

NOBLE WORK DONE BY G. A. R.

Magnificent Organization is First Among the Brotherhoods of Men

The destinies of the Grand Army have been decided over by the trust and the best. From its very inception the Grand Army of the Republic was destined to a great and noble work, and to supply a place in the desires of patriotic men that no other had been able to do. The provision of cheering politics and religion, and providing for the handling together under the most sacred obligations to work together for the defense of their country, for the alleviation of each other's woes, for the uplifting and betterment of each other and those dependent upon them, touched a responsive chord in the heart of every soldier who knew by experience that every man who signed such an obligation would be true to it.

The plan for the organization of posts in every hamlet, town and city, and to unite them in departments in every state, and once a year to meet in a grand national encampment, would insure the perpetuity of their comradeship, that the post would supply the place of the soldier's regiment, the convention of the department of the state his corps, and the national encampment that of the army to which he belonged.

At the campfires of these meetings he could live over again scenes which were burned into his memory by the heat of battle. He would have a resource in every dilemma that might overtake him through illness and friends to succor him in sickness and sorrow and who would follow him

NERVE SAVED STEVE BRODIE

Charley Mitchell Thought Better of Intending Chastisement. The presence in New York of Mitchell, once boxing champion of England, recalls an incident in the strenuous career of the late "Steve" Brodie, who jumped from the Brooklyn bridge nearly a score of years ago to glory, properly and historically fame. Brodie, who lived in London in the early nineties, where Mitchell, playing the part of a daredevil, introduced the sport of motor racing, and the latter, a resort for prize fighters, horse jockeys, and their kind, where the festivities are seldom concluded before daylight and the police have more than once been called upon to restrain excitement.

In a course of a general conversation in the English fighter happened to make some adverse comment upon the then mighty John L. Sullivan, which called forth a sarcastic remark from Brodie with reference to Mitchell's abilities as a sprinter while in the ring with the American champion. With a certain Englishman gave the smaller man a push that sent him reeling ten feet backward, and then rushed upon him to administer correction for the other's temerity. Brodie was due for a fearful bruising, but the Bowery boy was equal to the occasion. He was erect on his feet as a statue in his own hand when the prize fighter reached him. Putting the weapon under the other's nose, he remarked calmly:

"You 'lank yer' gosh' to me' a reputation of lickin' Steve Brodie, don't yer? Well, you just hit me once and there'll be a lot in the papers about it, but you won't read it."

Fully appreciating the facility of post-mortem notoriety, Mitchell exulted that he was only joking, and the incident was closed.—New York Times.

NOT SO VERY MYSTERIOUS.

Simple Explanation of Phenomenon That Puzzled Wigs. Prof. Simon Newcomb, the astronomer, said, at a dinner in Washington: "The simplest causes sometimes produce the most puzzling effects." "Some years ago I spent the month of August at a friend's villa at Long Branch. "One night, with six or seven of us, was walking through the garden one day after luncheon, when we came to a great glass globe set half in the shade and half in the sun. "Here's a strange thing," someone said. "The half of the globe that is in the shade is warmer than the half that is in the sun." "Impossible!" we chorused. "But we touched the globe and found that the glass actually was warmer in the shade than in the sun. "Then everybody tried to explain this phenomenon, and the most remarkable theories for it were advanced. "One said it was an effect of reflection, another that it was an effect of refraction, another that the exhalatory heat and so forth, and so on. "But I had spied the gardener cutting roses and I called him over to us. "Perhaps you," I said, "can tell us why the half of this glass bowl that is in the sun is cooler than the half that is in the shade?" "Why, yes, sir," said the gardener. "I think I can. You see, just before you came out I turned the bowl around for fear of its cracking in the great heat."

Banks as Public Benefits. Many people who deal with banks every day do not really understand the proper object and purpose of banking. Banks can not create money, but they can create credit, which are distributed among the people and thus create an aggregate which can be made available for important business operations that a visionary would have been impossible. Individuals, each possessing a few hundreds or a few thousands, cannot in stock or bonds or any other form of \$50,000 or \$100,000 be established in a town or community as a great aid to the business activity and prosperity of the community than it is in a form where it can be made to assist in the successful carrying out of one or two times the amount of business than its actual sum stands for.—New Orleans Picayune.

The Glory on Her Head. A shower of patting little heads. And in the room and the Union her sunny head there rests. A little child, golden-haired. "Look at me," she cries, "I've got a good smile, see, my patters off. I put my paper by. And then she looks at the baby voice. "You don't hear what I said." "Look at me, see, see how I smile." "A story on my head."

Fame Enough for One. The London correspondent of the Irish News begins an account of the career of William Abraham, M. P., as follows: "Commenting first on a mere boy at the age of ten, Mr. Abraham says: 'Is it really necessary to trace the history of this distinguished gentleman further? At the age of ten he could begin life 'at the age of ten,' while the vast majority of his contemporaries and predecessors had to start away back at the age of seven or even 'six'—and struggle all through that extra decade, surely has achieved enough greatness without adding himself with the onerous duty of a member of parliament. Considering Mr. Abraham's part should be shared here this has progressed far beyond the common."

Cruel to the Old Man. Do Styler—Why did that Pennsylvania banker want to kill the editor of the Society's Brethren? "Gunsbuta—On account of an abbreviation in his paper. You see, when the rich man's wife left for Europe, the editor appended a reading: 'Mrs. Goldust has looked up her old Pa, some until she returns from abroad.'"

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