His Descri tion of the Battle of Batoche.

The following account of the fighting at Batoche is furnished an American paper by Captain Howard. It will be found exceedingly interesting, and contains some incidents of the battle not previously published. But the article is chiefly valuable as a specimen of egotistical writing met with only about once in a century. In every line and sentence there looms up the audacious, self-asserting, emnipotent, omnipresent Yankee. He says : -

We left Fish Creek for Batoche, where Riel was intrenched for us Friday night. The general gave me permission to take the gun with the advance scouts. After advancing about five miles I saw some men behind the house and notified the general. The scouts opened fire and the general ordered up a nine-pounder and shelled the house, when the men retreated. After advancing about a mile I saw some men, who afterward turned out to be Indians, eating their breakfast behind a corral, so I opened fire at 900 yards and gave them Gatling pills for dessert, and the way in which they deserted their camp was 'a caution.' I then opened fire on a house where I saw a man enter, and soon a priest came out with a white flag. We then advanced past the house to the top of a bluff, and the two nine-pounders opened fire on Batoche. One of the guns became disabled.

About thirty Sloux Indians made a rush with a whoop to take the nine-pounders, and as I was on the left I saw that I could not fire across them. There was only one thing I could do; that was to take the piece by hand to the front, down hill and give it to them. This I did within twenty yards of the enemy. I set the gun and turned the crank. There was not another war-whoop after that. Then the Indians were closing in on my left to cut off the scouts and I let them have it on that side, and when I looked up not a man was to be seen but the three men with me at the Gatling gun, but I kept in position until I had driven all the Indians out of their pits. One horse was shot and one man killed and another wounded. The firing lasted about twenty minutes. We then dragged the gun up hill and held the position until ordered over to the right to drive the enemy out of some brush. This I did, and I was all over the field all day, from one place to another. The battle was as hot a one as ever I saw, as the enemy were in rifle pits and hard to get at. "By 7 o'clock in the evening the general

fell back about a quarter of a mile to the place of the camp. and I was ordered to cover the retreat. Through some mistake the general had withdrawn my right support, and about one hundred Indians made a dash on my right- 1 had all 1 wanted to do to get to camp, as I did not have my herse, and it would have made you laugh to see me dodging the buckshot and bullets.

"We intrenched the came and fought until dusk, when the Indians left. We had four killed and fifteen wounded. On Sunday we skirmished all day and tried to find their weskest point, but they were about evenly distributed all around. On Monday I was ordered out with the scouts to see what we could find. About two miles from camp we received a shot, and at some distance of about seven hundred yards we saw the heads of three men. The general asked me to try them. I did so, and gave them 100 rounds and knocked two out of three. We went on about a quatrer fo a mile and saw a lot of horses picketed near a house. We open on them at 1, 200 yards and killed two and and the rest broke and ran. Some men rode toward us and I let them have it, when over went one man and horse. The general then went on with ten men and left me to draw the fire, and I found it was hot work for about two miles. As soon as the general returned we retreated to camp. By this time the general had changed his mind as to the Gatling gun, and with it the men would then go through fire or anything else.

"Tuesday morning I was ordered to get ready (which means to start as we sleep, with horses all harnessed and with our boots on) to make a recon nisance with some scouts, the same as on Monday, and draw their fire, as it was our plan to enter among the same way as we first tried. We went out to their first line and drew their fire for about two hours, when we fell back to | through the nostrils keeps up an irritation camp with a loss of one man.

"In the meantime, the Midland regiment, under Colonel Williams, and the Grenadiers with the Nineteenth Rifles were trying to enter the pits on the west side. In a few minutes we heard a cheer and every man knew what that meant, and it was answered from the camp and all jumped for their guns. My men were eating dinner, but I ordered them to their | Esquimaux cure these slight frost-bites post and they had hardly reached their place when we heard a call for the Gat- | deer mitten, directly to the spot. They ling. Talk about flying batteries! I had | knew nothing of rubbing frost bites with four horses on the gun. Out of the camp we went, and the Indians must have thought there was something the matter | extremely low Arctic temperatures, when from the cheers we received as we went | the snow is like sand when loose and through on the dead jump. I had a horse that can't be beat, and hope he will live to get to New Haven with me. I went at least to a great extent, was the use of down into the fight with skirmishers, but | snow to quench thirst, which every Arctic the Colonel said it was too hot a place for me. So I withdrew to my old position ingas hurtful, My Esquimaux used it stall of Saturday, and saw a house that the temperatures to alleviate their thirst. Indians were firing from. I opened on it. when of all the cheers you ever heard fore putting it in the mouth. I have often those from the men below were the most | seen Esquimaux boys place a steel snow energetic. The men charged and cap- knife to their tongue and let it freeze fast, tured the house, and I advanced and kept | and then swing it backward and forward up a fire on all of their pits, and the men | until it fell, and try and make it stick upwould take them as soon as I silenced | right in the snow. them, but the Indians soon gave way and retreated to the river bank. The general asked me to cross the plain in their front | Jersey is making a counterpane and piland flank them on the right, and seeing a low shams of paper, which retail a good position I gave the order, "For- | seventy-five cents a set,

Of all the hallstones I ever se that was one of the worst, but not a man or home was hit except a scratch on my horse's eye. Taking my position I drove them away from their tepess, and with the charges made by the infantry and scouts and the shots fired by the artillery, the battle of Batoche was won.

"While taking my position on the right I saw a flag floating from one of the pits. So I went to get it and found it was Riel's battle flag, which I now have together with some other relics of the fight. We camped in Batoche for the night, and it was the best night's sleep I ever had. We lost in the fight eight killed and seventyfive wounded, and the Indians had seventy-two killed and 116 wounded that we know for a certainty, and about thirty were marked with my Gatling balls, ranging from three to twenty each man. The morning after the fight I went out with the secuts to see if we could find Riel, but after searching the country all day we received word about 6 o'clock that he had given himself up in camp. He has all Lower Canada on his side.

"I asked the general if he had any further use for me, and he said: 'Yes, want you to remain until the campaign is over.' I never was better treated in my Address all letters to me, care of 'A' battery, Prince Albert, N. W. T. You could have heard the cheer three miles after the rescue of fifteen persons from one house. The Indians had put them there to kill them, but I made it so hot for them that the boys charged and relieved the persons."

### The Land of Eternal Winter.

Even the foot of a person walking along as it is lifted from the ground leaves a little puff of vapor to float away from the spot as if the walker had stepped upon a sponge saturated with smoke, which was liberated by the pressure, and this, too, when there are four thicknesses of heavy reindeer skin between the bare foot and the snow underneath.

So scarce was the game through this part of the country, and so absolutely dependent were we upon it for our daily supply of food, that to increase our chances of securing it we separated into parties, one and two days' journey apart from each other, although traveling the same trail, and thus each space between camps was gone over twice or three times, and our chances of seeing reindeer or musk-oxen increased proportionally. Oscasionally my sledge would be in the rear, and before we started in the morning it would sometimes be useful to know if the party ahead had moved on, and Toolooah, my sledge driver, would climb a near hill, and if the weather was intensely cold and clear was almost sure to be able to tell me, although the measured sledge journey to the snow-house that he had discerned by its ascending vapors was often eight and ten miles, and probably three-fourths as much in a straight line.

Whenever the sledge was traveling along, its iced runners dragging over the fine, gritty snows would give forth a clear musical ring in the bitter cold air that sounded very much like the drawing of a resined bow overa tuning fork, a wellknown experiment in acoustic lectures. Many of my readers who live, or have lived, in countries where the thermometer gets down to zero and 20 degrees below in the winter have heard this sound coming from the iron runners of the swiftgliding sleighs, and especially upon a clear, quiet night with but a single sleigh within hearing. Could you imagine that clear, frosty ring as much louder as a whistle of a steamboat is above the whistle of a man, or certainly multiplied manifold times you could realize how the iced sledge runners fairly sing with their polished surface dragging over the marblelike snows of the intense Arctic cold. By holding the ear near the snow this music of the cold can be heard a couple of miles away, and at this great distance sounds like the soft murmurings of an Æolian harp or distant minglings o guitars.

Sometimes in breathing this extremely cold air my tongue felt as if it was freezing in my mouth, but I could readily rid myself of this uncomfortable feeling | Street by breathing through the nostrils for a minute or two. Naturally you will ask: "Why not breathe through the nostrils all the time?' as you have so often heard advocated. This bitter cold air passing so that the consequent catarrh makes it desirable to use the mouth nearly altogether in breathing. Also, the nose is more liable to freeze when breathing through it. These freezings of the nose and cheeks are very common affairs, occurring over a dozen times a day in very low temp eratures, and especially if there be any wind blowing in the face. The by applying the hand warm from the reinsnow, so extolled in our own cold climates, and I doubt its efficacy myself in those like granite rock when in mass. Another fallacious idea exploded by my Esquimaux, writer has been so unanimous in condemnfirst breathing on the piece of snow be-

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