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PAUL FLINT is captain of a company of soldiers in our village. This company is called the Invincibles. That is a hard name for little folks. An invincible soldier is one who cannot be beaten.

Paul is not only the captain but the drummer of his company. He is also a general. His men are armed, — some of them with wooden swords, and some with bulrushes got from the swamp near by.

I must tell you of a great battle which took place the other day, and in which the Invincibles proved themselves brave soldiers. Gen. Paul led them on, and showed that he was born to command.

A flock of geese had come into the garden from the common near by. It was Saturday afternoon. School did not keep, and the Invincibles were out in full force.

Gen. Paul, from a hill not far off, saw the enemy in white uniform enter the garden. He made a spy-glass of his two fists, and watched them for some time.

Then he made a speech to his troops: "If there is any coward among you," said he, "any one whose heart fails him at sight of the foe, let him leave the ranks at once. The fewer men, the greater share of honor."

To the credit of the Invincibles let it be said, not one man left the ranks. They replied with three bold cheers to the speech, and cried out, "Lead on, lead on!"

The general then disposed of his army in a most masterly way. A part of it he placed at the gate to cover the retreat in case the geese should be the victors. A wise general always provides for a retreat.

When all was ready, he cried out, "Attention, Invincibles! Shoulder—arms! Charge—bayonets! Forward! Double-quick! March!"

You should have seen that battle. Not a man drew back. On they went, with colors flying and drum beating, till they came upon the enemy in the garden. The geese fled right and left, some of them getting over the fence, and others—the poltroons!—trying to escape by the gate.

In five minutes, not a goose was to be seen. The battle was over. The Invincibles held the field. They gave three cheers in honor of their victory. Only two men out of the whole army were wounded: those two had tripped, and scraped their knees.

If ever an enemy should attack our village, I hope the Invincibles will be on hand to defend us. I hope we shall have brave Gen. Paul to lead us; and I hope that none but geese will be so foolish as to get up a war.

UNCLE CHARLES.

THE MILKMAN'S DOG AND HORSE.

THE other day I heard a true story of a good dog and a good horse. They belong to a man in the State of Maine, who deals in milk.

Some of his milk this man gets from a house half a mile off from where he lives himself.

Every day, just before sunset, he harnesses his horse to a wagon or a cart, puts in his cans for the milk, and lays the reins where they can be got with ease by the driver.

Then he calls his dog; and the dog jumps in, and takes the reins in his mouth, while the horse trots on to the house where the milk is to be got.

Then a man comes out and fills the cans, and turns the horse round the way he ought to go to get home.



The good dog sits holding the reins, while the good horse trots off, and does not stop till he gets home.

They have never yet met with any mishap. Is it not a good dog? and is it not a good horse too? UNCLE CHARLES.