

YOUNGEST AND SHORTEST.

The Tom Thumbs of the British Army—
Boy Hero of the Battle of Elandsplaag.

It may not be generally known that the youngest soldier in the Queen's Army is but nine years of age. Nor is he a make-believe soldier either, for he has been recognized as one of the armed defenders by Queen Victoria herself. His name is James Ewen McNeil, and he is the son of Sergeant-Major J. McNeil, of the Cameron Highlanders. A photograph of our young soldier was sent to Her Majesty by Colonel McDonald, and the Queen sent a gracious letter of acknowledgment.

There are many youthful drummer-boys in the Army, one of the youngest being in the 2nd Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry, who is but thirteen years of age, and is now at the front. He has been referred to by Drum-Major Keene as a "smart, athletic youngster, of whom the battalion is proud."

In the Ducin Farmers there is a young bugger boy of fourteen, who was badly wounded at the Battle of Colenso. A war correspondent graphically describes the incident, which speaks volumes for the courage and nerve of this little soldier. He was one of the first to be wounded in the left attack, receiving no fewer than three wounds in the chest and one in his right arm.

One would have thought that the pain caused by such wounds would have fallen. But, like a true soldier, he manfully struggled against his weakness and staggered back to the dressing station in the rear. When the chaplain saw him he asked him his age.

"Fourteen years seven months, sir," replied the wounded soldier.

"Where do you feel the pain?" he kindly asked.

"There is only a stinging in my right arm," came the brave reply.

Mention, too, may be made of Trumpeter John James Shurlock, the boy hero of the Battle of Elandsplaag. This youthful hero of the present South African campaign is but sixteen years of age, but the bravery which he displayed only a few weeks ago is worthy of record here. He belongs to Squadron A of the 5th Royal Irish Lancers, and at the engagement referred to shot three Boers with a revolver. "The men of his regiment," wrote a correspondent at the time, "were so delighted with the youngster's pluck and prowess, that when the fighting was over they carried him round the camp in triumph." Young Shurlock joined the Army when he was but fourteen.

It is interesting to note that the shortest soldier in the Army is B. Grace, of the 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards, who is but 4 ft. 6 in. in height. It is strange, too, that this regiment should be able to boast of the record in the other extreme, in the person of Private McCulloch, who stands 8 ft. 1-2 in. in his socks, the tallest soldier in the Queen's Army.

PROOF POSITIVE.

The Truth About Backache Proved
By Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Mrs. Katy Lougheed Gives Evidence—No
Doubt in the Minds of the People of
Staples—Backache is Really Kid-
ney Ache.

Staples, Feb. 12.—There is no doubt in the minds of the people of this district that the contention that backache is a symptom of kidney disease, is literally and absolutely correct. If not, how is it that Dodd's Kidney Pills, a kidney medicine, cure backache? For there is no dispute about it that Dodd's Kidney Pills do cure backache. New cases in this neighborhood are coming to light every day. Mrs. Katy Lougheed is one of the most recent, but there are scores more.

It has long been contended that backache is really kidney ache. But up to within ten years ago, when Dodd's Kidney Pills were first given to the world, the fact had never been actually proved. But Dodd's Kidney Pills have turned the theory into a fact. If one has backache one's kidneys are out of order, and no amount of medicine which does not act on the kidneys, will do the slightest good. How many people have been crippled with lame back and given up trying to be cured in despair? They were not aware that backache is but a symptom, not a disease.

The real Backache, about which nobody who ever experiences it can be mistaken, is not an ache of the back at all. It is the ache of disordered kidneys. The kidneys are situated opposite the small of the back. Thus the pain is termed Backache. It is no use treating Backache, so called, locally. It is the kidneys that demand treatment. That is the reason that Dodd's Kidney Pills have such a reputation for curing Backache.

Mrs. Katy Lougheed, of Staples, writes: "I can highly recommend Dodd's Kidney Pills as the best thing for lame back that I ever got. I have only used two boxes and they cured me."

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A YOUNG GIRL'S DANGER.

HOW SHE OVERCAME IT. AND BAF-
FLED HER TORMENTOR.

Toronto, Dec. 26th.—Miss Ida Hobkirk, of 184 Harbord St., this city, is a young lady who is exceedingly popular with a very extensive circle of friends, all of whom are rejoicing over her recent escape from a terrible danger. The story of her experience is deeply interesting, told in her own straightforward way.

Here is her narrative: In 1896, I took a position in a downtown store. My work was not unusually hard, but I soon found I could not stand it, and my health failed. I grew very thin, had splitting headache continually, dizzy spells, and extreme weakness. My tongue was thickly furred, harsh and dry every morning, and I arose tired and aching. I was dull and low-spirited all the time.

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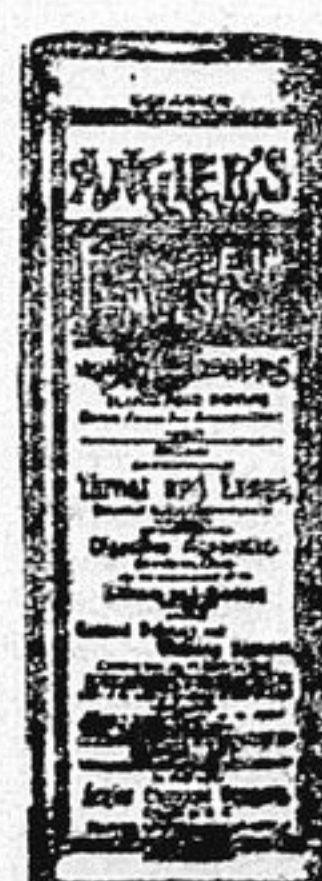
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