

**THE MAINE NINTH REGIMENT.**—A letter from a soldier in the 9th Maine Regiment gives an account of the Christmas festivities of the regiment—bag race, wheelbarrow race blindfolded, &c. One foot-race was run by one of the new recruits—a Penobscot Indian—and he was subsequently beaten by Co. A's cook—a negro. The grand finale was a foot-race between the commissioned officers—all to run—prize *fifteen cents*, which was won by the Major. This race created great laughter. The letter says :

“A few days ago we received one hundred and fourteen recruits, most of them very good men. A large number of our veteran troops are enlisting over again for three years. We have enlisted *over three-quarters of the old soldiers of our regiment*; and a large number who have been with us a year and a half want to re-enlist, but the Government won't muster them in as veterans.”