinite as to where he had experienced the stories he was telling, relates the New York Sun, but he was an interesting old fellow, and his listeners had been reading too many war tales sent by special messengers to newspapers to worry about the details so long as the results were good. So they filled up the narrator's beer mug and set him going again. "One of the oddest things," he said, with

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"One morning I told the general that my scheme we worked, and my brother, being prother and me had a scheme to get the in- a fine gunner, had no trouble gettting in ormation he wanted, and if he would agree with the artillery company, especially when to promote us both if we got it, we'd try for he went to the officers with a story about it. He mighty near agreed to make brigad- how he could get the gun in the position iers of us, but we compromised on sergeants, that they had been trying so long to get and my brother left for the other side, after and couldn't, owing to our battery on the nanded the Jeannette in her intrepid but telling me good-by. For two days we did other bank of the river. He was a great not hear from him, and on the third the strategiet, was my brother, and ought to enemy got a twelve-pound gun into a position the battery I was with had been fighting him away from for a week, and I got a his promotion, though I did mine, as the blast from the major, but I never said a general said I should. word. Neither did the general; and my poor killed at the battery he fired the shell from, brother-nobody knew where he was.

"Strange to say, our battery didn't open as like as not I done it myself, but that up on the enemy, either, in his new posi- is war." tion, and the officers began to look worried waiting to hear from the general in command. About 10 o'clock in the morning the enemy's gun let loose with a roar that tore the ground up, and a shell that looked to me to be as big as a barrel came flying across the river and hit in a sand pile in the rear of our battery. In a minute I had broke for that sand pile and was scratching like a dog at a rabbit hole, and pretty soon I come out with a shell in my arms and was cutting across lots for the

general's tent. "I never stopped to ask any questions of the folks at our battery, but got to the general as soon as I could, and rushing right into his tent, I dropped that hot shell into a bucket of water and out again, and let into the vent of it with a hatchet. Well, to one occasion we had been watching the make a long story short, on the inside of enemy for a week, trying to keep him from the shell where the blow-up stuff usually the Wasp of 1812-15. Barney fought against crossing a river until our reinforcements had is was a communication from my brother got up, but the rains had set in and men signed Sergeant John Smith, giving the gencouldn't move, and we were pretty sure that eral the very kind of information he was the enemy was up to some dodge or other crazy to git hold of, and it fixed him so that was going to wipe us off the face of the that he knocked the enemy galley west in blood has freely flowed and the champions to Somerville Nichelsen, now living, a rehave fought valiantly, one cock drops dead, tired commodore. D'Brien was the daring and guns as we had to meet him with. Of enough, for it wasn't such a great secret Machias rebel who took the first king's ship of the revolutionary war. Shubrick is the dead blue, and they offered all sorts of in-Generally the combat is short. From two name of several American sea officers, one ducements for some of our fellows to go git back with it when our men went over

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and by the guns of my own friends.

Nebraska: Original-Thomas King, Wisner, \$6; John W. Latta, Tekamah, 12, Res-toration and increase—William Bradley, Deweese, \$8 to \$14. Increase—Hannibal Page, Alma, \$17 to \$24. Philip R. S. Tinsley, Ainsworth, \$8 to \$12. Pearce, Palmer, \$6. Ori Reissue-Franklin Original widows, etc. -Elizabeth Snelling, Lincoln, 18; Clarissa. Hinds, Schuyler, \$8; supplemental, minor of John Clark, Kearney, \$2. Original-Special, June 25, Sam-Pierce, Cedar Falls, \$12; Thomas

to \$12; John J. Duncan, Mt. Ayr, \$8; Abraham Goodman, Silver City, Luke Fleming, Manchester, \$14 to-Reissue—Adam Emge, Dunlap, \$12. Original widows, etc. Susan E. Adams, Garden Grove, \$8; Anna M. Eberhart, To-ledo, \$8; Martha A. Marshall, Marshallown, \$8; Emma Heaton, Burlington, \$12, South Dakota: Restoration and increase -Special, June 25. Adam Gebert, Sioux Falls, \$5 to \$20. Original widows, etc.-Antonio Mullenberg, Zeil, \$8, Colorado: Original-Curtis Schermer-

Wyoming: Original-John Ashley, Owen,