THEY PLAY ENGLISH AIRS.

New Music at Fort Sheridan, Ill.-" The Supplanting British Grenadiers" 44 America and Dixie."

The much talked about Anglo-American friendliness is not all newspaper and after dinner "guff," as some pessimistic people are fond of saying. It has a good substantial and popular basis as many evidences go to show. One of the most recent of these is given by the Chicago Record as follows:

There is music in the air at Fort Sheridan the Record says. It comes from the quarter on the second floor to the left of the archway, facing the parade ground and floats in broken strains with frequent halts to the ears of all who come that way. Tommy in his company room hears it, laughs and says that it beats various kinds of things. He also asks his grinning bunkie if "that wouldn't kill him."

The officers striding along the cement walk on their way to the adjutant's office, smile as the sounds of horn, cornet and snare-drum reach their ears, and there is gratification as well as amusement in their smiles.

The fact that the band is practising does not usually excite much remark at the fort, but the airs they are playing now have set the men talking and wondering from one end of the barracks to the other. Operatic music is as a thing forgotten. Even the "Star-Spangled Banner," is never heard except at retreat. Such comparatively recent favorites as " A Hot Time in the Old Town" and "Dixie" have passed from the minds of the earnestly striving musicians, who are now blowing their whole souls into "Rule Britannia" and "British Grenadiers," In the words of the second clarinet: "ANYTHING ENGLISH GOES."

The reason why the band is seeking to acquire the melodies of Albion to such an extent that it has even added "La Tiddledy Iddley Umpty Umpty Ay" to its repertoire is that the solliers of the United States army and "the widow's men," are likely to be derer. commingly within a few weeks in triendly fashion and on British terfitory.

The order has gone forth, it is said, that the brigade in which the 4th is part, will disembark on its way to the Philippines in the most jealously guarded strongholds of Great Britain, there receiving such a welcome as has never been accorded to an armed foreign force since the redcoats first planted their flags and mounted their guns.

The order conveying the route to the commanding officers of the brigade names, it is said, Gibraltar, Malta, Cairo-Bombay and Singapore as the places where the troops are to land. At Malta the stay of the American troops will extend, it is said, to a period of four days.

It is regarded by many as significant of more than ordinary feeling of friendship toward the United States on the part of Great Britain that that Power should allow the landing of armed forces on her territories, and that by accepting the concession the United States shows her willingness to return the hospitality extended at any time that it becomes necessary. At all events, this is the view the soldiers at Fort Sheridan take of it.

They are beginning to be eager for the start and the few books of Eastern travel in the meagre little library are being diligently thumbed. Half a the bride. dozen eager heads are crowded at a Groom-Oh, I know that's customary; off the Sicilian coast, where they guess | there is about it. that the British bandmasters are now instructing their men how to play "Hail | it ? Columbia" and "Yankee Doodle," and | Groom-None at all. But you are a miring comrades what they may ex- ministers. pect to see.

COULD RUSSIA TAKE INDIA?

The Problem Analyzed-It Would Be a Formidable Task.

Lieut.-Col. von Bieberstein discusses the question "Could Russia Take India?" Russia, he tells us, has about 40,000 troops in Turkestan and rail communications with the Caspian extending to within 240 miles of the Afghan fortress of Herat. She could, therefore, he thinks, seize this fortress, long before the British could reach it, and could mass 150,000 troops in and about it within two months.

But then would begin the 700 miles march through Afghanistan, over high mountains, which would occupy approximately three months. An immense amount of stores and ammunition, must be carried with the army, and large cannon could not be taken at all. Moreover, the line of march, must be protected, and the army in consequence diminished, and, in short, Russia could not reach the borders of India with more than two-thirds of her original army.

To oppose this army the British could bring up a nearly equal number of Indian troops, and still leave 130,000 for the maintenance of British supremacy in India. In addition, their fleet, carrying 35,000 troops, could twice make the journey to India and back before the Russians could reach the border. Besides all this, they could be drilling the warlike tribes of India, and thus in-

creasing their forces. Then, too, they would have several Lines of defence even after the Indian border had been crossed, and the Russians would be fighting far from their base of supplies. Unquestionably, however, there are various eventualities that must be taken into consideration, as, for instance, France and Russia

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might be united, and in that case the French fleet would interfere somewhat with the sending of troops from England to India.

by hopes of plunder to join the Russians in an invasion of India. Still, again, there might be a revolt in India stirred up by Russia's friends in that Science Gave us Dodd's Kidney Pillsempire. But, in any event, the natural conclusion is that the conquest of India would be a colossal task, requiring an immense expenditure of men and money, and it is almost sure that it could not succeed, certainly not by Russia or any other European power single-handed.

AN ART COLLECTOR.

Didn't you know it is against the law to beg for money? said the lady to the tramp at the back door.

I wasn't goin' to beg for money, ma'am, was the reply of the humble wan-

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A SCIENTIFIC VIEW.

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THE FIRST STEP.

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time over a picture of the sterile rock but I won't have it, and that's all Bride-Why, my dear, what harm is

those who saw the streets of Cairo at | married woman now, and I don't want the World's Fair are talling their ad- you to contract the habit of kissing

y crop antil paid. J. Mulball, Signa City, Land

A NOISY CONGREGATION.

Bystander at great fire -That hotel that's burning down is the place where you generally stop, isn't it Mr. Grip? Mr. Grip, commercial traveler-Same

Bystander - What a tremendous a haby in the house. crackling the fire makes! Mr. Grip-Yes, that's the bugs.

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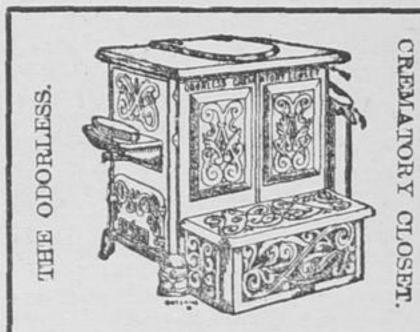
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