

TALL YARNS OF A SOLDIER

A Variety of Experiences Calculated to Curl One's Hair.

BARON MUNCHAUSEN HAS BEEN

Samplers of Wonders Performed by Cavalryman Armed with Ripe Imagination and a Hot Air Reservoir.

Drawing the long bow is confined to no people or class. The army is no exception, and the yarns of some of our raconteurs are no nothing in the entertaining qualities because their authenticity might reasonably be doubted.

Years ago there was one particular cavalry officer who was endowed with qualities rivaling those of Munchausen. Though he was not old, those who kept account of the time he spent in his various experiences could not escape that he had been actively engaged in man's pursuits for over a century, at least. His yarns were unique. For instance, at one time he was in Scandinavia with his father, who, according to the story, was head forester for the king. Part of his duty was to select and send to the royal shipyards especially fine ship timber. One monarch of the forest had long challenged his admiration. But year after year he felt obliged reluctantly to pass it by for want of transportation facilities. At last he could resist no longer. The king must have this pride of the forest. After carefully preparing a bed to prevent its breaking in the fall the splendid tree was felled. As an agent of the monarch he requisitioned oxen to haul it. So heavy was the log that when the great number of oxen required to move it were taken up the hundreds of feet above the ground beneath them.

Stretching Tall Timber. Again, he was in Cape Colony with his father, who this time was an agent of the British government and in charge of the great government warehouses. Increasing needs made an additional warehouse necessary. All building materials had to be brought from England. It took a year to get them. At last the long delayed material arrived and, following the custom of the time and place, everything in readiness, all the men in the vicinity were invited to the "raising." When, lo and behold! through some blunder one of the principal timbers had been cut eighteen inches too short. Unless remedied it meant a delay of another year. "My father," said he, "thought a moment and then ordered one end of the timber chained fast; to the other end he hitched a pair of strong young African oxen and began to pull and, by the Lord Harry, before he could stop them they stretched that timber twenty-two inches!"

Again, he was in Glasgow, this time on his own account and at the head of a great shipyard. The place was infested with rats. So destructive were the rodents that they gnawed great holes in the hulls of new vessels and killed the crews. How to get rid of them was a question. Many attempts had been made, followed by many failures. In the midst of the distress appeared a vagabond, who claimed to have discovered a means of banishing rats. But little attention was paid to his claims. He was persistent and confident. Finally he was permitted to make a trial. All openings to the yard, but one were tightly closed. The tramp entered and sprinkled throughout the premises a mysterious white powder, his secret, tasteless and odorless. Long and fast, followed by the shipyard officials and the assembled and curious crowd, waited and watched until ready to proclaim another failure. Wait a moment! O squire! Another instant a great rodent hoary with age came out. No one molested him. Off he moved, followed by another and another—faster and faster. For four days and nights incessantly the rats poured out and marched away in single file. Whether they went no one knew. At last the long procession ceased. A moment more, a little scratching—then emerged two young rats, with a straw in their mouths leading an old blind rat between them. Never again was a rat seen in the yard. The tramp vanished and with him his secret.

But back to the tall timber; it seemed to inspire him. Standing in the midst of some magnificent pines in the Wind River country reminded him of being in Southern Russia with his father, who had become a trusted and highly esteemed forester in the employ of the Czar. There had just been felled a superb walnut. From it a log over 100 feet in length, without a knot or twig, had been cut. So perfect as the tree that the log was the same diameter at the top that it was at the bottom. But his father was deeply chagrined that in felling it a silver was sprung out of the base of the trunk. He thought to break it out, but as sunlight was the grain that the silver ran on and on clear to the top, and there it lay, perfectly square and exactly four inches on each side through its entire length.

He was a nimrod, too. Shortly after joining the army, he was hunting in Indian Territory, his army carbine was his weapon; wild turkeys were the game. But none could be sight. Discouraged and disgusted, he mounted his horse, fired all his ammunition away to amuse himself by shooting larks on the wing as he rode slinking toward camp. Just as the sun was sinking a rustling caused him to look back, and following, not fifty yards in the rear, was a huge gobbler, followed by a dozen or more hens, all apparently mocking him in his helplessness. Oh, for a cartridge! A hasty search of belt, box and pockets! Only a single blank cartridge. But an idea! "I'll try shooting my hamrod!" Instantly the act followed the thought and said he: "Quick, my carbine! I aimed at the gobbler's throat, and will you believe it, I strung eleven birds on that ramrod and took them in camp."

At one time he was stationed at a small isolated post in Wyoming. Said he: "There was little to do and I was in command and slept late. I never care for early breakfast. My quarters stood alone. My bed-room was on the ground floor in a 'U' just out the window on one side ran a beautiful brook, clear and cold. Quite as near on the other side was one of nature's curiosities—a boiling spring. How the two existed so close one to another will ever be a mystery to me. But I took advantage of the situation. I kept in my room by fish rods and flies. For my breakfast it was my custom to cast out into the brook and pull in a trout; without removing it from the hook, toss it out the other window, boil it in the spring and then sprinkle it with salt and pepper, which I kept on my dressing table, and eat it. Ah! (smacking his lips) that was living."—Army and Navy Life.

Pensions for Teachers. WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—If a bill which Representative Alexander of Missouri has introduced becomes a law the teachers

who were engaged as such during the war with Mexico will be placed upon the pension roll. The government has heretofore refused to grant pensions to teachers, although importunately pressed to do so in many cases connected with the civil war.

WHERE OUR HEAT COMES FROM

Vagaries of Weather Conditions Puts Pacific States in Tropical Zone.

An unusually hot day in summer or a mild one in winter in the United States is due not to an increased amount of heat received directly from the sun, but to the transportation of heated air from a warmer region. The same is true of the so-called "cold waves." This is brought out clearly in a recent investigation by Prof. Bigelow of the United States naval observatory. An increase in solar radiation will add to the heat of the tropics, but owing to the fact that it causes an inflow of cold air from the poles it decreases the temperature in middle latitudes. All this is especially true of countries spreading over wide continental areas, as the United States does.

In an investigation of the weather records of the whole country Prof. Bigelow finds that the Pacific states form really a part of the tropical system, in which the atmosphere is generally quiet, being free from the great circular storms characteristic of the rest of the continent. Thus the eternal summer of southern California is due to the fact that just here the tropics thrust up a calm area into the more turbulent region miscalled the "temperate zone."—New York Herald.

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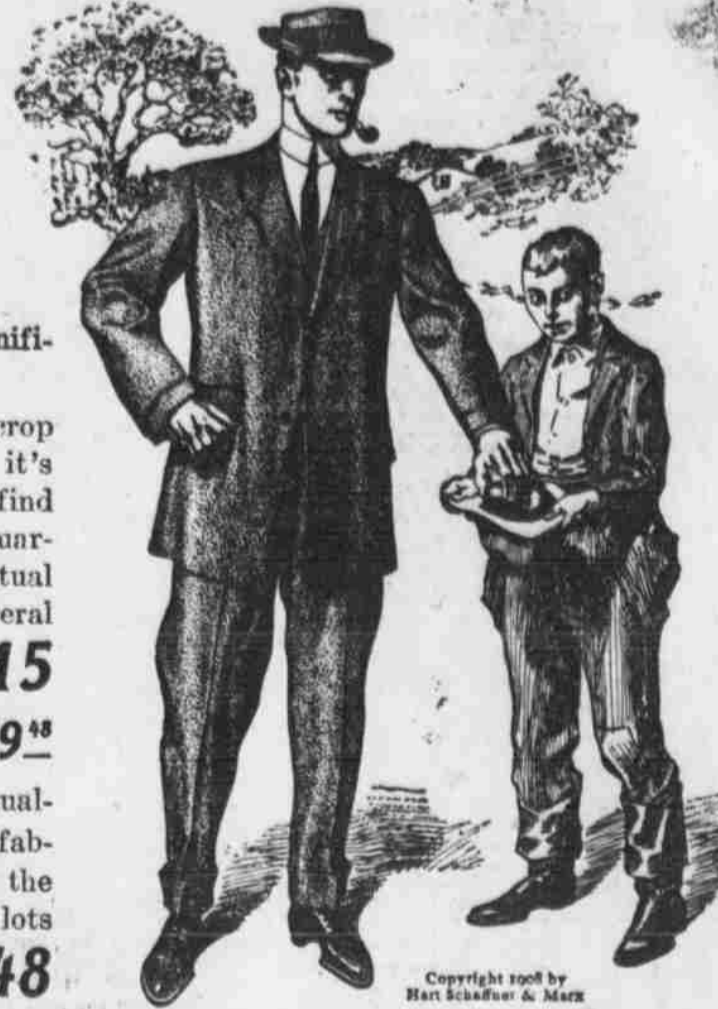
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