







ARMY HONOR A MYTH.

Army Officers Placed in a False Position—The Life They Live.

So-called army honor is a myth. That is to say, there is no higher sense of honor among the army officers as a class than there is among people of equal education and position in the ordinary course of life.

On the wall of the private office stood a large clock with a minute hand and a half in thickness, had been out away, revealing the cocoon in the center. This husk protects the nut when growing, and renders the germ germinant when the nut is just planted in its effort to push upward and downward in the soil.

In collections, centuries old, to be seen in China and Japan, are specimens of the cocoon of the silkworm, which drawing done with the thumb-nail, which is allowed to grow very long, then dipped into ink, and in spirited outline presently appears the figure of a man before him.

It has always been a mystery how a lieutenant with a salary of \$8,000 a year, or a captain with \$10,000 a month, can live in Washington as they do even when they are single, but when many of them support families into the bargain and have to support them in the most of the army men belong to a number of clubs.

Mr. Leonard H. Sweet, who is traveling in Europe, in a recent letter to his mother, gives an interesting account of his sojourn in the city of Marseilles. We make the following extract:

"On arriving at Marseilles the wind was strong and cold and the sky dark with the threat of a storm. I went for a walk. I found the streets thronged with a hurrying, impetuous multitude. There were large buildings and electric lights all indicating business activity.

"The harbor is one of the finest in all France, and of the finest in the world. I have yet visited, having been founded by the Phoenicians about 600 years before Christ."

One day, at the parade of his guard, the Emperor Paul I of Russia was excessively indignant at one of his officers who had not attended to his duties. He sent him, and sent him to his estate."

"There were 15,000,000 cocoanuts received at this port last year," said a fruit-dealer to a reporter as he watched a half a dozen men who were carrying baskets into stores.

"From what countries do you obtain your supplies?" "From the northern coast of South and Central America, Jamaica, Porto Rico and Baracoa, the better graded coming from South and Central America. Those varieties, having a much thicker meat and selling more readily, are much prized by our best bakers and confectioners."

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"You didn't want to come. The average man don't like trouble and danger. You don't like trouble and danger. But it cut off a man's eyes and ears, there—shouts 'lynch him, lynch him!' you're afraid to back down—afraid you'll be found out to be what you are—towards—and so you raise a yell, and being you're afraid to back down—toward that tall and come raging up here, swearing what big things you're going to do. The pitiful thing out is a mob; that's what an army is—a mob; they do fight the courage that's born in them, but with courage that's borrowed from their mass, and from their officers. But a mob without any man to lead them, looking tolerably fearless. Now the thing for you to do, is to drop your tails and go home and crawl in a hole. If any real lynching's going to be done, it will be done in the dark, southern fashion, and when they come they'll bring their masks, and take a man along. Now leave—and take your half-a-man with you,—'tossing your mask over your arm and cooking it, when he says this. The crowd washed back sudden and then broke all apart and went tearing off every which way, and Buck Harkness he heeled it after them, looking tolerably cheap. I could a stayed, if I'd wanted to, but I didn't want to."

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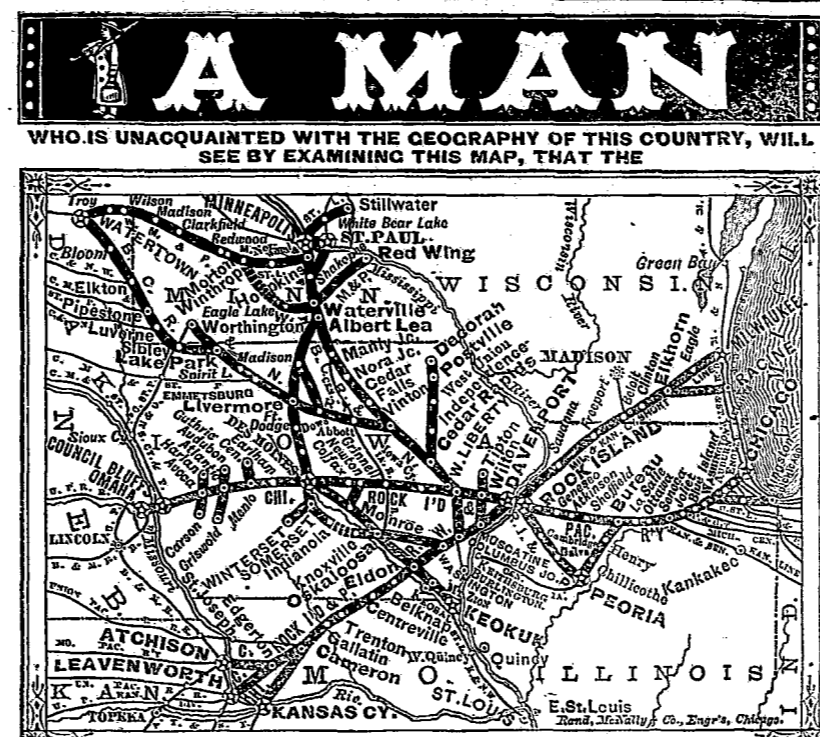
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