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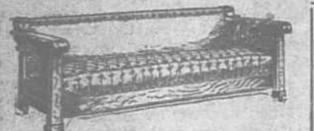
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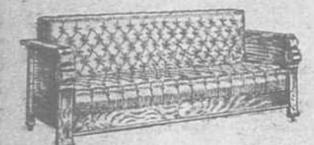
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exact number of the Colonial army killed during our seven years' war with England.

Desperate Fighting.

There is one fact that has not escaped the attention of the careful reader of the history of wars, and that is: Republics fight to the death. I do not remember any record in history that tells where one ended short of annihilation or exhaustion. Hannibal defeated the Romans in every battle and encamped his legions at the gates of the Eternal City, but Rome fought on. The French republic, before the star of Napoleon had risen, was hurling back the combined armies of Europe, but the allied armies fought on. When the British army had marched from the Atlantic to the Indian frontier, and Washington had not enough men to make a brigade, the little band of patriots fought on.

During the last year of the Civil war the Confederate leaders felt the loss of many brave and gallant soldiers, who had on many battle fields blazed their way to victory against great odds.

The battle of Gettysburg, resulting in a fearful loss and retreat of Lee back to Virginia, had an enfeebling effect upon the Confederate forces but still, they fought on. Poorly provisioned, imperfectly equipped, clothed in torn and ragged uniforms, the vaults of their treasury empty of current money, and splendid plantations and homes in ruins, but still they stood under the folds of the stars and bars that they had sworn to defend on the morning of the surrender, ready still to do and die. The exhibition of sublime courage on the memorable plains of Appomattox attests the deathless bravery of men reared under the shadow of freedom's flag.

Leadership.

The leadership of the Federal and Confederate armies commanded the admiration of all nations. Never in the history of warfare were such large military organizations gathered and equipped and put in action by such consummate skill. From the summit of lofty mountains, representatives from distant thrones watched the unfolding of battle scenes that made visible the superlative skill of commanders and the dauntless bravery of the American soldier. A German correspondent, after witnessing the battle of Gettysburg, reported to his home government that the American soldiers united would be an invincible world power. The leaders were not only great in the exhibition of military skill, but greater still in the exhibition of the nobler qualities of mind and heart, displayed on the field of Appomattox.

When General Robert E. Lee surrendered the depleted remnants of his army, the terms of surrender offered by General Ulysses S. Grant to the battle stained veterans, invested the offer with a magnanimity of spirit that stood alone in the sublimity of its expression of fraternal feeling. It opened wide the door of opportunity for the return of the eleven stars that had wandered from the blue field of our starry flag back to their olden orbits.

In many encounters, the leaders on both sides displayed a wisdom of movement that made their names immortal. At the first battle of Manassas, for a time victory hung trembling in the balance. It was a question of doubt which way the tide would turn. A stalwart West Virginian, trained to war, commanding a brigade, charged the right of the federal lines. So impetuous was the charge and deadly the fire that the Federal line was broken, resulting in a stampede back to Washington. This charge not only changed the fortunes of that battle, but it changed the calendar of history the name of "Stonewall" Jackson. During the last day of the battle of Gettysburg the Irish brigade held the strategic point in that field of blood and death, and checked the daring corps of the Confederates and won a victory that enfeebled the purpose of the armies of the Confederacy. Not only on the fields of battle did the American soldiers display a dauntless courage, but the navies of the contending sections matched the land forces by matchless deeds of heroism. The daring feat of the chief admiral of the Confederate navy in sinking the vessels of the United States navy in Hampton Roads startled the nations of the world and caused a change in the construction of the war vessels of all nations. This feat and naval victory found its counterpart when Admiral Farragut, lashed to a spar of his flagship, defended his country's flag in the Bay of Mobile and won a crowning victory for the Federal navy.

But we need not recount the many splendid achievements and valorous deeds, that have given the American soldier a prestige unsurpassed by the armies of the world.

Causes of the War.

As to the cause of the war, many theories have been given. Sometimes

it is designated as the war between the States but that is not sustained by facts. Not a single man sought to fight South Carolina, Pennsylvania had no quarrel with Georgia, Ohio and no enemy of Virginia. It has been called the war of rebellion, but this has now been officially repudiated by Congress, and henceforth on legal and official records it is to be referred to as the Civil war.

The cause of the war in my opinion takes its root in the difference of opinion as to the cohesive power of the Federal constitution as the bond of union between the States. Men of equal intelligence and breadth of vision, have held opposite opinions as to the "reserved rights of the States," some contending that a state, under proper provocation, might dissolve its relation, to the Federal union, and assume an independent political existence of sovereignty. The merit of this claim had been frequently discussed in Congress, and from the public rostrum and threats made by some of the members of this Union to avail themselves of this provision of the constitution. The agitation of this question with other conflicting interests precipitated in the action of the eleven states in withdrawing from the Union and setting up an independent government. They seized the forts located within the limit of their respective states and the war was on.

The American Republic from its inception stood alone among the organized governments of the world without precedent or example. The Grecian Empire was founded upon beauty, the splendid creation of the chisel and the matchless wonder of the painter's brush. The Roman Empire was founded upon law and order. The founders of the American Republic anchored the foundation of the republic on the hearts of the people. They saw that man had certain inalienable rights, among these rights that they wove into the written constitution was the right to live, the right to liberty, and the right to pursue happiness. The nation that undertakes to tear up the foundation of this republic will have to tear up 90,000,000 human hearts.

The Results.

The result of the war justifies the vast sacrifice of life and treasure offered upon the altar of a free government. It forever settled the disturbing question of secession. The eleven states that dissolved their relation to the union came back and performed a deed that challenged the admiration of all the nations of the world. When they wrote in the first article of this new constitution the following language: "This state (naming the state), shall forever remain a member of the American Union." This forever settled the indivisibility of the several units forming the corporate life of a republic, where freedom has a home and liberty a sheltering shrine. Henceforth the citizens of a common country, standing under the folds of freedom's flag can say we have but one country, one flag and one destiny.

The fraternity no prevailing between the North and the South, emphasizes the complete adjustment of all difficulties that have hitherto disturbed the peace of the two sections. Soon after the close of the war, the city of Memphis was visited by an epidemic of yellow fever. The dark wing of the angel of death hovered over the homes of the citizens of that fair city. Hundreds of noble men and women were dying daily, the great heart of the northern people was touched, and millions of dollars poured into that city for relief, and to stay the onward sweep of the dreaded plague.

In 1863 the ancient city of Charleston, South Carolina, trembled under three of an earthquake, splendid buildings went down to ruin, many were made homeless, again the North came with money and trains and shiploads of provision for the distressed and the needy.

In 1861 the fair city of Jacksonville, Fla., (where I live) a fire broke out in a paper factory that swept 1500 homes from the map of the city. Costly hotels, splendid church buildings, large and well filled business houses went down before the consuming flames. Eight thousand men, women and children were without homes or the comforts of life, but again the North responded with such abundant help that the relief organization said it was enough, and to send no more aid. These exhibitions of kindly regard has united the two sections in loving companionship.

On memorial days I have seen Federal soldiers from Massachusetts and the region of the great West strewing flowers upon the graves of the Confederate dead, and thanking God for the reign of peace and the blessings of a united country.

Another result of the war is the increasing commerce and the expanding industrial life of the South. The war brought to the vision of strangers and of capital the vast resources of her ancient forests of timber, her fertile lands and the untapped wealth of her mountains. And today the South is climbing to eminence by leaps and bounds. The sacrifice of life, blood and treasure she made, and the suffering she endured to sustain a cause that was lost, has turned to a blessing. I know that we all regret sacrifice and suffering, but let me say that sacrifice and suffering has dug the well-springs in the continent of the ages, and unveiled the foundations of good in every land.

I may be charged with being too liberal to the South, but the South is peopled by a grand and noble people. They are coheirs to the early memories and triumphs of our early civ-

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lization. They did much in starting in motion the splendid career of the republic. It was Thomas Jefferson, a Virginian, who wrote the Declaration of Independence and the constitution. It was Washington, another Virginian, that led the American soldiers to victory. It was Patrick Henry, still another Virginian, that gave to oratory its brightest gem of impassioned eloquence in a speech whose peroration was "Give me liberty or give me death."

It was the far reaching vision of Jefferson while President that prompted him to purchase from France that vast stretch of territory that has become an Empire of wealth, and the proud domain of unfolding possibilities. It was James K. Polk, another southern man, that directed an army against Mexico, that secured to the United States an indisputable title to Texas and golden California. It was Andrew Jackson, still another southern man, that added to the domain of the republic the sun-kissed peninsula now known on the map as Florida.

The scaffolding of our splendid government bears the impress of southern statesmanship and diplomacy.

If the second generation did, like the Prodigal Son, try to get away from home, thank God they have come back to the old homestead. Let us kill the fatted calf and make glad.

A residence of 29 years in the South has impressed me with the fact that the South is an abiding place of the spirit of Americanism. New England is in danger of becoming New Ireland. The great west is being peopled by sturdy men whose genealogy does not link them with Yorktown or Bunker Hill. But in the South, still lingers the light of our early civilization, and the heart's of the people are pulsating with old time Americanism.

One of the favorite songs heard in the negro churches of the South, is "Give me the old time religion." So I say, give me the old time Americanism. It is god enough for me.

Conclusion.

Possibly I have said enough, but in conclusion, I must say to the surviving comrades of the memorable conflict, "Let nothing prevent you from honoring the graves of those who gave to fame the hills and plains where embattled hosts struggled for what each conceived to be right."

A people who fail to cherish in loving remembrance the memory of their dead, will fail to be true to the living. The larger number of our companions in arms, have heard the last reveille and answered the last roll call.

"On Fame's eternal camping ground Their silent tents are spread, And Glory guards with solemn sound

The bivouac of the dead." "Passing away" is the superscription written above the heads of every one who wore the Blue or the Gray. In a few years the long roll will be beaten to summons us to the greatest of all reviews. May we have no memories to regret, and no fears to strangle. Our service and the blood of our comrades have given to this land of the free, an inspiration of expanding life that commands the admiration of older civilizations, and the pride of every American. Every soldier, whether he followed the Stars and Stripes or the Stars and Bars, made a valuable con-

tribution to the perpetuity of a free government. We demonstrated to the world that a Republic can endure the shock of internal strife and come through with a broader conception of the enduring spirit of liberty, and the blessing of reconciliation that is a monument to American citizenship and a blessing to the world.

Our Republic is no longer an experiment. Its life has been tested in the crucible of a war, the severest known in history. It came through that fearful baptism of blood with every star on freedom's flag reset, vocal with the music of peace, and the pulsing energies of a regenerated and reunited country.

The surviving actors in that fearful drama of strife have clasped hands in loving companionship, and the Republic is forging ahead to a destiny beyond the dream of its founders.

I remember a scene at the close of a school after the close of the war. Thirty odd students built the mystic arch of the Union. A block had been prepared for each state with the name inscribed.

They were shaped so as to fit together, and when all were in place they formed a perfect arch. The master of ceremonies called the roll of state. Maine was called first and a student placed a block in the north section of the platform. Florida, the extreme South Atlantic state was called next, a student placed the block in the south section. As block after block was added, the arch gradually grew into form. The two sections approaching each other until a wedge shaped opening remained to be filled. Pennsylvania, the Keystone state, was called, and a student came with a block that filled the open space. The arch of the Union was complete and youthful voices sang the "Star Spangled Banner." But since the close of the Civil war the soldiers of both armies, and the soldiers of the Spanish-American war, have removed the foundation of the arch of the Union. They have taken the northern base away from Maine, and anchored it in the golden mountains of Alaska. The southern base has been removed from the coral strands of Florida, and today it rests in the cane bearing bottoms of Porto Rico, and the arch of the Union now spans the tomb of Washington, and the grave of every patriot who died for liberty and a representative form of government.

There is a glory of the stars, There is a glory of the moon, And still another of the sun, But there is but one of glorious Union.

The American Republic, grand in her splendid isolation, grander still in her incomparable resources and militant strength, stands before the world as the unconquered champion of those principles upon which human liberty and the peaceful development of the world is formed. During the century of our national life we have had no less than seventeen wars. Not one of these wars was waged for conquest, but to enthrone Justice and maintain an indissoluble Union. We have defeated every power that came against us, and from 1861 to 1865 we divided our forces and tried to whip each other, and failed.

The contending forces shook hands on the field of Appomattox and General Grant, the leader of the Federal army said "Let us have

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