

The Corps Badge.

A recently published letter from the Army of the Cumberland says: "The troops which came here from the Army of the Potomac brought with them various ornamental habits and customs that were new to the Western soldiers.—Among them was the corps badge which designated the corps to which the officers and men were attached. For instance, the badge of the 11th corps is a crescent, that of the 12th a star.—The badge is made of any material, gold, silver, or red, white or blue flannel, and is worn conspicuously on some part of the clothing. The Western corps have no such badge. How an Irishman explained the matter is thus told:

A soldier came by the headquarters of General Butterfield, a tried, weather-beaten straggler.—He was one of those who made Sherman's march from Memphis to Chattanooga, thence to Knoxville, and was now returning in the terrible cold of that returning march, thinly clad, one foot covered with a badly worn army shoe, the other with a piece of raw hide bound with strings about a sockless foot, both feet cut and bleeding. Arms at will, he trudged past the headquarters guard, intent only on overtaking his regiment. "Halt," said a sentinel, with a bright piece, clean uniform, and white gloves. "What do you belong to?"

"Eighth Misshoory, sure."

"What Division?"

"Morgan L. Smith's, av coorse."

"What brigade?"

"Giles Smith's Second Brigade of the Second Division."

"But what army corps?"

"The Fifteenth, you fool. I am one of the heroes of Vicksburg. Anything more, Mr. Sentinel?"

"Where is your badge?"

"My badge is it; what is that?"

"Do you see this star on my cap. That is the badge of the 12th corps. That crescent on my partner's cap is the badge of the 11th corps."

"I see now. That's how ye Potomack fellows git home of nights. Ye takes the moon and sthars with ye."

"But what is the badge of your corps?"

Making a round about and slapping his cartridge-box, our soldier replied: "D'ye see that? A cartridge-box, with a U. S. on the brass plate, and forty rounds in the cartridge box and sixty rounds in our pockets. That's the badge of the Fifteenth, that came from Vicksburg to help ye fight Chattanooga."

THE REBEL WAR DEBT.—The Richmond *Enquirer* is probably the highest authority in the Rebel Confederacy. The following are its terms of conciliation:—"This Confederacy, or the Yankee nation, one or the other, goes down—goes down to perdition. We all know by this time the fate in store for us, if we succumb. As surely as we completely ruin their armies—and without that there is no peace or truce at all—so surely shall we make them pay our war debt, though we wring it out of their hearts."

RICHMOND must be a pleasant city for peaceful and economical residents. The *Examiner* says that board at the hotel is from twenty to fifty dollars a day, that the citizen is in danger of being pulled up every half hour by the conscript hawk, and of being robbed once in twenty-four hours, and has the nightly chance of a knock-down or a tumble into the basin. It states that during the ten months the police have made 11,404 arrears, of which 1,784 were of persons charged of felony.

THE DANNEWERK.—In a letter from Flensburg, we have the following account of the "Dannewerk," the great bulwark of Schelswig:

"It is about two English miles long, the earthworks being from four to five feet high and sixteen yards broad, and beset with a ditch, of the depth of which varies from six to ten feet. Beyond this is the great bay formed by the river Schley, which is so wide that no troops could possibly attempt to pass it. Stretching immediately in front of this is the "Kurgraben," which is upwards of a mile in length, beginning at the end of Selker Lake. It is from ten to twelve feet broad, and from four to six feet high. Behind this lies the great "Dannewerk," itself, which consists of earthworks not less than fourteen miles long. In some parts it is from thirty to thirty-six feet high, and the ramparts are from ten to twenty feet broad."

An attempt was made on Saturday to poison the inmates of the United States hospital at Cleveland. It appears that on Saturday morning the inmates of the hospital partook of their usual breakfast, consisting of bread, coffee, and hash. About three hours after, several began to feel sick and threw up their food, and an hour later the symptoms had seized all the hospital inmates, some three hundred in number, nearly two hundred and fifty of whom were vomiting and purging. These symptoms were, in many cases, followed by cramp and burning in the stomach, and the biliary system of all the sufferers was greatly deranged. None however died, all are now recovering. The manner in which the poison was introduced is unknown.—The matter is now under investigation

PRINTING OFFICE RULES.—The very latest:

1. Enter softly.
2. Sit down quietly.
3. Don't inquire for the news.
4. Subscribe for the paper and pay in advance.
5. Read the news for yourself.
6. Don't touch the poker.
7. Engage in no controversy.
8. Keep six feet from the table.
9. Hands off the type.
10. Don't talk to the compositors.
11. Eyes off the manuscript and proof sheets.

By a strict observance of these rules, you will greatly oblige the printer, and need not fear the "devil."

A LETTER from the *Times* correspondent at the front says that deserters continue to come in daily, particularly from the Louisiana regiments. Nearly the whole of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Louisiana have deserted during the last month. The reason assigned by them for the stampede is that they had read the amnesty proclamation in one of our newspapers. Great efforts have been made by some of their officers to obtain possession of the contraband publication, but without success. It has passed through nearly every man's hands in these regiments, and when last seen was nearly worn out.

BRIG. GEN TORRETT formerly commanding the New-Jersey brigade in the 6th Corps, has been assigned to the command of the 1st Division, Cavalry Corps, vice Gen. Merritt, who is returned to his old brigade. Gen. Wilson is to relieve Gen. Gregg, in command of the 2d Division of Cavalry. An order has been issued sending all mounted orderlies, now on duty at corps, division and brigade head-quarters, back to their regiments—mounted infantrymen will hereafter fill their places.

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DIVINE SERVICE

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WM. J. POTTER, Chaplain.