There is one significant omission in the summary of casualties which a Greek or Roman historian appends to his narrative of a battle-there is no mention of the wounded. "There died," says. Thucydiden, after telling the story of the battle of Delium, which, both because it was fiercely fought on both sides, and because

we have a perfectly trust worthy account of it, we may take as a leading instance -"there died of the Beedians nearly ly a thousand." We may suppose, indeed, that the portion of the men killed outright in these hand to-hand fights was very large. A heavyarmed solidier, if he was wounded at all, was probably wounded to death. But this is not the reason why we hear only of the killed. That is to be found in the fact that the wounded were put to death as they lay upon the ground, as soon as one side or the other had gained possession of the field of battle. Men similarly trained and armed would meet in the actual encounter with about equal results; but as soon as one army was forced to quit its place, its losses would be swelled by the destruction of all the disabled men whom it had been compelled to leave behind it, as well as by the disadvantages of retreat. At Delium, for instance, as the Athenians were successful along half their line, the casualties of the conflict itself were probably equal on both sides, and the retreat, though broken, was soon covered by the night; but the field was loet, and, with the field, the wounded. Hence came a loss double that of the conquerors, and enormous in proportion to the number engaged (the total of heavy armed in each army was about six thousand, and some of these took no share in the conflict.) Que thousand killed would imply in the ordinary warfare of modern times a total of men hors de combat more than equal to the whole of the army. Imagine now a Greek warrior watching

a modern battle, such, for instance as that terrible fight at Sedan, for which the future bistorian will probably find a place among the "decisive battles" of the world. His first bewilderment at the vast seems to him essential to a genuine hardfought battle-"the fierce fighting and pushing of shields;" for from beginning to end it is a matter of war-engines, great ever cross hands in actual conflict. Then it strikes him that the result is scarcely proportionate to the enormous efforts employed. The difference of numbers considered, he has seen better work done in many a little battle of the old-fashioned sort, with which he was familar in the he anticipated, is obliged to leave the agent of Fisk, who was the only passengreater part of its wounded behind it .- ger on board.

certainly, and even practical, in which Jr., which was very welcome. modern wars involve us. Stated simply, the immediate object of war is to disable as quickly and effectually, and at as little cost, dauger, and loss to the belligerent as possible, the largest possible number of his opponents And as long as the object is pursued with singlewas of purthat are often found in its close neigh- down, and said : borhood, the desire of revenge, the love of inflicting pain, and so on, it is difficult to establish (the object itself being once allowed to be legitimate) any moral difference between various modes of obtain, ing it. To use an effective weapon which also inflicted great pain, because it inflicted pain, would be cruel, and therefore tive ignoring the accident of the pain, would be, putting aside any rules that civilized men may have agreed to follow, justifiable. Attempt to modify the simple principle, though we quite agree that it must be modified, and, and you get into a labyrinth of casuistical difficulties. It is manifestly easy to construct questions of conscience on this subject matter which it is impossible to decide. London Spectator.

Russia has only 10,000 doctors, which is one to 7,182 people. In some districts there is no physician within less than a ever hear of Adam ?" day's journey.

A woman who recently died in Eng. land, had lived for over one hundred years without a single day's sickness.

A colored, Georgian drew his rifle out ment: of a wagon muzzle foremost, Wagons "All and rifles are not used in the conuntry where he is sojourning. notice in case of death."

SKETCH OF JAMES FISH, JR.

James Fisk, Jr., was born at Bennington, Vt., in 1832, and began his business menagerie. His father was a pedler, driving one of those capacious wagons still ad common in the rural districts of New England, stored with calicoes, tinware, laces trinkets and household atensils, at which the farmers' wives and daughters do the most of their shopping. From Bennington he removed to Battleboro'. where James obtained all the little edit It was no bing more than a moderate ac- representations, of history-for this, too, you quaintance with the alphabet and the copybook. He never mastered the art of der Fisk had the same commercial instincts and a little of the same faste for used often to manage it himself; the son began by travelling with his father, Pret-

ty soon he was entrusted with a separate wagon, and he ended by buying out the business, and taking his worthy sire as his hired man to drive one of the vehicles. With the brightest wagous, the showlest horses, and the most glittering harness in the State; and with an abundance of that ready wit and good natured impudence for which he afterwards became famous, he prospered so fast that he was soon one of the principal jobbers in Vermont. The Boston firm of Jordan, Marsh & o, were glad to receive him as a partner. Subsequently, in 1853, they bought his nterest in the firm, and he came to New

York, where he was employed by Daniel Drew to negotiate the sale of the Stonugton line of steamers. Under the patronage of Mr. Drew he went into Wall street speculations with varied success, and formed in 1865 the stock broking firm of Fish & Belden. In 1867 he entered into the directory of the Eric Railway Company with Jay Goald, and his career almost ever since has been, perhaps, the most notorious in the United States. The Vanderbilt and Belmont Eric litiganumber engaged got over, he misses what possession of the Albany and Susquehaunah railroad, which almost involved the State in civil war, the contest with the English stockholders of the Erie railway. and small, and the soldiers scarcely if a close by the restoration of the seized Ei glish stock-all are familiar, but all. after the vast amount that has been talk ed and written about them in the courts. the legislatures and the newspapers still

remain much of the mysterious. AN INCIDENT IN HIS LIFE. James Fisk, Jr., conceived and execuflesh. For he sees that though many ted a br lliant stroke at the close of the late are struck, comparatively few are killed war between the States, the particulars outright. "This," he says to himself, "is of which have never been published .the sort of work archers used to do, With that sagacity which distinguished though certainly they could not shoot so him in all his career Fisk saw that when, far; the heavy armed did their business on the 2d of April, 1865, Gen. Lee was far more effectually. It will come, how- driven from l'etersburg, his surrender ever, to the same thing when this side or could not be far distant. He immediately that shall be compelled to quit his went to Boston, consulted some of his fi position. It is quite impossible that those nancial friends and made them partners ing the "University Series" the who retreat should carry off their wound- in his scheme. This was to get the news UNIFORM SERIES IN EVERY SOUTHERN STATE. ed, or that the wounded should drag of the surrender of Lee and collapse of themselves very far. When the day is the confederacy for use on 'Change in then be supplied with books which they can done there will be a very large total of Irondon in advance of the mail. It will long continue to use; pupils compelled to killed after all." With what immeasurable be remembered than the Atlantic cable change their schools will no longer be retarded surpise, would our resuscitated Greek was not then laid. Asmall, swift steamer, in their studies by a change of books, for all will regard what actually happen! The scales forme ly a blockade runner, was purchasof battle begin to incline. One army has ed, fitted out and sent to Halifax in bal- are relieved of all anxiety in regard to the charsuffered more than the morale of its men last. Neither the captain nor officers of acter of the teachings under which their chilbe held any longer. It retreats, and, as secret of her mission was confided to an This subject, in all its bearings, is of the high-

The enemy occupies the ground. In the | Steam was kept up day and night, and tween different publishers, or I would not prerear follow the surgeons and the ambu everything was in readiness for a start sume to ask your attention to it. It goes down lances, probably a new sight altogether across the Atlantic. Days went by and deep into our dearest interests; it is the formto our warrior's eyes, and certainly occu- still the steamer lay quietly in the harpied in work which he cannot understand. bor of Halifax awaiting the expected mes respect and character, which is to be the result. He does not see the fluishing stroke sage from Fisk. At length it cam . If which he has been expecting, given, as a James Fisk, Jr, had tried his best he best citizens-our representative men in every matter of course, to the wounded. On could not have indired a shorter dispatch. State, to the number of 300 and more, the men the contrary, the conquerors seem to mis- It was dated at Boston, signed Fisk, and take them for their own men. Some are contained but one word—"Go!" The though that is certain, but that abundant means tended as they lie upon the ground; othe blockade runner started for Queenstown should not be lacking to prosecute the enterers are moved into the wagous and car- immediately, and got there two days prise on the largest scale. ried on. It seems as if as much pains ahead of the mail steamer. The agent would be taken to cure them as have been speeded across Ireland to London and already to kill them. He could under- commenced operations. Before twenty, and using these books to the exclusion of all not stand this in the case of men of distinct four hours elapsed he sold "short," (that so acceptable? I do not donbt your answer. tion. It may often be better worth while is sold what he had not got,) \$5,000,to keep an enemy alive than to kill; but 000 in Confederate bonds. He had orin the case of common men it is absorders from Fisk to sell as long as he could lufely unintelligible. It seems to him the get buyers, but was restrained by a partmerest waste of labor to spend infinite aer of one of the Boston men, who was trouble equally infinite on making them cursed with prudence. But the operation was pretty successful; the 'syndicate,' the Logically, the position of our imaginary story goes, divided between \$3,000000 and Greek is quite unassailable, and free \$4,000,000, the proceeds of the specu from the embarrassments, theoretical, lation." This was a lift for James Fisk,

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cars, dreading to be bored and feeling tural, Commercial, Professional, Mechanical and pose, without any admixture of motives the miserable, a man approached him, sat

"Did you hear that last thing on Horace Greeley?"
"Greeley? Greeley?" said Artemus, Horace Greeley? Who is be? The man was affet about five minutes,

Pretty soon lie said : George Francis Train is kicking up a good deal of a row over in England. Do immoral ; to use it because it was effec- you think they will put him in a bastile ?" " Train ? Train ? George Francis

Train I's said Artemus solemnly. 'I never heard of him. This ignorance kept the man quiet for

fifteen minutes, then be said : "What do think about General Grant's chances for the presidency? Do you think they will run him?"

"Grant ? Grant ? hang it man," said Artemus, you appear to know more straugers than any man I ever saw." The man was furious. He walked up terprise. the car, but at last came back and said :

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