A FILE OF INFANTRYMEN.

'For Three Years, or During the War"-At Home in a Shelter-Tent, and Abroad with "Three Days' Rations and Forty Rounds of Ammunition."

By JOHN McELROY.

Memphis," s il the one of the crowd

who had not before spoken. "With our

"That's so, Hush! I thought I heard

"O, that's nothing; there's a fellow

"All right, Levi; the first thing, let's see

This precipitated a crisis. Bronson had

became intensely agitated. He had

simply been instructed to go ahead in his

meeting with the men as he had been in

the habit of doing, and no hint was given

him of the point at which it was intended

Levi tried to turn the attention of his

confederates in some other direction, and

some expedient to delay their production.

"What the devil's the matter with the

"Let's kill him right here, if he fools

"Close in on 'em, b'ys!" and the whole

ARTEMISIA SURPRISES KARL BY HER CORDIALITY.

After turning their prisoners over to layer of a distressed damsel.

When they came up the officer in charge said O Neil, wholly ignorant of the rela was having an animated discussion with tion of the searcher to the one to be

the Provost-Marshal, they returned to

with us," said they.

shoulder.

outside there will a gun hunting for

the letters you brought,

to make the interference.

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS. Upon news of the fall of Fort Sumter | a terrible hurry for the Yankees to los Walter Armitage and David Bronson, Chicago newspaper compositors, an ex-Sergeant of Regulars, Patrick O'Neil, a cotton and quinite smuggling, and our German, Karl Brentman, and one Stock, anderground possession route, we've got a palegmatic young man, enist in an abetter thing here than the chances are infantry regiment. A set of toughs, we'll have any place else. I'm satisfied among them one "Peory," also enlist and to let well enough alone. prove to be cowards at the first fight. 'Inky," an office boy, becomes an artil- footsteps!" leryman. Dick Mergan, a compositor, enters the rebel army. They soon "smell powder, and all get promotion. Karl has something for his supper. He don't an amusing romance with a fiery rebel amount to anythin girl, Artemisia Simpkins, and is badly smitten. The File participate in numerous dramatic events. They are at Memphis at the period of which the following prepared some dummy letters, to resemble installment treats. They have captured a outwardly those he had taken from the Jew smuggler, who is forced to lead them to Hebrew's person, but naturally they where his friends await him, would not stand the test of opening. Levi

CHAPTER XLIV. CAPTURING THE SMUGGLERS-OFF FOR VICKSBURG.

It was now nearly sundown, and preparations were rapidly made for carrying began feeble, disjointed inquiries about out Bronson's scheme for capturing the cotton. He might have known that a spies who were in communication with man waiting in eager anticipation of a the Jew. Bronson hastily drew up a letter is as little likely to be led off into brief account of the affair, with a state- with a toothache or in love. One of them ment of what was proposed to be done, speedily brought the conversation back to a request that the expedition be author- the original point with: ized, and a detail be sent out to relieve them at the picket post. O'Neil sent like a kite, and it'll do no harm to hold Walter with this and the letters found upon the Jew back to the officer of the we'll talk further. We've got plenty of pickets.

While he was gone the other prepar-ations went on. Stock seemed to fear that the Jew was not yet sufficiently Never very trustful of him, his comimpressed with the seriousness of the panions now conceived the direct susoccasion, and the certainty of the terrible picions from his unaccountable conduct. fate that would punish treachery. Placing himself with h s gun in full view blasted Jew, anyway" said one of them, and hearing of the unlucky Israelite, he grasping him roughly by the shoulder, made what was for him a lengthy dis- while the others whipped out their resertation upon the piece's wond rful ac- volvers and cocked them. curacy, and then cleaned the rifle elab-

"I allers do that when I don't want to leave one chance in a thousand for daylight through the whole lot on ye!" missin'," he said, as if by way of ex-yelled Stock, from his leafy covert, not planation to some comrade, but in a tone 10 yards away. Looking up, the asso distinct that the Jew could not miss a tonished smugglers saw Stock drawing word. Then, when the swab no longer a fine bead on one of them, but before brought as much stain from the inside of they could determine which one it was the barrel as would soil a piece of white that he most menaced O'Neil shouted: paper, he cleaned the nipple with equal care, and emptied his cartridge-box into squad came up with a rush. Two of his hat, that he might select an abso- them stood still, threw down their relutely faultless bullet.

'These pressed bullets," he said, in the of surrender. The third started to run, same loudly explanatory way, "don't run but he had scarcely gone a rod when Mississippi home, accompanied by he reg'lar, like molded balls, an' ye hev to be Stock's rifle cracked sharply, and the Memphis kin. They had sufficiently submighty partickeler in pickin' 'em out man dropped with a bullet through his when you hev keerful work to do.'

He at last found one that suited his base of the ball with ostentatious exactness, and then rainmed it home with manipulations expressive of the greatest went to a neighboring farmhouse, where ent stratum, my love," said her aunt to

thoroughness and delicacy. and when he at last brought the loaded to the pickets, and informed the officer discharge of his duty of searching for most people connect his visit with the From now till June 30, the end of the gun to an "order arms" his face expressed in command of what had happened. A contraband goods, had infused considerto the Jew the firm belief that the light- company was immediately sent out to able sharpness into the words and tone for the Nicaragua Canal. The boundary a month. This will make the total run don made him quit. She then treated her son, a nings of heaven could be more success- guard the cotton until it could be brought of his conversation. "This is one of the fully avoided than a bullet from that rifle in the next day by the Quartermaster's great mass of untaught boors that con-

The Jew was started out on his mule, him. and was followed by Stock attired in When they came in again the officer the clothes of a rebel citizen. As near of the pickets informed them that the misia, between a sob and a scream of as possible, while still keeping out of letters they had sent to Headquarters rage. "He is a hateful brute, and it is sight, followed the rest of the squad, were found to contain very valuable in nothing but indecent in him to wart to straggling along as

out on individual foraging expeditions. Three miles beyond the picket-line a man rode out of the woods at one side of the road, on a magnificent horse, and, pretending to wine his face, displayed a large red silk handkerchief. The Jew responded by a similar demonstration with a blue handkerchief. This seemed to be mutually satisfactory; both riders cantered toward each other, met, greeted and after exchanging a few words, turned and rode toward a

densely-wooded ra-Once the Jew looked cautiously around, and his face brightened as he thought he was no longer followed, but in the self same instant it darkened again, for Stock was half-hidden in the tall weeds not 100 feet away, and though he seemed to be watching with open-mouthed anxiety for an opportunity to shoot a circling hawk, the Jew knew that that carefully grasped gun was meant for him. and in an instant it could be made to strike him cold in

cath. If there was a halfformed plan in his mind to reveal everything to the newcomer it died at the moment of birth, and he rode after the stranger into the wood. Stock followed closely by flitting from tree to tree. If the newcomer noticed him at all, no doubt entered his mind that he was some poor white out in the woods hunting squirrels. The rest of the squad pressed up as near as was

prudent. A half-mile from the road the two horsemen came to a halt in a little nook so hidden by the projections of the bluffs,

the tall trees and the dense growth of formation. The Jew had evidently gone pull over the clothes and things in my pawpaw underbrush, as to be invisible out to meet an emissary from Forrest's trunk, pretending that he's hunting for be used with perfect safety and assurance at the distance of a few rods. Here, Cavalry, for there was in the documents quinine. I'll not stand it. It's just that healthy appetite and thorough digestion leaning against a pile of more than 100 that he bore a most careful exhibit of all shameful. bales of cotton, which had evidently been the troops in and about the city, their "Leftenant," said O' veil, coming up at there only a short time, they found two stations, means of communication with this moment and saluting, "Oi'm here other horsemen, who had almost at the each other, and other information which now to relieve you. The orders are that dition, resulting from a neglected cold in the same moment ridden up from another would be of use in the event of a raid you report at the reserve with your men et head, whereby the lining membrane of the direction and dismounted to wait for them. being made on the city, that was evi- once. The greetings were very brief. The Jew dently being contemplated by the rebel was deathly pale, and so excited that he cavalry chief. spoke with great difficulty. The others "Well, old fellow, let me congratulate Lieutenant handed the matter over te throat, reaches the stomach, thus producing

you, Levi?" said one of them. "You shoulder straps sproutin here afore yere have liked to point out to him that this of the stomach without cure; but to-day I tremble like a house-dog in a cold wind. a wake older. Did the pickets take a crack at ye while ye was a comin' out?"

"I hat much troubles mit dem," said their old pest on the road. Levi, speaking with a great effort. 'em' said another, "If it wouldn't only make matters worse, we'd a party in a carriage, who were evidently scarched. get some of the boys together to-night, trying to pass outward, but were stopped "I know the ladies, Lieutenant," said and run some of 'em in. But that would for some reason. Karl's heart began beatonly make 'em put out a heavier guard ing violently, for he recognized in one of right." and be more careful, and give us more the voices raised in expostulation that of difficulty in making communications."

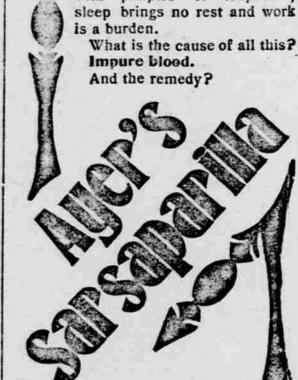
The voices raised in expostulation that of that let them go on." And O Neil busied

"Yes! better get along just as easily he could see her, and then his eyes con himself with his supper and in making and quietly as possible, until we get the firmed the testimony of his ears. The ready for the night duty.

city back, which I hope will not be many officer in command of the post, emulous Artemisia overheard and understood all, weeks away," said another.



Many persons have their good day and their bad day. Others are about half sick all the time. They have headache, backache, and are restless and nervous. Food does not taste good, and the digestion is poor; the skin is dry and sallow and disfigured with pimples or eruptions; is a burden.



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rigorously critical in his examination volvers, and raised their hands in token all who approached his post. Artemisia had started to return to he

he secured a wagon to take the wounded her as the Second Lieutenant, wearied A careful selection of a cap followed, man into the city. He next galloped back out with their obstinacy in resisting the

dued their haughty spirits to ask of the 'vandal and invader" in command of the Bronson ran up to the fallen man, and city for passes by which to leave it, and critical views, tore the paper, poured as he recognized his face by the aid of a they were forced to admit that he showed the powder carefully into the gun, re- rift of light through an opening in the such courtesv as marked his breeding to moved every particle of paper from the trees, he exclaimed in surprise to Walter have attained level not often seen in the "I declare, if it isn't Dick Morgan again." South Walter mounted one of the horses and |

Walter soon came back with the au- teams, and Walter returned with orders stitute the Yankee people. The General Juan River, and some of the dams and December will be about \$5,000,000 or \$6. thorization and the relief, and all was to O'Neil to come in with his prisoners as that we saw has gained a little super soon as the company arrived to relieve ficial polish, and is no longer a repre sentative of his people as this fellow is. "I don't care what he is," replied Arte-

Entirely willing to get rid of an un

pleasant bit of duty in this manner, the

"Karl, you search the bargage there

while the rest get ready for the neight,'

her sex. As Karl approachd the carriage she held out her chand engagingly to him,

"If I'm not greatly mistaken, this is one of the young gentlemen who were so good to me the other night, and protected me from annoyance by those rufflans. I am veryorlad to see you. This is my aunt. At nt, this is one of the young gentlemen I have talked to you so much about."

"I m very glad to have the opportunity of thanking him, though it is so late in the day," said the aunt, very graciously "I hope you ll not detain us here long." said Artemisia, "for we have a leng way to go yet to-night."

Of course, the enrantured Karl could say nothing but "Certainly not; you're at iberty to go ahet as soon as you bleeze." There was a wave of Artemisia's gloved hand, and the carriage sped off into the rathering darkness, leaving Karl gazing intently after it.

"O, that's all right," said Bronson smilngly, in te ponse to Walter's troubled look. "She hadn't more than a halfdozen bottles of quinine in her trunk and it'll be a rea! charity to let the old men and women that she'll give it to have it. Peace go with her. Karl, if you don't come to supper it'il all be gone." (To be continued)

EDITORIAL NOTE. - The File's participatotin bat le near Victsburg, with their indi i lual adventures on the field, is related in the next installment

Malaria, fever and other forms of illness are to be warded off by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

CHAT OF THE CORRIDORS.

The business men of Cleveland, O., and other friends of Representative Theo. E. Burton are very anxious that Speaker Reed should appoint him Chairman of the Rivers and Harbors Committee, which position has been made vacant by the resignation of Representative Hooker, of New York. But Representative Cooper, of Wisconsin, stands second on the Committee, with Mr. Burton as third, and the people of the Upper Lake country feel that they have quite as important interests to look out for as those of Lake Erie.

Somebody in Oregon sent Secretary Alger two fine young American eagles They came by express, with \$48 charges due. The Secretary sent them to the Zoological Park.

The notable arrival of the week wa that of Don Rafael Iglesias, for two years President of Costa Rica. He is a pleasant-appearing man of about 35, and of medium hight. In his suite is Gen. John S. Casement, formerly Major of the 7th lier-General. President Iglesias is travel- tive Roberts on account of his belief in ing incognito, and therefore few formali- polygamy. He says that Roberts is a ties were observed. He was received at man of unusual ability and force of char-New York by Assistant Adjutant-General acter, and that his election was largely Carter, and immediately after his arrival due to Gentile votes. Senator Rawlins is in Washington was called upon by Secre- at present inclined to oppose the annex tary Porter, who presented the compli- ation of the Philippines. ments of President McKinley, and in-President Iglesias said nothing about the year. canal, but at a later one he said that while Costa Rica wanted the canal built, she desired to be considered in the mat- is now in Washington, says that all his ter, and given the benefits to which she people want is a Territorial Government

Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, who s now in Washington, declines to speak on expansion, but says that he is strongly but they are willing to give this up if dein favor of the immediate construction of sired. The planters have already begun the Nicaragua Canal It is a necessity, experimenting with free labor, and are better.

the Democratic members re-elected to the next Congress, and immediately after the present Congress reassembles, over the leadership of the Democratic minority in the next Congress. Owing to the favor of grounds of opposition, but the one they pines with United States troops. are now putting forward most persistently is his antagonism to the policy of expansion.

Effectual Cure for it.

Catarrh of the stomach has long been considered the next thing to incurable. The the people are now thoroughly roused in usual symptoms are a full or bleating sensa- their demand for it. He anticipates that tion after eating, accompanied sometimes with everybody connected with it will be as sour or watery risings, a formation of gasses, thoroughly damned, politically, as were causing pressure on the heart and lungs, and all those connected with the Pacific Raildifficult breathing; headaches, fickle apperoads; but this must not interfere with tite, nervousness and a general played out, their doing their duty in the matter. He

coated tongue, and if the interior of the stomach could be seen it would show a slimy, inflamed condition.

The cure for this common and obstinate trouble is found in a treatment which causes food to be readily, thoroughly digested before it has time to ferment and irritate the delicate mucous surfaces of the stomach. To secure a prompt and healthy digestion is the one necessary thing to do, and when normal digestion is secured the catarrhal condition will have disappeared. 1

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Mr. N. J. Booher, of 2710 Dearborn St., nose becomes inflamed and the poisonous discharge therefrom passing backward into the oticed it, you, said O Neil, slapping Bronson on his successor, and retired, followed by catarrh of the stomach. Medical authorities the shoulder heartily. "Oi see a pair o' Artemisia's indignant glances, who would prescribed for me for three years for catarrh was a direct Providential interposition in am the happiest of men after using only one box of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. I cannot find appropriate words to express my good feeling. I have found flesh, appetite, and sound rest from their use."

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arrived in the city last week, says that United States should acquire complete while the question of expansion was not sovereignty of the canal, and a sufficient of the Pacific Coast will insist on retain- other purposes. ing all the Philippines, as an offset to the Ex-Gov. Roswell P. Flower, of New advantages the East will gain from Cuba York, has become an enthusiastic Exand Porto Rico. pansionist.

Senator Rawlins, of Utah, who has just arrived in the city, doubts if there will be Ohio, Colonel of the 103d Ohio, and Briga- any serious effort to unseat Representa-

quired when it would be convenient to The expenses of the Spanish-American receive the Chief Executive of the United war are running a little higher than at States. President 1glesias replied that first estimated. Treasurer Roberts calhe would be glad to see him immediately, culated them up to Oct. 31 at \$164,932,228 and in a few minutes President McKinley During August, September and October Anyone Can Have a Free Trial Packdrove up. The call was very brief, and a they averaged \$24,000,000 a month. They ittle later President Iglesias made an were about \$18,000,000 for November, owing equally brief return call. He claims to be to the drafts for paying oil regiments in this country, and on a tour of Europe, which were discharged, and for the exsolely for the henefit of his health. But penses of those getting ready for Cuba. new concession which has been granted fiscal year, they will run about \$10,000,000 finally floored him, and that his own determinaof Costa Rica is the center of the San up to about \$250,000,000. The deficit for other works, it is claimed, will extend into 000,000, which will drop to about \$2,000,000 mother enjoys a quiet I ugh to herself, at the Costa Rican territory. In his first visit a month for the remainder of the fiscal he came to the conc usion that eigarettes were

Associate Justice Frear, of Hawaii, who like that enjoyed by Oklahoma, Arizona, and New Mexico. They want their present qualified suffrage system continued, and would like to have continued their present system of importing coolie labor, attracting white men from California. Though in the edge of the tropics, Hawaii has a climate well-suited to white men. There is going to be a lively fight among The great ocean currents keep it cool and Springlike.

DRIFT OF PUBLIC OPINION.

Senator Jones, of Arkansas, says that he Speaker Reed the leadership has been will oppose vigorously any attempt to held by the young and ornate Mr. Bailey, make Hawaii a Territory, and the conof Texas, but he has had many rivals in tinuance of any form of slavery in the his party, and they now feel strong islands. He will also oppose the garrienough to oust him. They have many soning of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philip-

Senator Harris, of Kansas, says that we do not need all the Philippinesnothing more than the Island of Luzon. Senator Mason, Illinois, says that i Catarrh of the Stomach. was a mistake to suspend warlike operations until a treaty of peace was signed. was a mistake to suspend warlike opera-Col. Wm. P. Hepburn, of Iowa, who is Chairman of the House Committee on A Pleasant, Simple, but Safe and Interstate Commerce, before which must go all bills relating to the Nicaragua Canal, says that there is no doubt in the world that the canal will be dug, for believes that the United States should do There is often a foul taste in the month, the work itself, instead of guaranteeing





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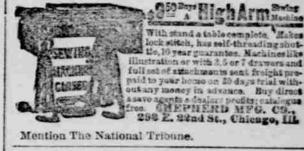
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