

THE FRENCH SOLDIER

SOME OF THE BRUTALITIES TO WHICH HE IS SUBJECTED.

Hazings and Other Punishments Which Sometimes End in the Victim's Death That Are Winked at, if Not Ordered, by the Officers.

Soldiers in the French army are not subjected by law to corporal punishment any more than it has been a part of the regulations governing the Military Academy at West Point that cadets should "brace" or "qualify" on molasses and prunes.

The thing which distinguishes the hazing in the French army from the hazing in American colleges and universities is that it is suggested and almost ordered by the commissioned officers.

The officer turns on his heel and walks away, while the unfortunate soldier is placed in a blanket, with sabre, spurs, jack boots, bayonets and such pleasant bedfellows, and the combination is tossed until the hazers are too tired to continue.

In some of the French barracks a favorite method of punishment is to hang the offending soldier up by his heels and then to spank him with a sword bayonet.

At one time the "vilo" was much in favor among the hazers in the Algerian army of occupation. It consisted in putting a man in a deep hole made in the shape of a reversed funnel dug by the Arabs in the ground as a place for the storage of corn.

Several years ago Prince Pignatelli d'Aragon, a young Spanish noble, ran away from his home and went to Algiers to join the foreign legion.

Another form of punishment which used to be popular in Algiers was the "carcan." A piece of wood, usually the trunk of a tree, was used.

A form of punishment still popular among the French colonial troops—that is, popular with those who inflict it and not with those who suffer it—is the "crapadine."

The Minister Won. A minister was one day walking along a road, and, to his astonishment, he saw a crowd of boys sitting in front of a ring with a small dog in the center.

Over in Sweden. "Over in Sweden the suburban railway lines have to provide a freight car for intoxicated persons."

His Task. George—With the assurance of your love I could conquer the world.

CHOPSTICK DINNERS.

A FAD WITH WOULD BE BOHEMIANS IN NEW YORK.

Chinese Restaurants There Tolerate a Free and Easy Etiquette, and Everybody Does Just About as He or She Pleases.

In the last few years a surprisingly large number of Chinese restaurants have made their appearance in up town districts in New York.

In the first place it should be understood that most of these places are really what they are supposed to be, eating houses carried on under Chinese management.

There is also a free and easy atmosphere about the Chinese eating house which attracts many would be "Bohemians" as well as a goodly share of a class below the lowest grades of the city's many graded Bohemia.

These new up town places are not so good, either in a moral or a culinary way, as those down in Chinatown.

French Bakers. Bakers in France are subject to restrictions and regulations undreamed of in England.

A Sympathetic Memory. In a western Massachusetts town lives a young woman who is blessed with both discrimination and tact.

Shopping. Shopman—This matches your sample perfectly, madam.

Where the Guilt Lay. "You say the play was entirely without a villain?"

Clean Sydney. In Sydney the streets are thoroughly cleaned every night, and any one throwing refuse or waste material of any sort on the street is arrested and fined.

An Embarrassing Laugh. During a funny turn on the stage at the Walnut Street theater, Cincinnati, one night a man in the balcony leaned over the railing convulsed with laughter.

THE DRUMHEAD BUSINESS.

A Huge Long Island Industry Which Prospers by War.

Few people know that more than half the banjo and drum heads sold in the United States are made on Long Island.

New York markets furnish the salted raw skins from which the drumheads are made. The hair is removed from the skins by a chemical bath in the artificial pond, and the skins are then stretched on the racks and dried.

Kangaroo skins make the costliest drumheads. When dressed, they are showy, but beyond their appearance and name they are of no greater value than heads made from calfskin.

QUAINT COLONIAL NAMES.

How the Offspring of Our First Colonists Were Christened.

It is an interesting study to trace the underlying reason for many of the curious names which are given to the offspring of the first colonists.

The Rev. Richard Buck, one of the early parsons in Virginia, in days of deep depression, named his first child Mara.

The children of Roger Clapp were named Experience, Wainstill, Preserve, Hopestill, Wait, Thanks, Decide, Unite and Supply.

Now She Hates Him. A young man and a young woman lean over the front gate. They are lovers. It is moonlight. He is loath to leave, as the parting is the last.

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THE LITTLE OLD SPINET.

Do you see the little spinet standing in the corner there?

Great-grandmother loved to play it when she was a maiden fair. Sunbeams through the window twinkle, flick'ring on its yellowed keys.

And the little spinet waits her patiently these long, long years. Till its mellow voice is broken, harsh, and has the sound of tears.

A CASE OF LAW. The Decision That Was Rendered by a Basuto Solomon.

Law is a complicated thing, and some of its decisions seem not to be founded in equity.

Basutoland, being broken and mountainous, was until recently the resort of lions, leopards and other wild animals.

The dilemma was an awkward one, for the climber was unarmed. Realizing his danger, he put forth his hands and in desperation caught hold of the leopard on each side of its jaw.

Now she hated him. The Rev. Richard Buck, one of the early parsons in Virginia, in days of deep depression, named his first child Mara.

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