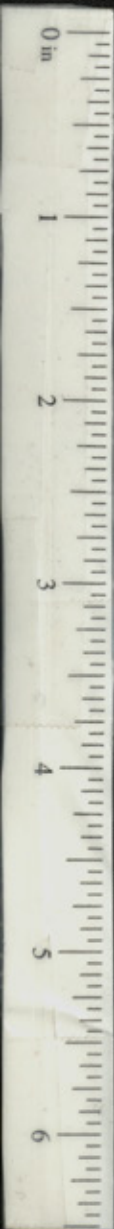


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The Military Aspects of the Land Parade.

It has been my privilege to witness parades in this country and in Europe these many years. I was ^{observing in New York} present at the Centennial, the Grant Memorial, several inaugurals ^{Washington, the Capital,} in the Capital, and, as you know, participated in the Grand Review of the Armies of the East and ^{the} West at the close of the Civil War. But no ~~parade~~ ^{parade} that I have ever witnessed has approached this Dewey Parade in its principal features.

The military performance itself has been greatly enhanced by capital organization and arrangement. The ^{formation} ~~arrangement~~ of the short platoons and marching the column closed ^{ed} on masse facilitated every thing and resulted in a solidity, and continuity ^{of movement attained} not before obtained on similar occasions. The effect of the arms, ^{bright and glistening,} to any observer who could take in a half-mile of Riverside Drive, 72nd Street, or Fifth Avenue, was beyond description in its completeness and brilliancy. Of course, ~~the~~ frame-work adds to any picture. Here was a military picture continued as far as the eye could reach with a frame-work of magnificent decorations in windows, over door-ways, and dropping from roofs and walls; ^{resplendent} ~~brilliant~~ in the colors we love, the Red, White, and Blue, and studded with stars, a firmament of them. Yet, something far beyond the rich decorations was found in the throngs and throngs of people, orderly, decorous, happy men, women and children ~~and~~ who formed the best part of the whole frame-work. ^{The military exhibit, miles in extent} ~~was indeed a picture; nay, more, a panorama.~~

There was no instant when the hero we were honoring was passing any given point, that the burst of applause, the acclaims of voices in every key, did not give a voluntary tribute to him as the embodiment of America's best manhood, — ^{one of nature's noblemen.}

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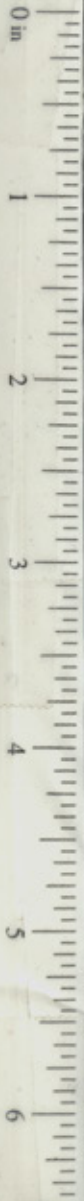
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Similar shouts of welcome and appreciation were heard when Genl. Roe and his staff set out, turned a corner, or passed a new street. The corps of Cadets, ^{which} ~~that~~ ^{superbly} always marches well; the National Guard of New York, proud of its attainment and leader, were stimulated more than ever by the great occasion. Germany's best soldiers could scarcely equal their performance. Besides these home bodies of military men, which included the Naval Militia and Old Guard, there were others from the other states, ^{Pennsylvania,} New Jersey, Georgia, Conn., New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Ohio, Indiana, Mississippi, Maine, Florida, Texas, District of Columbia, and ^{coming in succession past the thought of others} particularly including the Highlanders of Toronto; and these Guest Detachments received scarcely less applause and admiration, and justly so, than the home-troops. The crowds of on-lookers were not only active with their voices but also with their small flags, with their ^{faces,} handkerchiefs, and with their hands, never ceasing to clap with lively satisfaction.

The veterans, when they started on their march, were not so many as some had hoped to see, but they showed a vigor not anticipated; ^{they renewed their youth} their uniform was multifarious; their badges showed hundreds of organizations; and dear ladies, through the Daughters of the Revolution, had ^{already} taken pains, while the Old Boys were waiting, to crown them with flowers. ^{beautiful, noticed by millions, handsome} A wreath was thrown over the neck of the ~~beautiful~~ horse ridden by ~~the~~ their commander. Other wreaths reached the hands of his staff, and every veteran had a bunch of flowers, always arranged to show the Red, White, and Blue. What could be more appropriate than these decorations ^{by charming patriotic women} so tenderly given, to these representatives of our veterans, to whom

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The country owes its very existence.

The veterans followed the armed men, ^{and, as by special favor of}
^{were} Genl. Roe permitted the Duxes Zouaves to bear their arms ~~and to~~ ^{escort} ~~ing~~
 the Division Commander and his staff. The same compact formation was
~~preserved~~ preserved by all the veterans. The aged soldiers could
 not help feeling that the Spanish War contingent, though coming into ~~the~~
 line later, had as ^{great a part} ~~an~~ ⁱⁿ the enthusiasm and love of the
 people as had any who preceded them.

The service that these new veterans had rendered in their
 short and decisive war justly received the praise and plaudits of all
 observers. Now, that they have recovered from their fevers-yellow,
 malarial, and typhoid- they step out with a firmer tread and with a
 better set-up figure than we men of the past can command, however am-
 bitious we may be. ^{however} We did not begrudge them the joyous welcome ^{they met} from
 happy voices, bright eyes, ~~and~~ smiling faces, and active hands that fol-
^{and cheered} lowed them all the way from One Hundred and Sixteenth Street ^{quite} through
 the Arch at Madison Square.

Of course, the pageant viewed by Admiral Dewey and those gathered
 about him, from start to finish excelled that apparent to any other
 single observer, except that the view of some of the on-lookers took
 in not only the unsurpassed military column, but also embraced a
 view of the official stand, which, with the Modest Hero, surprised beyond
 measure at all this devotion, ^{appeared before them} ~~by~~ officers in the variegated uniform
 gathered around him ^{who was supported by} ~~and~~ the gaily dressed multitude behind him, ^{all this}
 afforded a spectacle beautiful enough, lively enough, and impressive

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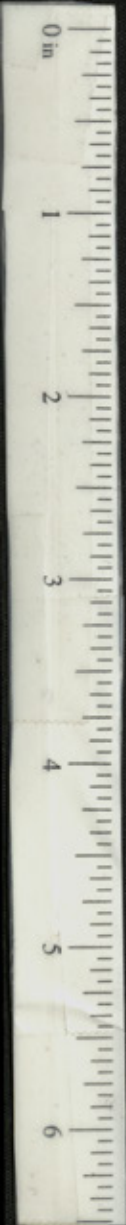
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a production of high art
The Arch of Triumph, with its outlying pillars was stately, was noble, was magnificent; yet we feared a great clogging and delay in the steadiness of the march at this point because of the narrowness of the Arch, its portal being only 25 feet wide, and therefore admitting only 16 of the average ~~men~~ *men* abreast. This of course caused one or two files to break to the rear, but happily the delay of the march was inconsiderable and the disaission on the different commands at the point below the Arch was never more successful than in this parade.

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