

RESPECT FOR THE FLAG.

One of the first lessons that are taught at the West Point Academy.

Lieutenant B. W. Atkinson, U. S. A., writes an article for St. Nicholas on "The Escort to the Color." The author says, in opening his paper:

The new cadet at the National Military Academy, whether he has come from the little country school with its homemade flag and staff or from the city school where floats sometimes a flag big enough to cover half the roof of the other school, has been taught to respect the beautiful emblem of his country, but he will learn at West Point, as soon as he begins his career as a future officer of the army, how thoroughly he is to be trained to honor it in his daily life. The laughing schoolboy salute he has perhaps given the flag from time to time now becomes a matter of sober ceremony, so rigidly required and handsomely ordered that it at once sets him to thinking, and the good, sound patriotism that was in him all along soon envelops every glimpse and ceremony of the colors with a sacredness that will deepen day by day.

One of his first lessons is to doff his cap each time he passes the "color line," where the color is guarded by a sentinel. Every summer the cadets pass several months in camp on the lovely banks of the Hudson and beneath the grand old trees of the academy grounds.

During certain hours of the day a long line of stacked rifles extends along the front of the camp. Across the two stacks in the center of the line is laid the color, rolled about its staff. Up and down by this flag marches a natty cadet sentinel, and woe be unto the unlucky cadet who tries to pass this sacred trust without raising his cap.

So during his life at the academy this lesson of respect is continued, and when he has "doffed the cap and donned the brevet and changed the gray for the blue" and reported for duty with his regiment, he finds the same lessons being taught the enlisted men, and then probably for the first time does he realize the full importance of those early lessons taught in that faraway school-house.

The Fire Patrol.

Charles T. Hill, writing in St. Nicholas on the "Fire Patrol of New York," says:

No doubt many people have noticed, when an alarm of fire has been sounded and the fire apparatus arrives, a big red wagon dashing up, filled with men wearing red fire hats and white rubber coats. They seem to be part of the regular fire department and yet are not. They are dressed to all appearances like the regulation firemen, but their work is different, and few people know that they represent a separate branch of the fire service and one entirely unconnected with the regular department.

In New York the organization is known as the "fire patrol," and it is controlled and supported by the board of fire underwriters, acting for the various fire insurance companies.

Practically, this detachment of the fire patrol that responds at every alarm of fire is simply the representatives of all the insurance companies put together. The companies are assessed proportionally for the support of this patrol, and the immense amount of property saved annually by this efficient body of men proves that the money is well spent. This organization is found in nearly every large city in the United States, and is known variously under such names as fire patrol, protective department and salvage corps, but their work in each city is practically the same.

Hot Milk in German Cafes.

Hot milk is a regular recognized drink in some of the German cafes. It is served in a cup with a saucer, and two lumps of sugar always accompany it.

A Friend Worth Knowing.

Needham was at a little reception the other evening and, as usual, was making himself conspicuous by his audible remarks concerning the notable persons of his acquaintance and trying to make himself agreeable to every one who appeared well to do, with an eye to the possibilities of raising the wind at some time in the near future.

During the evening he came face to face with a nice, kind, fatherly looking old gentleman, who eyed him dubiously. This was an opportunity not to be lost.

"My dear sir," said Needham effusively, "I am quite sure that we have met before, but I am unable to recall where."

"Yes," replied the old gentleman quietly, "I know that I have seen you before. Your face is familiar."

They spent a few minutes together, then the old gentleman left. Needham noticed that he was treated with great respect and decided to learn more about him.

"I am confident that I know that gentlemen very well," he said to one of the guests, "but I have so many influential friends and acquaintances that it is not surprising that I do not remember him or his name."

"Yes, he is very wealthy and well known," returned the other, who was not deceived as to Needham's character. "I dare say you've seen him. He is the pawnbroker!"

Needham remembered that he had another engagement.—Pearson's Weekly.

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