

# CAMPFIRE STORIES

Told by Brave Soldiers For Memorial Day

**GENERAL DANIEL RICKLES** tells a story illustrating the tenaciousness of President Lincoln's heart, as well as his faith in Providence and his beautiful optimism. After Sickles had been wounded at Gettysburg he was removed to Washington, and the president called on him at the hospital. When the general described the battle and the awful slaughter "Lincoln wept like a child."

"While the two armies were converging," said Lincoln, "I went into my room and prayed as I never prayed before. I told God if we were to win the battle he must do it, for I had done all that I could. I went from my room with a great load lifted from my shoulders, and from that time I never had a doubt as to the result. We shall hear good news from Grant, who has been pounding away at Vicksburg for so many months. I am in a prophetic mood today, Sickles, and I say that you will get well."

"The doctors do not say so."  
"I don't care; you will get well."  
That afternoon a telegram was received from General Grant announcing the fall of Vicksburg. General Sickles' recovery soon followed.



"You will get well."

## Colonel Jack Mosby's Ride.

Colonel Jack Mosby, the Confederate raider, was not very particular who he picked up on his raids around the country, but of course preferred a prisoner with straps on his shoulders to one without them. One night in March, 1863, he and his men were prowling about the Union headquarters at Fairfax Court House, Va., and from a prisoner learned where General Stonewall Jackson, commander of the infantry outposts, was sleeping. Taking with him a few trusty men, Mosby stole up to the general's house, and as General Stonewall turned to face the intruders he was confronted by a brace of revolvers.

"You're my prisoner!" said the guerrilla. "My name is Mosby—Jack Mosby, at your service. Stonewall Jackson's between you and your army." And Stonewall was so thoroughly deceived that, though having an array of several thousand within call, he allowed Mosby to carry him off.

## Why Grant Smoked So Much.

At a campfire and dinner of the Eleventh army corps in New York recently General James Grant Wilson told how General Grant became the inveterate smoker that he was. After the Fort Donelson campaign the newspapers all over the north were filled with the story of how the silent captain had fought that fight with an unlighted cigar in his mouth.

"Up to that time," said General Wilson, "General Grant never smoked more than two cigars a day in his life. When the people of the north found that their commander's evidently liked cigars, loyal souls from every great northern city sent in cigars to Grant's headquarters until he had piled up in his tent 20,000 cigars. He felt that it would not be polite to return them or to give them away, so the only thing to do was to smoke them."



## Grant and the Pumpkin Pie.

"There was a lieutenant in my regiment named Wickfield," said a veteran at a G. A. R. campfire. "We were campaigning under Grant in southern Missouri. Wickfield was commanding the advance guard, of which I was a member. We were hungry and tired, and when we caught sight of a farmhouse the lieutenant made tracks for it, and the rest of us followed. A middle-aged woman demanded to know what we wanted. Wickfield replied: 'Madam, I am General Grant, and this is my staff. We are hungry.'"

"He did not need to say any more. The woman brought out the best she had, and we ate until there was nothing left in sight. We had gone on but a short distance when the lieutenant sent me back to report something to General Grant. I got back to the farmhouse just in time to



"I am General Grant."

Bear the general ask the woman if she had anything to eat in the house.

"No," she replied. General Grant and his staff have just been here and eaten everything in the house except one pumpkin pie."

"The general took the situation at once and asked the woman her name. That night the regiment was ordered out on dress parade, and the adjutant general read this order from General Grant:

"Lieutenant Wickfield of the — Infantry company having on this day eaten one pumpkin pie, he is hereby ordered to return with an escort of 100 cavalry and eat that pie."

"Schwartz's Pattery Vas Took." During the battle of Shiloh an officer hurriedly rode up to an aid and inquired for Grant. "That's the man, with the gold glasses," said the aid. Wheeling his horse about, the stranger rode furiously at the general and, touching his cap, addressed him thus:

"S'heneral, I want to make one rebort—Schwartz's pattery is took."

"Aid," said the general, "How was that?" "Well, you see, s'heneral, der schweesombts marked us, and der schweesombts come in der rear of us, and de Schwartz's pattery

"You, of course, spiked the guns."  
"Aid," exclaimed the Dutchman in astonishment. "Schkoppe dem gund! Schkoppe dem perrn neu gund? Vy, it would spike der guns?"

"Well," said the general sharply, "what did you do?" "Dey? By chlammy, ye took dem pack namin'!"

When Two Dead Generals Met. General Gordon of the Union army fell wounded and it was thought, dying during the first day of the battle of Gettysburg and within the Confederate lines. General Gordon, entering his sleeping quarters, said to himself, "I am dying," said Barlow. "Just reach into my coat pocket, draw out the letter you had there and read it to me."

"I will," replied Gordon. He went for Mrs. Barlow, giving her safe conduct through the southern lines, and then rode away. "I am dying," said Barlow. "I am dying," said Barlow. "Just reach into my coat pocket, draw out the letter you had there and read it to me."

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