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Military Instructions.

The idea of teaching military tactics in the schools of this country is met with favor in most of the states, and the plan has been so extensively adopted that the government is forced to furnish its instructors as fast as they are needed.

There is a bill now pending in the Connecticut legislature to make military training a part of the public school system of the state. There is no other exercise that is equal to it in all respects.

It is approved by the government, it is practical knowledge, and it affords all around development for youth. The inspector general of the army, referring to military instruction in schools in his last annual report says:

"Military instruction deserves to be an assured feature of education in this country. Its influence in developing mind and body, in teaching method and precision, self control and obedience, discipline and manliness are incalculable. * * * Lessons learned in boyhood are seldom forgotten, and the seed planted by the government is sure to come to the surface in a future generation, when the need may be greatest."

There are to-day in the country fifty-six institutions at which proficiency in the military department is necessary for a diploma, and at sixty-three prizes are offered for excellence in military work. The tactics are taught in a great many schools, and the excellent results favor an extension of the system. In time it is sure to be adopted in all the states as it should be.

A Desirable Citizen.

Colonel Pease is a somewhat venerable Rhode Island publisher. He visited Washington some days since as candidate for public printer and was promptly run over by the everywhere prevailing scorcher.

The Washington Post thus narrates the accident and gives vent to its feelings in a way to show that it desires the Rhode Islander to at once become a citizen of the Nation's capital:

It appears that Col. Pease, of Woonsocket, R. I., is a very desirable kind of a citizen. Col. Pease is merely a visitor in Washington at present, but he hopes to settle here for quite a term of years, say four, and therefore it is in order to consider him as an addition to the community. Col. Pease is an applicant for the position of Public Printer. He is said to have a strong New England indorsement. If the Post were in the business of recommending aspirants for appointment we should be inclined to take a very favorable view of Colonel Pease's application, but the Post is not. We can appraise the Colonel only as a private individual. We can examine his record and then tell ourselves whether we should like to have him move into town.

Upon the whole, we are anxious to annex Col. Pease. Assuming to be true the current story concerning him and a certain local bicycle rider, name unknown, we are quite sure that we should like to have not only the Colonel himself, but several thousands more like him. Perhaps we had better repeat the story, however. It is to the effect that on Friday evening Col. Pease emerged from his hotel and started across the street. Just as he stepped from the curbstone into the roadway he was struck by a rapidly-moving bicycle, knocked down and run over. All accounts agree up to this point. Beyond it the versions vary. One says that the Colonel, rising to his feet simultaneously with the wheelman, rushed at the latter without any preliminary conversation and proceeded to wipe up a very large superficial area of the thoroughfare with his once proud form. Another has it that the Colonel was disposed to treat the collision as an accident, but that the cyclist, mistaking this philosophic attitude for timidity or wanted conscience, ruffed up to him and quitted to know why the thingabob he didn't get out of the way—what he meant by upsetting a bicycle rider in such fashion. Then it was, according

to the latter version, that Col. Pease put off his meekness as though it were a linen duster and smote the cyclist several large Homeric smites. The public may choose between the two accounts. The undisputed fact remains that Col. Pease was knocked down and run over by a swiftly-moving bicycle and that he got to his feet in time to give the rider two left hooks, one straight punch, and a right upper cut, which, together, temporarily reduced the scorcher to the moral and intellectual condition of a lump of glucose.

Upon this record, and without asking any further questions, we accept Col. Pease as a welcome and desirable addition to Washington society. He fills a long felt want. We need such men in our business. We can make room for several thousands of them. There are persons here quite ready to knock down or otherwise punish scorchers who run over pedestrians. We know of many who have sworn to inflict dire vengeance on any rider who throws one of them to the ground and passes over his prostrate form. Doubtless there are whole regiments of citizens pledged to this. But in Col. Pease we have a combination at once novel and important. He is not only anxious to punish the person who runs him down with a bicycle, but he seems to have the capacity of recovering in time to carry out his programme. What the community needs most is a large number of citizens able to get up and pulverize scorchers after having been knocked down. What we want is action. With Col. Pease permanently located in our midst the reckless wheelman would soon begin to disappear, and then good bicycle riders, together with the general public, would rejoice.

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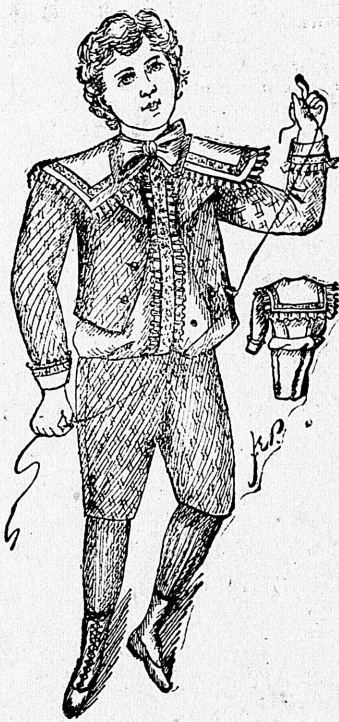
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