

NOTE. — The two following journals are by much more illiterate men than the preceding order-book; it is therefore not thought advisable in general to reproduce the spelling, except of proper names — which, as change sometimes involves guesswork that may be wrong, are uniformly left untouched — and wholly shapeless stumbles at words. Nothing but spelling, capitalization, and punctuation, however, has been changed in the least. As samples of the original, and for philological suggestiveness, a few specimens are subjoined: —

MORGAN'S DIARY.

- [July 14.] "A coat marfel Cap. Spiror Markee."
[Aug. 16.] "I fot out for Home the Son bought a Nower hi at Night."
[Aug. 30.] "Thea was Captain walles failed to long pint In Stroingtoun with his Shep and fire tenders and Begund to fire upon the town and fired a most all Day and twas Judy it the ar was a bought fix hundred guns fired at the town kild No body. . . . And one of them was lodcd with fuger and malafes and thea fa it be long to providence and our men fired upon them when thea was ciren the vesels and killed som of them. . . . And walles came cros him and chas him up to the pint and he but jest efkaep."
[Sept. 16.] "Last Nigt Raglor came out of Boston and thea fired upon as tew Bum and fix Cannin and thea fired one cannin from our loer forte."
[Sept. 18.] "This Day thea fierd 52 cannon and Booms upon our men tew work upon the Nack wheare thea was biling breast works."
[Sept. 19.] "Thea fierd 12 canon . . . and thea com clos to us."
[Sept. 20.] "It reand very Heard in the foranon and thea was very fil this Day."
[Sept. 21.] "Thes Day thea fired 16 or 18 cannon and Bums and one of the bums fel in to the fort."
[Sept. 25.] "It twas very fil times and I took hors."
[Oct. 4.] "Our regiment was free from Deaty becous wee musted."
[Oct. 6.] "Elish Cagelton Head Dis Charg. . . . Thea was fired all In a Nower. One of the presnor was . . . find for shcuten his gun of wile . . . and the ourther was one nulle drum mager."
[Oct. 8.] "Thea was a raglor com out of boson and he ses thea was a Nother reglar fet out to swim out from boston common and the other one swim to Ncer the float In Battre thea se him and thea kick him."
[Oct. 9.] "I se one of the rif rif man wip 39 strips and was Drund out of the camps 55 Drumburs and 60 fiers."
[Oct. 10.] "And It twas very fil times and It twas sub spous at general jage for our for Home."
[Oct. 11.] "At Night 9 a Clock It Begune to rane and thunder and a merkelbel storm of thounder and ran l: twas."
[Nov. 4.] "Thea was a raglor or tew our sentre spide tham and thea heald them and thea Did Not Anfo."

[Nov. 6.] "One Plats . . . found gilde of Choken and Casen."
 [Nov. 7.] "The reglors went . . . to Cet sam Cattel but thea Cot Defeated."
 "Carrowed" [carried], and "shogers" [soldiers], invariably; "a halling up ther bots."

LYMAN'S DIARY.

[Aug. 20.] "We got redy for to go to meting and the offercis Came and Said that we must not go to meting without britchis and it was so hot that I cold not bare to ware them."

[Aug. 22.] "And they Rais a 170 Men and they marched to Rope Fetey and when they got theire the Man of War had Gawn of and then the arney came Back to New London."

[Sept. 6.] "We played bawel all day jest about Suaser we heard 8 or 10 great guns tords Rodilar."

[Nov. 1.] "There was some of our ridgment that went arcer apples to the loer gard."

[Nov. 4.] "And he wouid sware and dam us all."

[Nov. 9.] "There was a larram and we turaned out and the world seemed to be fool of men and the cannans roring on both sids . . . and the cannon balls would whissle through the are and we cold see them strike in the water and make it fly as hy as the boaten."

[Nov. 22.] "I went to the fagstruc gard and the regulars fire severat times at our gards."

[Nov. 28, 29.] "I went on forteague and helped carry 4 fashcans about half a mild."

[Dec. 1.] "We was ordered to parade before the ginirals dore the hole ridgment and Jiniral Lec and Jini [] Solivan came out."

[Dec. 2.] "Our gard took 4 of there horses and the morrer peas."

[Dec. 10.] "We was ordred to parade before the giniral's dore and we was counted of and and dismissed and we we [] to the luten and he gave us a dram."

[Dec. 23.] "I went and run some bolts and agreed to work 2 months for Luke Camp and at Night I inted for the ich and had a fine rasl or [] it."

"Kich" or "Ceched," "tound," "mild" [mile], "brakefast," invariably; "tuck" [took], "purteague," etc.

[Paper A.] "It is hoped and expected that as you vallow the sacred right and Liberties of your Contry you will shew a proper concempt and indignation towards those disaffected miscreants who are at this Chrises deserting hur cawe. . . . Our army will the very day of there desertion be stronger than ever but the spirit and virtu of the mager part sary to render" etc.

"Thus much may surfsce for Jiniral Lec."

[Rations.] "Bread or flower With 3 points of bear pr day and also malases a point of rice or a point of indian meal . . . also one Jill of rum p^r man p^r day upon phiteague onely . . . milk malases candles sope vinegar cofy Chacolate Shugar Tobacco and onion in their Season and vegetables . . . in the Dierction of the general and feald offercis."

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