







## SOME ODD STORIES.

INTERESTING INCIDENTS RELATED BY MAJOR A. R. CALHOUN.

An Old Time Duel in the Island of Grenada—How a Nervous Killed His Opponent at the First Shot—An Amiable Contest.

Sir George Young was governor of the Island of Grenada, and a stern disciplinarian. He had served with distinction on the continent under Frederick the Great. He was a typical soldier, and in his military and attire appeared to be on dress parade from the time of his rising till the moment of his going to bed.

The Englishman on the island who could govern Young's council very naturally thought that the governor was the servant of so much formality among gentlemen. Among the council was Dr. Parker, a gentleman with opinions of his own, and was more or less to run for himself. One morning during a debate, in which General Young was very domineering, Dr. Parker said:

"I have no reply to make. Your excellency represents the king."

"Do not rise from your chair, but the moment I leave I am George Young, and very much at my service."

"The explanation of words, in a 'Pickwickian' sense, had not at that time obtained, and were now given to settling their personal differences by a deadly meeting in a court of law."

As the time Colonel Williams, a Welshman, who had a good deal of contempt for the methods of Frederick the Great, as exemplified daily by the governor, commanded a regiment on the island. The afternoon of the minute-retaining in the council chamber he was called upon by Dr. Parker, who said:

"Colonel, the governor has challenged me, and I want you to be my second."

"Gladly," responded the very Welshman. "Let me see you, Parker, are you a good shot?"

"I have fired a pistol in my life," was the reply.

"Never!"

"Then I wouldn't give a farthing for Young's life. A man's first shot is the best!"

"You surprise me."

"I know it from a long experience. Here is a pair of pistols that never missed fire since they were first manufactured. Take them to the governor's office, and let the largest mirror in the house. Look well at your shadow. Raise your pistol from your knee in this way, with a stiff elbow, ranging along the reflection in the glass. When you get the muzzle up to the height of the hip joint, you are ready to fire."

"You will fight in Glen's saw pit at six o'clock. Be there at five, and when General Young comes opposite you think of the governor's words, and you will fight with a stiff elbow, and pull as soon as it ranges with his hip. You can't miss him. Ten to one he will talk about marching and facing to the right about and give you a lecture about the 'Prussian mode' of doing things. Tell him you are tired of your spurs, but that he can march and counter-march, and he'll change his mind. Remember, you have but two things to think of after you get upon the ground—

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