

**Took His Word for It.**  
 Only this week I was reading Gen. Doubleday's story of Gettysburg, and the day before I had seen the old general on the street, says a writer in the New York Star. His presence in New York and his book combine to recall to my mind a very practical joke that was played upon him at Gettysburg by Captain Joe Parker of Gen. Hancock's staff. Col. Billy Wilson and Joe Parker were Gen. Hancock's nephews. They were both young, full of mischief, and only saw the ludicrous side of everything, no matter how serious.

In the very white heat of battle on Cemetery hill July 3, 1863, Gen. Hancock was severely wounded, and Capt. Parker immediately rode off to find Gen. Doubleday, who was the senior division commander, and put in command of the second corps. He found Doubleday sitting under a big tree. He saluted him quickly, and said:

"Gen. Doubleday, Gen. Hancock has been seriously wounded, and you will—"

Just at that moment, before he had time to finish the sentence, "assume command of the corps," a shell burst over the general. The shock half stunned him and he fell over, exclaiming:

"Oh, I am killed! I am killed!"

Captain Parker couldn't resist this opportunity for a joke, and he rode off rapidly in search of General Gibson. He found him and reported to him that Doubleday had been killed and Hancock had been wounded, and that he was to take command of the corps. The news spread rapidly that Doubleday was dead, and Captain Parker so reported to General Hancock. A few hours later a railroad train containing Hancock, his staff, and a number of wounded officers was moving toward Baltimore. Hancock was lying on a stretcher suffering intensely, but his mind and sympathy went out toward his division commanders and his other officers who were dead or wounded.

"It's too bad about poor Doubleday's death," said he to a wounded officer sitting near him, "to what was in the man's mind before the decision I wrote him a few lines begging him to accept a check for 500 francs which I enclosed." "But it seems to me this was a proceeding which might have ruined your case," "Quite so! Only I took good care to sign my adversary's name to the check."

Keeping the Peace.  
 From the New York Weekly.  
 Citizen (breathlessly): "A lot of roughs are rioting around down street, smashing windows and clubbing inoffensive citizens." Policeman—"Been smokin' opium, I'm thinkin', I'll run around and pull a Chinese laundry."

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