

A Medal of Honor.

(Original.)
The British government gives its soldiers who show great bravery in life saving a decoration called the Victoria cross. The badge is an unpretentious affair made of gun metal, but it is the most coveted of any British army honor. In America we have no such decoration, and when a man bravely rescues a comrade he must be content with the thanks of the man he has saved.

During the Mexican war a general of brigade was one day reconnoitering with an aid-de-camp when he ran full upon a nest of Mexicans, who spat fire like so many rattlesnakes. The aid threw himself before his general and covered his retreat, receiving a wound in the arm and one in the leg. The general escaped unhurt. When the affair was over and the two dismounted before the general's tent he said to his aid:

"What's that on your belt clasp?"
The aid looked down and pulled away a bullet that had been flattened against the brass clasp. Had it not been stopped on its way it would have penetrated the young man's stomach, and that at that time meant death. The general passed the young man's hand silently. Words would not express what he owed his subordinate.

When Lieutenant Passmore went home after the war he took the flattened bullet with him. He used to call it his medal. A man who is especially valued for his services is often called a "medal man," and Passmore failed to mention it as a business like which he took upon leaving the army. Perhaps the flattened bullet had slipped into some pocket, and he never thought of it until he was home.

The poor fellow's heart was pained. He thought that all the more slowly he would be had received in the leg in saving his commander's life, then it bowed him to him. He showed his wound to his mother after his return. His mother and she he held it long as possible, because he had been given him by his mother. When his watch went in order to keep up appearances with his chin he took his flattened bullet and wore it where the watch should be.

Meanwhile the general whose life Passmore had saved had prospered. We will call him Wingate. He had made money, and the prominence arising from his wealth and his service in war had placed him in a high position in politics. He became governor of his state. Since he lived in the eastern states and his former aid-de-camp in the west the two were apart. Passmore after hearing that Wingate had attained so high a position spent six months trying to make up his mind to apply to him for some subordinate office whereby he could make a living. Finally he overcame his retiring disposition, succeeded in borrowing enough money to pay his fare and went to see the governor.

He arrived on the day of a great parade of the state militia. The governor was to review the procession. Passmore took a position near the stand and saw his former general enter with his suit. He tried to reach a point on the street in front of and below the governor's seat, but a policeman stopped him.

"Let me go on," said Passmore. "I know the governor personally."
The policeman looked suspicious, but passed him. Passmore stood directly beneath his old chief, with his hat pulled down over his eyes. The parade was late in moving and had not arrived. The governor took out his watch impatiently.

"This isn't the way you moved on the Mexican governor," said Passmore, looking up from under his hat.
The governor glanced down to see who spoke.

"You moved on time, governor," Passmore continued.
"Ah, yes, my good man. They'll be here directly. They're only ten minutes late."
"Half an hour."
"My watch says 12:10," rejoined the governor. "The hand of the column was to have passed here at 12."
"Your watch is wrong, governor—twenty minutes wrong."
"What time have you, my friend?" asked the governor.
Passmore pulled out the flattened bullet.

A change came over the governor's face. His eyes were fixed to the crude medal. It brought a far distant memory. Then he leaned over the rail that divided him from the street, grasped Passmore's hat and pulled it off.

"Great heavens! Are you Tommy Passmore?"
"That I am, general."
The governor was a large, powerful man. He took Passmore by the collar, lifted him clean over the rail and set him down in a seat beside him. Just then there was a hurrah down the street, strains of martial music, and governor and staff assumed that position of attention and dignity expected of a reviewing party. Then the procession passed, many wondering who was the shabby man beside the governor.

The world is full of ingratitude, but the army doesn't foster it. Soldiers rarely forget that other life when their standards were different. The governor gave Passmore a lucrative office, and when the former went to the senate Passmore went to Washington with him.

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To Cure Feather Falling.
Mix a large quantity of extract of sassafras with half a quart of water, and apply it to the affected parts. The sassafras will disengage the feather scales. If the falling is very close, use a fine brush to apply the mixture. It will grow again and will prevent feather falling. This is a good remedy for all feather falling.

Keep Chickens on the Grass.
If you keep chickens on the grass, they will be healthy and lay well. They will eat the grass and do not need much feed. They will be clean and fresh, and will provide a natural and generous supply of this nature.

Hens on Ranges.
When hens are on ranges, the amount of food they eat is an unknown quantity, and as they are sure of exercise enough, it is usually safe to feed them all they will eat. Feed but twice a day. Give in the morning as much of either mash or grain as they will eat clean and go foraging after eating. In the evening give them all they will eat.

Raising Pheasants on Chick Feed.
Pheasants are considered hard to raise. They are certainly harder to rear than chickens. They are being successfully raised now on chick feed. Formerly it was considered necessary to feed them on "game" but this has been proved to be a fallacy. Quails are most common and are considered one of the most hardy varieties.

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