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# Five Years on Guard.

During the French empire every regiment had its dog, whose intelligence, thanks to the soldiers' care, War improved by education and discipline. The grand army's dogs were picked up almost everywhere, exneut in England. They had been recruited in Poland, in Prussia, in Holland, in Saxony, and in Flanders. They were mongrel mastiffs, bounds, Danish dogs, and Spiniels. But no matter whence they came, they soon turned out French. Foreign dogs were naturalized without knowing it.

Rugen is an island in the Black Sea, opposite to Stralsund, on the coast of Pomerania. Fortified both by nature and by art, its situation is exceedingly strong. In time of peace, in consequence of its fertile soil, its salubrious air, and its mild climate, Rugen is a delightful retreat. In time of war it is an important post, a natural citadel, a formidable fortress, whose afterward." possession has been purchased at the expense of many a bloody fight. During the campaign of 1807 this island was comprised in their sphere of operation by the corps commanded by Marshal Davonst, and was mined to try and keep him for good and all. occupied by an infantry regiment of the line, and by several companies of suppers and miners. The regiment of course, had a dog-s black-and white poodle named Capucin, not because he was born in a Capucin | not anxiously awaiting my return to France, I would convent in Italy, (which would have been a softcient reason,) but in allusioneto the copper or iron The dog's sharp bark might, perhaps, have been concerns my dauguter." thought to resemble the sunppy report of a musket.

In consequence of a change in the plan of operations ordered by Napoleon the clist, the island had to be suddenly evacuated, to carry out a movement in retreat abandoning the line of the Pomeranian coast: Every post, every man was withdrawn, but in such a has yway that they forgot an advanced sentinel. perched on the top of a billook, which commanded the entrance of Rug-n. This sentinel was a young soldier, names Firman Benard, who had scarcely been three years in the service. At present a soldier who had served three years is considered quite a veteran; at that time troopers who could reckon three, five, seven and nine years of service, were til called conscripts. Now, Bonard the & dier, and Cappein, the dog happened to je particular friends, bound by the strong at ties of mutual attachment,

The corporal of the post had planted Firmin as sent net on the hillock exactly at midnight. The latter therefore calculated on being relieved at two in the morning, and also that from till five in the morning when the present is satisfactory and thefuture prohe would have three good h u s to dose and slumber In the corps off guard. So Firman Bonard begained the time by anticipating this supreme indulger ce, also | gen signaled a fleet of ships in the offing. They were by thoughts of his village steeple, of his aged cure's ancient house keeper, of the impstack where he used to play at hide and seek, and sundry other recollections. In this way the minutes slipped slowly by. and the two hours' guard were drawing to close.

All at once he heard a slight noise. He listened. "It is the corporal coming to relieve guard," he thought, and prepared to atter the formal "qui vive." But the sound, which resembled that of human footsteps was soon followed by complete silence. "I esaldn't be mistaken!" be said to himself. "Besides,

THE NORTH CAROLINA ARGUS, my time must now be up." He listened again, still more ing of a dog, who came running forward in his direction. On recognizing Capucla's voice the sentinel looked around him anxiously. Perceiving nothing which threatened an attack, he wondered what could be the mes jug of this nocturnal visit. Before he patience, jumped into the sea and swam ashore. had time to consider the matter the animal had

climbed the nill and was jumping up his legs.

"It is you, Capucin. Very good. You got tired of wiring there; and I am tired of waiting here.

The sir is keen, and I am terribly sleepy. You should The air is keen, and I am terribly sleepy. You should begt, which was filled with officers, composing Marhave stopped. He ought to sell it for old iron, and | you doing here?"

Capacia's answer was a frenzied bark and a series

asking me to dence to warm myself. It's a pity you are not provided with the paraword and a musket."

Capucin commenced to bark, running right and left to meet him balf way, barking with joy, and jumping tree useless, he ran up to the soldier and pulled him into his arms. by the cont, and tried hard to pull him away, renewing his efforts with so much violence that he tore the | Do whatever you like. Dirty me, tear my clothes; I soldier's uniform. Firmin considering this proof of shan't send you away. I ought to have made a better affection more troublesome than pleasant, lost his retorn for your attempt to save me. temper, and gave poor Capucin a kick. The dog Followed by the faithful dog, Firmin joined his forhowing at finding himself so cruelly insitrested and mer courades. He gave a plain account of what had misunderstood, retreated to a few paces distant; but happened. By a lucky chance, the corporal who had soon returned, heedless of his friend's unkind treatment. All he did now was to look forgiveness and louged to Marshal Davoust's staff. He received his lick the soldier's hand. lick the soldier's hand.

"Be quiet will you? and take yourself off," said Firman barshly, as he threatened him with the butt Firman barshly, as he threatened him with the butt them with liberal bospitality. The adventure reached of his gun, to drive him away. Capacia finding that Murchal Davoust's ears. He laughed at Firmin's

cipline forbade his quitting the post; hunger, which drives the wolf ont of the wood, compelled him to forget the code militaire. He left his station and went to the guard-house muttering to himself. "If a young deserves to be shot for this, it is not I, but the poral, who dosen't understand his business and has sentimel on guard six hours at a time."

In the guard-house not a creature. The only supposition he could form was that the regiment and soot
to occupy another part of the island. He shouldered
his gun and walked off across the country in search
of his regiment. On the way he fell in with a farme
plowing a field. "Can you tell me," he asked him
"in what direction the French have marched?"

"They have gone away," was the startling reply.
"They embarsed at two o'clock this morning, stepping lightly, and without uttering a word, in consequence of an order renelved from the supperer."

quence of an order received from the emperor."

"Gone away, leaving me behind! I shall be reported as a deserter! Confound that corporal, he has been my ruin. I enderstand what pour Capacio meant. It is not the death I fear so much as the diagrace."

"Don't take on that way," said the farmer, in a consolatory tone of voice "Shricking never set a broken bone. Stay here and make the best of a bad business. If the French come back again I can prove that it was no fault of yours."

"My good man, you don't know the severity of our

"They will not punish you for a crime you have not committed. Meanwhile you can't live on air. You were probably brought up in the country, and are accustomed to country work?"

"Certainly. I can plow, for instance." "The very thing for me. I can offer you good board and lodging, and a small weekly payment, into the bargain. It will be the best thing you can do,

under the circumstances." The soldier heaved a heavy sigh, and slowly gazed all around the horizon, to see whether any of the ships were still visible. Beholding nothing, he said, at

last. "I thankfully accept your offer." "Good," said the farmer. Peter Baxen, "Come and breakfast at once. We will go on with the plowing

At Baxen's farm the soldier plowman had plenty of opportunity. He found such favor in the farmer's eyes-and in other people's, too-that Baxen deter-

"My worthy fellow," he said one day, "I look upon you almost as a son. "If my poor old father," Firman answered, "were

willingly remain in Rugen. "You can bring him back with you next time you

rings by which a gun barrel is fastened to its stock. go to France. But what I want to say to you now Firman colored up to the eyes.

"Unless I am much mistaken, you and she are very good feiends. Firmin uttered a few unintelligible words. "The neighbors even say you are in love with her

"I assure you I never uttered a word which could lead her to suppose that..." "I know it; and for that reason I took upon myse f to tell her that, if you had no objection, she might

have you for a husband." "And she said-" "Not a word; but she threw her arms around my neck and kissed me far a quarter of an hour." A forghtnight afterwards Firm in Bouard was mar-

ried to the fair haired Clarissa. Peter Buxen's only daughter. Four years then elapsed, pretty equally divided between love and labor. His thoughts occasionally reverted to France but he had almostiorgotten his compulsory desertion. The past soon fades from our memory

One marning the look-out man in the town of Ru-

men of war, carrying the French flog ' The French are coming!" people shouted to each

other. "They are going to and!" Firmin Bonard heard it "The French are coming!" rang in his cars like the boom of an alarm guo. It told him that he was a lost man. Nevertheless, a thought struck him which relieved his heart by a

glimmer of hope. He ran bome, put on his uniform, seized his arms, and mounted guard on the very spot where, five years before, he had been unintentionally ahandoned. Mean-

Mile bouts full of oldiers rowed toward the hillock. be the fore part of one of the boats was a black sut white poodle. As it approached the beach the creature burked with joy. In spite of his anxiety. Firmin's eyes filled with tears as he recognized his old friend Capucin. The dog, unable to master his im-

As soon as the boat had come within ear shot Firmin "ande ready," and shouted at the top of his roles, "Qui vive!" 'Qui vive, yourselfl' said the occupant of the first

"I am a sentinel, keeping gnard."
"A pretty sentinel! How long have you been on

Five years."

"It is time to come down, then," shouted the offi-

Poor Capucin, have it all your own way this time

ted his countrymen to the farm, where he entertained be could do no good, unwillingly made up his mind to depart. He arrived just in time to go on board with the last detachment of his corps.

At four o'clock Firman began to lose patience. Discipline forbade his quitting the post; hunger, which

It present fill the most important offices on the They are commonly known as the Sentinel's When the French finally left Rugen, Caremained. Like his master, he forgot his mil-mates, and devoted himself exclusively to farm-

#### [From the Wilm. Journal. WILMINGTON, CHARLOTTE AND BUTHERFORD RAILROAD.

We are glad to be able to state that President Cow. is sufficient to pay the entire floating debt of the Com- deminte region for panishment;

pany a build the road across the Pee Dee Riser.

It is hought with this aid, the entire completion pay some attention to the astronomical punishment of the rest work will be secured. The ingrease in which the learned and honorable Manager (Mr. Boutthe well) thinks should be applied to this novel case of imcol . To mant the extens a sector it was lost will make tributary to it, will establish its value and mportance, thus enabling the Company, as soon as the present revolutionary condition of civil government in the State shall have ended, to sell the remainder of the mortgage bonds at most satisfactory prices, and push forward the completion of the road to its Western terminus.

We congratulate the stockholders of the Company upon the success with which the efforts of Pres dent C. win have been crowned. It is a subject of hearty congratulation to this city especially, the future prosperity of which is more dependent upon the completion and liberal and successful mana ement of the Wilmington, Charlotte and Ruth rford Railroad than any-we had almost said thun all-other avenues of trade terminating here. And we know the announcement of the favorable completion of the negotiations of the Bonds of this road will give encouragement and heart to many who may have despaired of any early benefits to Wilmington from this work, and will be peculiarly acceptable in this dark hour of despondency.

Those unfamiliar with the condition of this road and the depressing influence of the times upon all Southern Railroads, affecting not only their credit. but impairing their value and ourtailing their receipts, capnot sufficiently estimate the berculean task which President Cowan has accomplished, or the difficulties he has overcome and the dangers he has averted. With the aid he has now secured, the work can be and will be pushed forward, and this road will soon become one of the most valuable as it is one of the most important in the State. The hope of its projectors will be realized at no distant day, and when prosperity small again return to our suffering section by restoration of public confidence, and the maintenance be seedred and established, then will his great artery of trade swell with the vast produce of the mighty West in exchange for that of the tropics; giving employment to thousands of industrious laborers, and bestowing wanto and property upon large sections of country! Even then those who labored so hard and diligintly in the dark hours of despondency and trouble gill not be forgetten -- their names will be remem bered with gratitude by those who will be reaping the beneats of their labors and trials.

### THE NEW PROVOST COURT OFFICE OF THE PROVOST COURT. Ruleigh, N. C , April 21, 1868.

The following rules are announced for the Government of this court, and will be changed whenever it may be necessary.

1st. All plendings will be reduced to writing and sworn to, stating in as few words as possible the cause of complaint and the reply to the same, which will close the issue in all civil cases. 24 In criminal cases, an affidavit must be made

stating the cause of complaint. 3d. The cost charged by the Clerks of the County Courts will be charged in all cases in this court for the Clerk and Sher ft, or other officer of the court.

Wm R. Richardson is hereby announced clerk of JOHN T. DEWEESE. said court. Provost Judge.

defence of the President.

Extracts from Mr. Evarts speech in

THE SKINNING OF THE BEAST.

During Mr. Evert's remarks on the 29th alt., be thus exceriate Mr. Manager Butler:

"Now, it has usually been supposed that on an actual trial, involving serious consequences, forensio discussion was the true method of dealing with the subject; and we lawyers appearing for the President being, as Mr. Manager Butter has been polite enough to say, 'attorneys whose practice in the law has shar-pened but not enlarged their intellect,' have confined ourselves to this method of fore-sic discussion. But we have learned here that there is another method of forensic controversy, which may be called the methodof concussion. Now, I understand the method of concussion to be to make a demonstration in the vicinity of the object of attack, whereas the method of discussion is to penetrate the position, and, if successful, capture it. The Chinese method of warefare is the method of concussion, and consists of a great braying of trumpets, sounding of gongs, and shouts and shricks in the neighborhood of the opposing force. When all this rolls away, and the air is freer, the effect is to be watched for. But it has been reserved to us, in our modern wareface as illustrated here in the rebellion, to present a more singular and notable instance of the method of warefare by concussion than ever has been known before. A fort, impregnable by the methods of discussion (that is, penetrating and capturing it.) has been, on a large scale, attempted to be captured by the method of concussion, and some hundreds of tous of gunpowder, placed in a vessel near the walls of the fort, has been made the means to the concussion of this vast experiment. Unsatisfied with the trial and its results, the honorable Manager who opened this case seems to have repeated the experiment in the vicinity of the Seuste. [Laughter.] While the air was filled with epithets, the dome shook with invective-wretchedness, misery, suffering, and blood were made the means of this explosive mixture-and here we are, surviving the concussion, and, after all, reduced to the humble and homely method of discu-sion which belongs to 'attorneys whose intellects have been sharpened but not enlarged by the practice of law.' " [General and continuous laughter.]

## BOUTWELL THE ASTRONOMER.

Mr. Evarts thus handles Boutwell, another of the Minagers, he having said in his speach that there an his just returned from the North, having made a most siventageous sale of the Bonds of the Wilming-ton, Chirlotte and Rotherford Railroad. The sale planet or body of any sort moved, and that the earth was for cash at seventy iva cents. The amount sold ought to upheave itself and send the President to this

peachment. Oncers I think it is who says that a lawyer should know everything, for sooner or later there is no fact to history, in science, or in human knowledge, that will not come into play in his argument. Profoundly sensible of my ignorance, being devoted to a profession which sharpens and does not enlarge the mind, I can admire without envying the superior knowledge evinced by the honorable Manager. But, nevertheless, while some of his colleagues were paying attention to an unoccupied and unappropiated island on the surface of the seas, Mr. Manager Bootwell, more ambitious, had discovered an untenanted and unappropriated region in the skies (laughter,) reserved, he would have us think, in the final councils of the Almighty, as a place of punishment for convicted and deposed American Presidents. (Laughter.) Now, at first I thought that his mind had become so enlarged that it was not sharp enough to observe that the Constitution had limited the punishment (laughfer), but, on reflection, I saw that he was legal and logical, as he was ambitious and astronomical; for the Constitution had said 'removal from office,' and bas' put no limit to the distance of removal. (Great laughter ) So, without shedding a drop of his blood, or taking a penuy of his property, or ironing his limbs, he is sentenced to removal from office and transports. tion to the skies. (Laughter.) This is the great undertaking; and if the learned Manager can only get over the obstacles of the laws of nature, the Constitution wou't stand in his way. [Laughter.] I can think of no method but that of a convulsion of the earth that should project the deposed President to. this infinitely distant space; but a shock of nature of so vast an energy and an great a result might unsettle. even the so firm members of Congress. [Laughter.] and supremacy of civil law and constitutional liberty the first place, nobody knows where place is but the learned Manager himself. [bughter, ] and he is the necessary deputy to execute the judgement of the court.

Let it, then, be provided that in case of your sentence of deposition and removal from office, the bonerable, the astronomical Manager shall take into his own hands the execution of the sentence. With the President made fast to his broad and strong shoulders and having already essayed the flight by imagination, better prepared to execute it in form-taking advantage of ladders, as far as ladders would go, in the top of this high capitol, and spurming then with his feet the God less of Liberty; let him set ont upon his flight [laughter] while the Houses of Congress and all the people of the United States, shall shout; 'Sie itur ad astra!' [Laughter, loud and long continued ] Here an oppressive doubt strikes me. How will the Manager get back? How, when he gets beyond the power of gravitation to restore him, will he get back? And so ambitious a wing as his could never stoop to a downward flight! No doubt, as he passes through the expanse, that famous question of Carlyle, by which he points out the littleness of haman affairs, What thinks Boot s of them, as he leads his huntingdogs over the zenith in their leash of s'dereal fire will occur to the Managers. What indeed, would Brotes think of this new const-liation [laughter] looming through space, beyond the power of Congress to send for persons and papers? [Laughter.] Who shall return, and how decide in the contest there begun, in this new revolution thus established? Who shall decide which is the sun and which is the moon? The culture of ten is about to be introduced Who shall determine-the only scientific test-which into Jamaica under the auspices of the English Govreflects the hardest upon the other?" [Laughter.]