

HOME AGAIN.

Far down the lane A window pane Shines mid the trees through night and rains...

green inked bundle of paper, all pasted together and strung out with a pinned copy of his letter to his captain, came to Clancy at the first opportunity.

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A QUESTION OF METHOD

Young Bowen's Contempt For Army Red Tape. Clancy Bowen brought to New York from his western home a equipment of so much energy, com-

With the unshakable belief that CO's easy enough to "do things" if only "got down on your four legs" exercised," that his friends, both the old and old, expect a great deal of Hous. But they are yet awhile no near- and lopping the objectionable Introducto-Ports to his name than they were three ago, when Bowen had no better mag than to spend a week of his pre- time in the attempt, according to Th- omise, to collect an old and out- wh- ed debt from a vanishing person in mon- east for the benefit of some one "at tion." Then and always they called celn "young." Only this winter he had experience which should have been th- mative. It stunned him, perhaps, a- rit he awoke unchanged.

Bowen's brother, a soldier in the reg- ar army, went to the front in 1898. He stay at home, however, bore a heavier burden of the distresses of the Campaign in Cuba than the one who saw the battles. When he read in the newspapers that the army was keenly suffering for food while whole shipfuls of stores remained untapped at anchor a few miles off the beach, the young- man seethed with pent up irritation— pent up until he had finished a scrap of breakfast at his boarding house, where there was no one but the landlady, and she deaf, and found the ear of an ac- quaintance down town.

"Say, what good are those generals? They ain't fit to be pitching hay! Say, I'd get a rope on to every one of those ships, one by one, and haul 'em up on shore, and I'd dump 'em out and fill up the brave fellows fighting for their country till they was zorged!" "You couldn't do that, or anything, not if you was a general," said the other. "Red tape." He repeated the last words decisively. "Red tape?" "I'd ravel it all out!" cried Clancy and hurried off. That was the man; pees is the simple experience: the brother came back from the war Ha bit the worse either for the fast- poor or the fighting, but the chance of the life did not bring him within the h of Clancy's arms for more than glori- Then, after everything else been said, the soldier let fall the c- mation that he had been obliged Cleave his extra clothing, together cont most of his worldly goods, at the less ticks in California when he was or- but the front and regretfully wish- is not d- did you put the things?" ancy, alive at once, ready to ve of the matter of getting As soon had been phoid me to pack my stuff in wonderful n locker, and I did—No. 95. ed by silent tracks. Second infantry bank. rattled off the soldier.

There we have to do is to write battleships it who keeps care of the nearly every ask him to send your ing minute sh, as you have need of Chopin's a fix it up for you." marches. said the other hesitating- didn't be quite right, you utter and all. I'd better in to write. He'll say occasion. to the chaps out west. Standing on reg'lar." poop deck of Clancy sniffed; "that will fin of the que's your captain a good that could be e tend up to it sharp? ing the Alberts let me?" Victoria, interrupted decidedly. king and queen, better in the end, he then the yach royal personages passed. Nothing was yacht Hohenzollern barracks. Clancy of Germany and his brother "punch up" Imperial vess; even wrote a fevered ed in the water; ave taken away those, he ly steamed the them, but the soldier England can m- letter be mailed. The Slightly at split up over this ques- the fast black h said he was ashamed of them, while family should have so great battleship "him. It is this knowledge of how frequent- istic, Rodney i- use to do anything eign warships also last week he was the scene of tragid inked, blue inked, Under this stat toric yacht arri with its royal bur of unparalleled d

Fires in Natal.

In Natal fire still continues to be one of winter's perils. After months of drought plantations become so much tinder, and should by chance any field take fire and a "hot wind" be blowing the devastation wrought is widespread if not ruinous.

One "Black Monday" nearly 30 years ago will long be memorable for the destruction wreaked through two counties by the ruthless fire fiend. "Fire breaks" of trees or bare spaces combined with vigilance in suppression have greatly lessened the risks of conflagration, but the dangers of grass fires will long be a menace to the tree planter and pastoralist in the upper districts.

Natal has been described as a "vast meadow." Its hills are clothed from foot to brow with crisp and waving grass. The latter often overtops a man's head. From the earliest recorded times it has been the fashion, and a wasteful, barbarous fashion it seems, to burn these luxuriant pastures.—Cornhill.

Whitewash. A good whitewash is made by putting a piece of lime weighing about five pounds in a granite pan or bucket. Pour on it a gallon of water, allow it to boil and slack until the steaming is over; then take from this two quarts of the liquid lime, put it in a wooden or granite bucket and add sufficient water to make it rather thin. Add a small amount of pure indigo sufficient to give it the proper color; add a teaspoonful of salt and half a teaspoonful of lampblack; stir well. If you wish it colored, add one of the colorings which can be purchased at any drug- gist's, stating that it is to be used with lime.

Curiosities of the Alphabet. To those who have never considered the subject it might appear that each letter is of equal importance in the formation of words, but the relative proportions required in the English language are these: a, 85; b, 16; c, 39; d, 44; e, 120; f, 25; g, 17; h, 64; i, 80; j, 4; k, 8; l, 40; m, 39; n, 80; o, 89; p, 17; q, 5; r, 62; s, 80; t, 90; u, 34; v, 12; w, 29; x, 4; y, 20; z, 2. It is this knowledge of how frequent- ly one letter is used compared with others that enables cryptogram readers to unravel many mysteries.

Little Innocent's Conjecture.

Ministerial Friend on a visit— I wonder what makes your mamma so happy today? She is singing around all over the house. Little Nell—I des' she's thought of somef'n to scold papa about when he comes home.—Tit-Bits.

Yankers. When the Indians endeavored to say "English," they said instead "Yankees," and afterward the English themselves began to use the word, and hence the origin of the term "Yankers."

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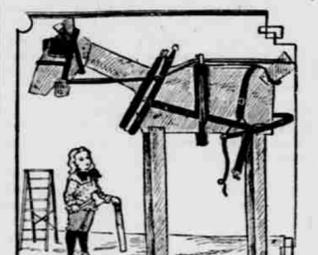
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