

counting-house, and behind the counter, then donning their uniform, travelled all night, and appeared on the ground as fresh as daisies, and after a hard day's reviewing, hurried northward, and were home again by daybreak. We question if campaigning would be much harder work than this.

"The Bristol corps, a regiment of stalwart Saxons, in like manner came from the other side of the island; and indeed from all parts the volunteers were drawn to air themselves for a few hours in the eyes of their sovereign. And her Majesty

Instruction,' 'marching and manœuvring can do no more than place the soldier in the best possible situation for using his weapon with effect.' How are our volunteers to become good marksmen? Blazing away at a target without any preliminary instruction is a mere waste of powder and ball; this fact they have long found out at Hythe. The public cannot understand this, and there has been a loud cry in the papers for ball-cartridge practice; but General Hay will tell you that to begin with ball practice is to begin at the end. Before a man can



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was justly proud of their devotion, and was so moved that at one time she actually shed tears—precious tears. What other monarch in Europe, for such a cause, could shed them? It may be that we see with partial eyes, but we question if any country in Europe could send forth such an army of picked men as defiled before the Royal Standard on that occasion; and some of the Parisian journals were handsome enough to say almost as much. As the French Ambassador, Perigny, watched the last volunteer march past him, he turned to an English friend, and said, 'This is indeed the handsomest compliment you could have paid us.' But to drill well and to make good marksmen are two very different things; or, to use the language of the 'Hythe Manual of Musket

shoot effectively with a rifle, he must know how to hold it. At short ranges he can shoot standing; but when it comes to a thousand yards, he requires a rest of some kind, and the kneeling position will give him a natural rest, if he is instructed how to take it. We question if many of those portly riflemen to be seen in every corps are at all aware of the trifling knot they must tie themselves up into ere they can accomplish this position. In the book of instruction the position drill for long ranges is as follows:—'When kneeling, the right foot and knee are to be in the right position, and the body (*i.e.*, buttock) is to rest firmly on the right heel.' If any rifleman who has lost his waist will have the goodness to try this position, we would recommend him to have some assistance at hand to help him up