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Gen. Pierce's "Game of Ball."

A letter from an officer in the army, contains the following anecdote of Brig. Gen. Frank Pierce :

"At the battle of Contreras, as our regiment was marching to take up our position in front of the enemy's works, Gen. P. was with us at our head leading over the pedregal. When we got within grape range there was some shot whistling about our ears in a way that indicated very clearly that there was no sham about the matter. At this point I noticed a twenty-four pound shot hiss directly over the General's head and not more than eight or ten feet above it; as it passed over he struck at it with his sword but did not hit it, and he turned coolly to the regiment and said: "Boys, we are having a good game of ball this afternoon." His coolness had its effect. It will be a long day before the Ninth regiment will forget Frank Pierce's "game of ball."


Something in Looks.

A man's look is the work of years. It is stamped on his countenance by the events of his whole life—nay, more, the hand of nature, and it is not to be got rid of easily. There is, as it has been remarked repeatedly, something in a person's appearance at first sight which we do not like, and which gives us an odd twinge, but which is overlooked in a multitude of other circumstances till the mask is taken off, and we see this lurking character verified in the plainest manner in the sequel. We are struck at first, and by chance, with what is peculiar and

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