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THE RULES OF WARFARE.

Although warfare is a relic of barbarism, says a Washington letter in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, it must be waged between enlightened nations with strict adherence to many binding rules, prescribed from time to time by international law. All weapons which make warfare actually cruel and barbarous are regarded as illegal unless they will, by one bold stroke, speedily terminate the war.

Red hot shot were used in the wars of Frederick the Great. Hollow shot or hollow bullets were considered cruel because they become flattened and irregular after coming in contact with one's body, thus making wounds unnecessarily painful. Langrel, composed of nails, knife blades, bits of iron, etc. which made horrible wounds, is forbidden for the same reason. Projectiles of an explosive nature or charged with inflammable substances are now considered outlawed between nations, if weighing less than 14 ounces. Likewise, poison is strictly forbidden as an element of war. In ancient wars it was customary to use poisoned arrows or to poison the wells flowing into an enemy's country.

While it would be proper for either Spain or the United States to lay waste the standing crops of the other merely to temporarily reduce a district to starvation, it would be illegal to uproot vineyards, orchards, etc. so as to desolate the country for years afterward.

A flag of truce, a Red Cross hospital or a signal of distress displayed by a ship, for instance, would have to be respected by our forces, and no one connected with such a signal would be allowed to fight. A body of Spanish soldiers or sailors showing a signal fraudulently, however, it would be considered a gross act of treachery, punishable by death.

The employment of spies is still considered a legitimate warfare among enlightened nations, but the spy, as an individual, is generally looked upon as rather a dishonorable character. It would be improper, therefore, for one of our generals to order a man to act as a spy. All spies must be strictly volunteers. It is an interesting fact that should a spy succeed in joining his army he would cease to be a spy in a technical sense, and unless captured in the act of carrying fresh information he could not be captured except as a prisoner of war. No soldier in uniform could be executed as a spy serving the enemy, since a spy is necessarily a person in disguise, acting under false pretenses or secreted somewhere.

A man in uniform of the United States caught in the act of carrying information to a Spanish commander would be executed, if caught by us, since he would be either a spy or a traitor. Traitors have always been regarded as the lowest of the low by soldiers.

Prisoners of war would be very carefully handled by a well bred nation like ours. None but a barbarous General would countenance cruelty to a war prisoner or a soldier who had surrendered. Late into the Middle Ages death or slavery was the only prospect of a prisoner of war. Should a parcel of our forces surrender to Spain or be captured, not only all combatants, but such non-combatants as newspaper correspondents, guides, messengers, balloonists, telegraphers, or contractors, either present with the army or assisting it, might be taken as prisoners of war. Should the Spanish force their way to Washington they might take any of our statesmen prisoners of war, including the President. The international law demands that all prisoners of war be subjected to only such restraints as would be found necessary to prevent their escape. They would be given as great liberty as possible and could be punished only for breach of discipline or attempted escape. Some nations provide money allowances for prisoners of war. They must also be fed and clothed by the country detaining them. Thus we would be required to sustain our Spanish prisoners comfortably, although we would, after the close of the war, send in a polite little bill to Spain demanding that the expense be refunded. Others besides spies forfeit their rights of protection as prisoners of war and can be executed when captured. Thus, one of our courts martial might sentence to death a body of Spanish guerrillas, prisoners of war who have been released under promise that they will not fight again, or deserters from our own army.

It would, of course, be a violation of the accepted rules of war to injure non-combatants or take them prisoners of war, except in such cases as sieges, where every citizen must defend himself as best he can. Old men, women and children are always considered non-combatants. In some countries these privileges are extended to ministers of the gospel.

neutral nation. Unless such formal notification should be given a government could not be held responsible for any breach of the neutrality laws.

WAR.

War is upon us. It is not forced upon us by the aggression of others, but our jingoes and yellow journals and interested parties have forced it upon the government. The President of the United States did all in his power to settle the difficulty, without resorting to arms. We do not agree with him politically nor endorse his political doctrines, but we honor him for what he has done and for what he would have done, if Congress had permitted him. Our people are not for war. They do not want it, nor do they believe that it is necessary. We most deeply regret it. We enter upon war, not with the proud consciousness that we are doing our duty nor can we appeal to a justice loving God to give us justice. We feel that we are already humiliated. As Americans, we must do our duty, but we cannot enter upon this war with that feeling of enthusiasm that should animate a people beginning a bloody contest that may last for a few months or for a number of years, one that in a very short time may involve us in difficulties with other nations and may result in the loss of hundreds of millions of treasure and the greater loss of thousands of our best men. Before another issue of this paper, it is probable that the bloody contest will have begun and we will be fighting for what we do not now know. Whatever may be the result, it will be a great loss to the American people and there will be no corresponding gain.—[Sheeandoh Herald.]

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Saviour, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved, and now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at E. L. Allen's Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00. Guaranteed or price refunded.

It is, or should be, the highest aim of every merchant to please his customers; and that the wide awake drug firm of Meyers & Esbleman, Sterling, Ill., is doing so, is proven by the following, from Mr. Esbleman: "In my sixteen years' experience in the drug business I have never seen or sold or tried a medicine that gave so good satisfaction as Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy." Sold by J. H. Janney, Druggist, 701 King Street.

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A NEW LOT

Dinner Ware.

Do you know that we have sixty-three (63) DINNER SETS in our stock consisting of from 100 to 150 pieces each, and various grades of china, ranging in price from \$8.50 to \$75 Per Set?

We have never had a finer lot of DINNER WARE or a more varied assortment. We have a special assortment of pieces, suitable for southern trade. Large Meat Trays, Oyster Plates, etc. Each set has all the pieces necessary for a dinner or breakfast table. These goods are imported direct to us from England and France. We buy them for cash as low a price as any dealer in the country can get them. It is certainly to your advantage to look at this lot. Call and see these goods.

Note the Advertisement Every Friday

E. J. Miller & Co.

316 King Street.

OFFICIAL.

CITY GAS OFFICE.
Rooms No. 5 and 6, City Hall, Alexandria, Va., April 14, 1898.

Owing to the large amount of money due the city of Alexandria by coke and gas consumers it has become my duty to make immediate effort to collect all outstanding bills. I therefore, on this day, April 23rd, 1898, that the meters will be at once removed from their premises and the supply of gas cut off and the collection of all outstanding bills enforced. I have no authority to credit coke, and hereafter it will not be sold except for cash.

The attention of gas consumers is called to the following law:
AN ACT TO REDUCE THE PRICE OF GAS.
Section 1. Be it enacted by the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia, That from and after the 1st day of March, 1898, the price of gas shall be reduced to one dollar and forty cents per prompt payment; but no discount shall be allowed on any gas bills unless paid on or before the first day of the succeeding month in which the state of the meter is taken, and when not paid within ten days after that date the Clerk of the Gas shall cut off the supply of gas.

DRY GOODS.

SPECIAL BARGAINS

Ladies' White Lisle Thread Ribbed Vests, sizes 3, 4, 5 and 6. Price 25c. Our price 12c. A summer vest of b. auty.

Ladies' Silk Striped Fancy Coloring Eibbed Vests, sizes 4, 5 and 6. Price 25c. Our price 12c. A charming vest for summer wear.

C. M. ADAMS.

Gauze Underwear.

Our line of Men's Balbriggan, solid colors, stripes, Jersey ribbed, Lisle Thread Under-shirts and Trawlers, in sizes from 39 to 46 is now complete. Every garment offered for inspection is of this season's purchase.

C. M. ADAMS.

American Lady Corsets

The Alexandria women are delighted with this easy, comfortable, durable corset. We hear continual praise extolling the virtues of this particular corset. We are offering a special lot for trial buyers. Price 50c. Sizes 18 to 30.

C. M. ADAMS.

Rich Dress Goods

In the newest weaves at extraordinary low prices.

LADIES' UNDERWEAR.

To this department we are daily adding beautiful styles to the assortment of already desirable goods. All the designs are the latest and adapted to present wear.

C. M. ADAMS.

Men's Neckwear.

Tecks, Four-in-Hand, Ties, Bows, Imperials, Puffs and every shape. Color made to suit the fancy of every man. The coloring for this season's trade represents bright hues of brilliancy and a class of goods unsurpassed by none.

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All Sizes.

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An opportunity for economical buying that nobody can afford to miss. Popular styles, late novelties and newest attractions are all found in abundance in every department.

SHIRT WAISTS.

This department contains very interesting bargains at 49, 69, 79, 89, 98c. and \$1.29.

WRAPPERS.

Extra good values at 69, 79, 89 and 98c.

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CHAPMAN'S,

424 and 426 King Street.

The past week and the first of this has been with us a busy time. This accounts for our advertisement not being changed as usual, though, in the meantime, many new and desirable bargains have appeared on our counters. Those of special interest to close buyers will be mentioned below.

1 case very fine Madras Gingham at 8c. worth 12c.

1 lot Ladies' Shirt Waists, excellent quality, up-to-date in style. These are very cheap at 49c.

1 lot Fine White Organdies. These must be seen to be appreciated. Price 10c.

1 case Figured Leno Striped Organdy 7 1/2c. 25c Light Blue Welt at 12c.

18c Figured and Plain Duck Waists at 12c.

12c Sail de Nord Gingham at 12c.

5c Apron Gingham at 3c.

5c Light Calico at 3c.

18c Bed Tick Remnants, 2 1/2 to 9 yard lengths, at 12c.

12c Golden Drapery at 7c.

1 case Fruit of the Loom, Williamsville. Pride of the West and Dwight Anchor Bleached Cotton at 6c.

Extra Heavy Bleached Cotton for 5c.

40 inch India Linen, very fine and sheer, at 10c.

69c Back Mohair Brilliantine at 59c.

87c Black Mohair Brilliantine at 69c.

36 inch Towels at 50c per dozen.

12c Towels at 1c each.

89c Ladies' Wrappers, light colors, at 69c.

15c Ladies' Corset Covers at 12c.

LADIES' UNDERWEAR.

Full line of Ladies' Cotton Underwear, the very best goods made, at low prices. Ready-made Dress Skirts in great variety. Made, cut and trimmed right, and selling at pleasing prices.

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In our wharf and to arrive during the season a full stock of
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of the best quality and well screened.

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Pure Coal, well screened, 2240 lbs to the ton

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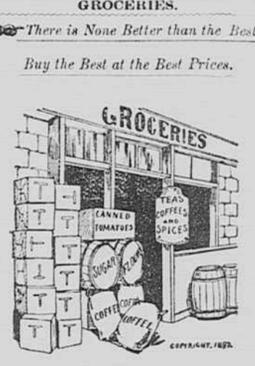
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Greatest variety and best cared for stock of food products to be found in the city.

BANQUET and LUNCHEON NOVELTIES.

TABLE LUXURIES and DELICACIES.

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We have an excellent line of these goods that will please in every way.

PURE WINES and LIQUORS for medicinal purposes

Unadulterated SPICES and CONDIMENTS.

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Full supply always on hand and in transit.

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Is the Mother's First Thought.

With this fact in mind we have given special care and attention to the selection of our SPRING LINE OF CLOTHES FOR THE LITTLE FELLOWS.

We have bought them from only the best manufacturers and can therefore guarantee them for strength and durability.

We have a beautiful line of the novelty styles in VESTS, JUNIOR AND REEFER SUITS, from 3 to 8 years, and the D. R. JACKET and KNEE PANTS as large as 16 years. Prices range from \$1.25 to \$6 per suit. All goods marked in plain figures. YOUR MONEY BACK ON DEMAND.

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Practical Machinists and Engineers

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MARINE and STATIONARY ENGINES

Blacksmithing and Steam Fitting, Engine and Machinist Supplies, and all sorts of mill work and that connected with brickwork promptly executed. Repairing promptly done.

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Will furnish and repair all kinds of Machinery, Iron and Brass Castings, Wrought and Cast Iron Fences, Mill Work, Ship and Blacksmithing, Edge Tools, Mill Picks, Facing Hammers, and all kinds of Mill Work made and repaired at the shortest notice and at reasonable prices.

The highest market price paid for Old Wrought and Cast Iron, Brass and Copper.

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J. C. MILBURN.

MEDICINAL.

The stories of slaughtered soldiers and their little sons are so awful that they would make a sensitive child weep with horror and pity. But all these stories are true. They are true. They are true. They are true.

land shrink into insignificance before the dreadful massacre of men and women, for which that terrible, less energy of life, consumption, is each year responsible.

Scientists state that the fourth of the adult men and women who are civilized world have in their veins the seeds of this grim destroyer.

One of the first taken from a city street, a microscope sometimes reveals as a million of the minute but murderous germs of consumption. There has never been one medicine discovered that could prevent and cure this disease. It is a disease of the lungs, driving out the vitality and building new and healthy tissue. It allows inflammation of the membrane. It is the great blood-poisoning disease of the world. It is the most common of all cases of consumption and diseases of the air passages. All good dealers sell it.

Dr. J. H. Janney, of 6th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. writes: "Three years ago I was so sick I could not sleep or walk, for I coughed all day long. My weight was reduced from 150 to 100 lbs. The first night that I slept four hours at a time, was after I had taken three boxes of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery.

For some matter expected great relief, less sleep and when I had taken the whole of one box I could sleep all night without coughing. I had been well ever since and weigh 175 pounds.

When someone is sick in the family and the doctor is called in, what is the first question he asks? "Are the bowels regular?" That's the question, isn't it? If a mother and mother will see to it that when any member of the family is troubled with constipation a prompt resort is had to Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets, there will be no danger of the family being afflicted with the "Pellet" is a gentle laxative and two mild cathartics. They cure constipation and biliousness and never gripe. They regulate and invigorate the stomach, liver and bowels. Found at all medicine stores.

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