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THE BATTLE OF ULUNDI.

Wheat. MAY.

So many shades of tender green Are rippling, shimmering, pulsing with de

Soft, cool and billowy, like the glimmering sheen Of some grand river in the morning light,

Thrilling with hope, its life is fair, Its joy is full, all through the lovely May It simply grows and waves, nor tries to be The coming burden of the harvest day.

JUNE

Steeped in hot sunshine, lightly swing
'The long bright stalks, whose bearded headhang down Beneath their fruitful burden, which the

spring,
Departing, laid upon them as a crown Sweeter and graver life has grown

The green just touched to gold by deep'ning

Warm, bright with glowing, with its mellow ing tone
Flecked with the shadows of the afternoon

In servied ranks the golden gleaves
Gleam faintly in the sunset's fading red While some reluctant blackbird slowly leave The fruitful gleam, gs for his quiet bed; And thus, with full fruition bles!,

They set out one sunny morning, a linen bag thrown over their shoulders and their newspapers hidden under their blouses. When they reached the Flanders gate it was yet hardly dawn. The great iellow took Stenne by the hand

and approached the sentinel—a good civilian with a red nose and kind air. He said to him, with a plaintive tone:
"Let us pass, my good monsieur. Our rether is ill and papa is dead. We are going to see, my little brother and I, if we can't find some potatoes to pick up in the fields."

He cried, and Stenne, who was ashamed, lowered his head. The sentinel looked at them a moment, and then, giving a glance over the white, asserted road, "Go quickly," said he to hem, moving aside; and then they were in the road to Auberville. How the large fellow laughed!

Confusedly, as though in a dream, little Stenne saw the manufactories transormed into baracks, their tall chimneys, which pierced the fog and seemed to reach the sky, fireless and battered. Now and again they would see a sentinel and officers who were looking far off through their field-glasses, and their small tents, wet with snow, which was melting before dying fires. The large fellow knew the way, and would take short cuts over the fields in order to escape the outposts. But suddenly they came upon a large body of sharpshooters too late to escape them. They were in their little cabins, hidden in a ditch half tull of water, and encamped along the Soissons railway. This time, though the large fellow recommenced his tear-tul story, they would not let him pass. As he way lamenting, an old sergeant, white and wrinkled, and who looked like old Father Stenne, came out of the post grace's cabin.

Well, little ones, don't cry any more!'s aid he to the children, "we will

age at home, and as if he were saying to himself: "I would rather die than see my son doing such a thing," and as he looked at little Stenne the boy felt as if a hand was clutching at his heart and keeping it from beating. To escape the anguish he began to drink, and soon everything turned around him. He heard vaguely, amid loud laughs, his comrade making fun of the National Guards, of their way of going through their drill, he imitated an assault of arms in the Marais, and a surprise at night on the ramparts. Then the large boy lowered his voice, the officers approached nearer to him and their faces grew more solemn. The miserable fellow was telling them about that night's premeditated attack, of which the sharpshooters had spoken. Then little Stenne rose, furious and completely sobered: "Don't tell that fellow, I won't have you."

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tinued; but before he had finished the officers were all on their feet, and one of them, showing the door to the children, told them to "Begone!" and they began to talk hurriedly together in German. The large boy left the room as proud as a doge, clinking his money. Little Stenne followed him, holding down his head, and as he was passing the Prussian whose look had so disturbed him:

"Not nice that, not nice!" and the

"The the state of the short of the same into his eyes.

Once more in the plain the children began to run and return toward Paris quickly. Their sacks were filled with potatoes which the Prussians had given them, and with these they passed the sharpshooters' encampment without any trou le. They were preparing for the night attack. Troops were arriving silently, and were massed behind the wall. The old sergeant was there, busily engaged arranging his men with such a happy look. When the children passed enar him he recognized them and smiled kindly at them. Oh! how badly that smile made little Stenne feel. For a feel with the other boy told him that if he spoke a word they would be shot, and so fear kept him silent.

At Courneuve they entered an abandoned house to divide their money. Truth compels me to say that the divisite was lonestly made, and, when he heard the fine crowns sounding under his bloose and thought the future games of galoche, little Stenne thought his crime was nots odreadful after all. But when he was alone, the unhappy child—when at the gates of the city the large boy left him, then his pockets grew heavy and the hand that had been grasping his heart held it tighter still. Faris seemed no longer the same to him; the passers-by regarded him severely, as if they knew from whence he came, and he heard the word "spy" in all the sounds of the street and the beating of the drums along the canal where the troops were exercising. At last he reached his home, and, glad to find that his father had not come in, he hurried to his room and hid the crowns that were weighing so heavily under his pillow. Never had Father Senne been so good-humored and joyous as he was that night to s With some chartent backeted only levered. The feetful planting to the world to be the common of the

said:
"I am going to return it to them,"
said he, and without another word—
without even turning his head, he
went down into the street, and joined
the mobiles who were starting off in the
night. He was never seen again!—
From the French of Alphonse Daudet.

Do Monkeys Swim?

A Maori Dance,

This extract is from a New Zealand letter in the Philadelphia Ledger: In the evening the natives treated us to a haka, or dance, in honor of the governor. It took place in the carved house I have already spoken of, the weird, grotesque ervings of which added to the strangeness of the scene. There were about a hydred duncers ranged in five rows, the front one tonsisting of about twenty young women gorgeously appareled in tight-fitting red or white calico bodices and flaming-colored rugs, worn like kits. When the governor entered they go the stranger of the beautiful way imitating the noise of the bare of the stranger of the way in the beautiful way in the part of their feet. It consisted chiefly of swaying their bodies and arms albut, going down on their knees, imitating rowing and gathering crops, slapping their own legs and then their neighbors. The men then took the place of the women and went through very similar performances. The whole dence was accompanied by noise that would have put pandemonium to shame. Heaving definite way in the foremances of "line, hue!" "Ha, ha!" "Pakeka!" The young women winked and grinned and twisted about beyond what was strictly correct, but they seemed to enjoy the really hard work of the dance most thoroughly. There was always a chief ranning up and down, dancing and decibining, in the foreground, bidding definite to all the world apparently, but in reality, I believe, merely suggesting that he would like to drink his excellency's health. Far the most comical fecture of the dance was a naked little imp who stood in front of the first row, execly opposite the governor, and im

A Pigmy Painter.

recent exhibition of old and cupaintings in Holland was a port of Oliver Cromwell. It was by no mains a masterpiece of art, being a somewhat feeble imitation in style of Sir Peter Lely, the court painter of Charles I, of England. But it was a real curiosity in its way.

Its painter was Richard Gibson, otherwise known as the "dwarf artist." Gibson was three feet two inches high. If was born in 1815. While serving as a page for a lady at Mortlake, she noticed his talent for drawing, and caused him to be instructed by De Keeyn, the superintendent of the famous Mortlake tepestry works. The little artist became very skillful as a copier of Sir Peter Lely's pictures, and attracted the attention of Queen Henricita Maria. She made him her husband's page, and married him the wadding of the dainty little pair was honored by the presence of the king and queen, and Edmund Waller, the poet, commentorated it by a poem.

When Charles lost his scepter and his lead, and passed with his queen out or English lines, his little protege lived and throve. He had painted the king's portait, and how was called upon to limming the firm of the protector. Cromwell regarded him with particular and kindly lavor. On the restoration he again changed coats, and entered the service of Charles II. He was drawing master to the Princesses Mary and Anne. But the wild court of the son of his old master did not suit the tastes of the pigmy painter, now grown old. He retired to private life, and died in 1690. His wife, after giving birth to nine children, all of whom attained ordinary size, died in 1709, at the age of ninety. 1709, at the age of ninety.

Tricks of London Booksellers.

A seller of old books in London has written for the Pall Mall Gazette a confession of a few of his sins, which would gladden the heart of many an American buyer if the writer gave any evidence of repentance. "A number of us," he says, the work of the writer when when a confession with the says of the work gladden the heart of many an American buyer if the writer gave any evidence of sepentance. "A number of us," he says, it erowd into an auction-room, where a library is brought to the hammer, and buy every article. Here all know one mother, and each one bids for the rest. There is, therefore, no advance on the first bid, unless an outsider interferes, when we soon run the price up beyond what he cares to give. This trick, repeated as often as necessary, disgusts the outsiders and secures the whole stock for ourselves at far less than its real value." When the auction is over they "retire to a neighboring tavern and repeat it" among themselves. There the volumes to a neighboring tavern and repeat it" among themselves. Which allows the buyer forty per cent. for profit on his private business. "All being sold, we cast up the totals of the two sales, subtract the smaller from the greater, and divide the remainder equally among those present." This is not all; nor is it the most startling confession "One of the Craft "has to make. "We have a good many ways of enhancing the value of our wares. Celebrities of all sorts, who are as ser viceable to us in a way about to be described as those merely literary, are disposed of. In these cases we look up from our stock all likely books, furnish them with sham plates and autographs and soon get rid of them at fancy prices. reading, or rather seeming to read, for he never took his eyes off little Stenne, and there was in his glance both tenderness and reproach, as though this man might have had a child of little Stenne's age at home, and as if he were saying to himself: "I would rather die than seem yson doing such a thing," and as he looked at little Stenne the boy felt as if a hand was clutching at his heart and keeping it from beating. To escape the anguish he began to drink, and soon everything turned around him. He heard vaguely, amid loud laughs, his comrade making fun of the National Guards. of their way of going through their drill, he imitated an assault of arms in the Marais, and a surprise at night on the ramparts. Then the large boy lowered his voice, the officers approached nearer to him and their faces grew more solemn. The miserable follow was telling them about that night's promeditated attack, of which the sharpshotores had spoken. Then little Stenne rose, furious and completely sobered:

"Do Monkey Swim!

A correspondent of Land and Water, in reply to a question whether monkeys swim, says: I was always under the impression that they did not like wetting them from he ality, but at Sangur, Centre I had little monkey that was exceedingly for dof swimning and diving. One day that the bottom of my compound, he jumped off my shoulder and dived (like a man) into the water, which was three or four feet deep; he had his chain on at the bottom and kept the monkey down; he was just able to ceme to the top of the water. Feeling had caught, he dived down, he was just able to ceme to the top of the water. Feeling his chain had caught, he dived down, he was just able to ceme to the top of the water. Feeling his chain had caught, he dived down, he was just able to ceme to the top of the water. Feeling his chain had caught, he dived down, he was pust able to ceme to the top of the water. Feeling his chain had caught, he dived down, he was caught of the chain in his hand. He was often as far a less than its real value."

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Life in That Comitry a Vertisable "Sea or Russia's complicated misfortunes are possibly unparalleled in the history of any country. Just before the latest Trix-o. Russian was the wetched condition of the provinces had brought about extensive exprisions. Then arive tribes of the Caucasta could not stand the levies imposed; sian army and revolved. Being defeated, they were transported to the norther; provinces fusian army and revolved. Being defeated, they were transported to the norther; provinces of Russia. This proved so are now 70° families, besides are now 70° families. Seides are now 70° families, besides are now 70° families, besides are now 70° families. Seides are now 70° families, besides are now 70° families. Seides are now 70° families, besides are now 70° families, besides are now 70° families. Seides are now 70° families, besides are now 70° families. Seides are now 70° families. Seides are now 70° families, besides are now 70° families. Seides are now 70° families, besides are now 70° families. Seides are

railying point in their disorder. Our rear fanks, from the nature of the country, were equally protected from surprise.

"Here the army halted, awaiting the impi that was seen surging down the hills on our left, taking skilful advantage of the Nodwenga kraal on our rear, and emerging from the bush on our right front. At 8.30 the mounted irregulars, under Buller, were thrown out on the rear, left and front, keeping the enemy in check on these three sides; but, from an error, the right, byhere it was thought the lancers would have acted, was at first unprovided for. This omission was discovered, and the mounted Basutos and the native contingent under Cochrane rapidly deployed in the preticest manner possible, and skirmished toward Udakaombi kraal, returning the enemy's fire briskly, and holding them pluckily in check. The Zulus were too strong for such a handful, and the Basutos, retiring on the right face, came into action with what may be called the left horn of the Zulu army.

"Meanwhile, however, the enemy had so extended their formation that all four sides were soon engaged—the Zulus advancing in skirmishing order, with great steadiness had unexpected silence. There was no shouting, clashing of shields, nor savage demonstration, but strictly orderly discipline. Our fire was terrific, and the artillery practice excellent, but the determined Zulus advanced within seventy yards on all tour sides before they begun to break, as a further advance was really impossible. In about half an hour from the commencement of bullets and shells which poured upon them, and thewavering mob broke into open flight.

"The lancers now loosened, were among them, and within a minute were riding through and through, cutting them down right had left, while the guns ontinued tearing up the flying masses with their fire. Within an hour the whole affair was over.

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strong, including the flower of the army. Seven thousand warriors were engaged. Prisoners state that they went into action under Cetywayo's own eye. Our troops, young and old alike, behaved admirably; but the firing, considering the small loss of the Zulus—eight hundred in all—must have been rather wild. Our loss was ten killed."

the husband went up stairs at ten o'clock she sat down before the open trunk with tears in her eyes.

"You see how it is," she explained, as he looked down upon her in awful contempt. "Tve got only one part of my dresses in here, saying nothing of a thousand other things, and even now the lid won't shut down. I've got such a headache I must lop down for a few minutes."

She wentaway to lop, and Mr. Bowerman sat down and mused:

"Space is space. The use of space is in knowing how to utilize it."

Removing everything, he began repacking. He found that a silk dress could be rolled to the size of a quart jug. A freshly starched lawn was made to take the place of a pair of shppers. Her brown bunting fitted into the niche she had reserved for three handkerchiefs and her best bonnet was turned bottom up in its box and packed full of underclothing. He sat there viewing sufficient empty space to pack in a whole bed when she returned and said he was the only real good husband in this world, and she kissed him on the nose as he turned the key.

"It's simply the difference between." Bull-frogs in Jamaica like fire-flies. Swimming After an Ocean Steamer.

"It's simply the difference between the sexes," was his patronizing reply as he went down stairs to turn on the burglar alarm.
When that wife opened that trunk last might ——! But screams and shricks would avail nothing.—Detroit Free Press.

Trunk Space and the Sexes.

Mr. Bowerman and wife left for the country yesterday. One could tell that their trunks were not over half full, as they were pitched into the baggage car with a crash. They began packing a week ago. When the subject was broached he said he preferred to pack his own trunks, and he didn't propose to take a whole month to do it, either. All he intended to take along was an extra suit, and he could throw that in most anyway. Night before last he began work. It struck him that he'd better put in an extra pair of boots as a foundation and he flung 'em in the corners with his clean shirts. The shirts didn't seem to ride very well, and he braced them with two pairs of trousers. Then he stuffed his Sunday coat pockets with collars and cuffs and found a place for it, used his

his Sunday cout pockets with collars and cuffs and found a place for it, used his white vests for "chinking," and the balance of his clothing just fitted in nicely. "The man who takes over ten minutes to pack a trunk is a dolt!" said Mr. Bowerman, as he slammed down the lid and turned the key.

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