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We arrived at about a half mile from where they had bivouacked for the night ; from the top of a hill over which the turnpike ran we could plainly see their large camp fire glimmering thro' the trees, but could distinguish nothing further. Imagining that they must at least have taken the precaution of stationing a sentinel on the road, I instructed one of the darkies to creep forward and ascertain the fact, while with my squad I cautiously advanced about a quarter of a mile further on. Ned soon returned, and reported that there | crest-fallen prisoners. was a man slowly walking up and down the road about a hundred yards from

be doing rather drowsy duty.

Upon this intelligence I formed my plan of attack. At the suggestion of one of my sergeants I took down sufficient wire from a disused line of telegrowing on either side of the road, I as well mention the affair. extended the wire thrice doubled across it, some two feet from the ground, so as probably do, they should attempt to escape along the road. This spot was about two hundred yards from the camp. to guard this pit-fall, with full instructions how to proceed in every emergency I could imagine, I then, with the rest of my men, and guided by Ned, made a long circuit around, so as to strike the road about the same distance ilar wire trap, and left another six men and a sergeant to guard that, with the same instructions. All this we were fortunate enough to accomplish without attracting the attention of the senasleep, and was paying as little heed to outside matters as he was unsuspicious

other circuit, still under Ned's guidfall upon them from the side opposite

of capturing the whole party without firing a shot, when a mishap occurred which came near marring our whole nervous, excitable fellow, though brave and reliable in other matters, seemed to be constantly anxious lest his piece was not loaded or primed right, and kept perpetually fussing with it to be sure of its being in proper condition. And just in the nick of time, as such things always do happen, when we quietly sleeping party, BANG went this idiot's gun. I could have pummelled arms, and all prepared for a contingen cyin everything but watchfulness; and been under fire, for not a dozen shots night, anything contrary to this firm although I at once gave the order, and were fired by the enemy, all told; nor detirmenation, by St. Joseph, my pawe rushed forward with a cheer the in- was our own danger at any time great. stant after the shot fell, every man of And, although I confess to having felt the midriff." them was in the saddle before we reach- nervous and "twitchy" while making ed the spot. But they were sufficiently my preparations to bag the gang, taken by surprise to have no idea of re- when once started into the fray I lost sistance, and when we stopped at about all sense of anything but confidence twelve yards and poured a volley into that we had netted them to a man.them, they every man but one, whose | Col. T. A. Dodge, in Packard's Monthhorse was shot under him, wheeled a- ly, for September. bout and galloped down the road towards my second ambush. This was all I wanted, and we followed on at a run, shouting with all our might and main.

of a confused, scrambling noise, mixed | House went South last spring to Inveswith oaths and screams, and immediately followed by a volley and a rousing cheer from my six boys who were their surprise and stunning tumble. We made a rush upon them, and clubfor so completely paralyzed were they by their topple over the wire that they fired but six or eight shots before we had disarmed them all.

Having stripped them of their weapons I sent a couple of men after such of the horses as had made their escape; and they were easily caught, as, having recovered from their scare, they were mostly grazing by the roadside. We then counted prisoners and casualties. The fellow who tumbled at the camp had been captured by Ned and his comrade. Four of their number were hit, one badly through the body, the others slightly-one being a fellow I had cut in the arm with my sword, as he raised his revolver at me when we ran in upon them at the close. Only one of our own men was hurt, a sergeant, who was shot in the leg by one of the guerillas before he could club him down with his musket. This was doing pretty well, considering the hand to hand fight we had had, and especially as we had captured eight men. The three others had been sent further on by the officer of the gang, on a plun- it? dering tramp, but not thinking it best to pursue them myself, I sent an unhurt sergeant with six men to hunt them up. Three of the horses had been hit or lamed, so that we had to leave them behind, to the no small gratification of the negroes.

Then mounting such of the wounded adjoining barn off its hinges, aud covering it with blankets, as a stretcher for the badly wounded man, I made RINTERS'INK has made many a business man rich. We ask uto try it is business man rich. We ask uto try it is business man rich. We ask uto try it is business man rich. Washabaugh's. Office hours from 10 to 11 A. M., and 4 to 5 P. M. aug 19, 69 if. on their shoulders and carry him along lay hard on his stomach.

in the centre of the column. I need not say that I took care to choose the best beast for myself; having done which we set out on the homeward journey, puffed up with vanity in no

small degree.

It was now full daylight, and as we could see for some distance over the sparsely wooded country, I dispensed with the harrassing duty of flankers and under the influence of success my men dispite loss of sleep, a long march, and an exciting combat, made along at a pace of two miles and a half an hour. The negroes followed us some distance with their cries of 'Hallelujah,' and 'Lord be glorified,' feasting their eyes quite as proudly as we on the

By breakfast time we reported at camp amid the wildest acclamations camp each way, though he seemed to of delight and gratulation from our comrades, who now for the first time, saw "live rebs," and envied our success not a little. And here occurred a little fracas, which illustrated so well Colonel Stadella's ideas of disipline graph, and selecting two favorable trees and the rights of officers that I may

As we filed into camp we were, of course, instantly surrounded by crowds to trip up their horses, if, as they would of enlisted men, and a group of officers stood a little further off. While I left my squad in charge of the prisoners for an instant, to step up and report to Leaving my best sergeant with six men | the Colonel, one of them began taunting a rebel, using toward him some very mean and unsoldierly epithets. At first the prisoner answered no word; but, finally, nettled at the unmanly insult, he turned upon his aggressor exclaiming: "D-n you you're beyond the camp. Here I set up a sim- too mean a Yank to notice, anyhow!" Whereupon our man, brute as he was, stepped up and deliberately slapped the defenceless prisoner in the face.

Colonel Stradella, with his characteristic sharpness of eye, had been tinel, who seemed to be more than half keeping a half watch upon these proceedings while listening to my report, and though he could not hear the words that passed, could easily guess I then led the rest of my men by an- their purport from the gestures. No sooner did he see the dastard step up ance, to the rear of the camp, so as to to the rebel prisoner with uplifted hand than he drew his pistol on him the road, and oblige them to take flight with a "Santa Dlavolo!" and the feltowards one or other of my two snares. low had no sooner committed his mean Thus far all had succeeded admirably, assault than, with a yell, he lay sprawland I began to feel elate in the prospect | ing on the ground. On picking him up | and if you don't stay on your sidewe found he had received a nasty wound through the shoulder; but as it was a proper requital for his cowardplan. One of my men, a kind of a ly blow, he had little pity wasted upon him, and was carried off to the hospital with the other wounded to be

And, though the Colonel bad no manner of right according to our views of discipline, to use his pistol in so "Served him right!"

engaged. I can scarcely be said to have attempt, during the dark shade of the

I heard another good thing to-day, while loitering in the cosy room of ish this letter. I can't do anything. By the time we had got about half | good old Mr. Barclay, the journal clerk way towards my trap we heard a regu- of the House. It will be remembered lar tramp of the horses turn into a kind | that the Election Committee of the tigate the election frauds in Louisiana While holding a session in the Tech country there appeared before them a watching it. The other party, accord- strapping big negro, coal black, ignoring to directions, now came posting ant as a heathen but naturally bright down to join us, and when I reached and smart. The fellow was looked upthe spot, a few seconds after, I found a on as a conceited idiot by the intelliperfect pile of horses and men in the gent citizens of the place, but withal

road, who had searcely recovered from he had great influence with his people. The negro appeared, and after answering numerous questions, the folbing such as offered resistance, with lowing took place between the Demolittle pains captured the whole party; cratic committeeman and the witness; Ques .- Did you vote at the Presidential election?

Ans.-Yes. Ques .- Whom did you vote for? Ans.-Grant and Colfax. Ques .- Why did you vote for them?

Ans.-Because they had good princi-Ques .- Well, what are their princi-Ans.-As I understand, they were

for good and harmony, and I always vote for any man whose principles are for good and harmony. Ques.-Were any of them black

Ques .- Are you sure? Ans .- Oh, yes! Ques.-Well, which of them was the

men?

black man? Ans.-Why, Massa Colfax. Ques .- How did you know that he was black?

Ans.-Why, plenty of people said so, and then his pictures proved it. Ques.-How did his pictures prove

Ans.-Why, the medals distributed to the colored men had likenesses of at my door, and in came Susan Simp-Grant and Colfax. Grant looked white, but Colfax was a darkey sure pop, or else the picture lied.

About this time the Republican members, who showed evidence of nervousness, during the conversation men as could still ride on the remain- related above, interrupted and obtaining horses, and taking the door of an ed leave to put a question to the wit-

When Patrick first tried peaches, he

VOL. 65 .-- WHOLE No. 5,519. A NEWSPAPER MAN "CORALLED."

wash another rag for you."
"Stop," said I. "Susan I will do I havn't dated this letter because I don't know where I am. I am about nine miles from Julesburgh, at a little settlement on the South Platte river. will do, they are at your service." At daylight to-morrow I am to catch "Are you in earnest?" says she, looksome of the finest salmon you ever ing a little suspicious. saw. They will not bite at any other "Never more so," says I. time of day. I suppose they learned this disagreeable habit of early breakfasting, from the "Bull Whackers," who navigate these plains. I am fer." stopping at a little hotel about thirty

use, besides what they brought in their valises. The landlord is from Pennsylvania, and seems to be doing a thriving business. By dint of hard talking and liberal promises, I got a el. Now I am as plnmp as a poker. room to myself. It was just large enough for a bed and candle-box, set on a chair, upon which I am writing this letter. It is in one end of the

building, and separated from the next room by a bed quilt, which you must crawl under to come in or go out. But it is my room, and after the jolting I have had upon an Indian pony, I exbachelor.

Was ever poor pilgrim in such a fix? I have got ten daughters, gentleand had "sleep" on the point of my

pen, I heard a loud knocking on the Mr. Spicer sat down amid loud, and Enter the landlord's daughter, a buxum young lady of about seventeen

pened her rosy lips and spoke as fol-"Mister, don't take off your clothes

years of age, I should judge. She o-

Just as I had written "night's" above,

to-night, when you go to bed." "Why ?" "Because I am going to sleep with

pect to have a good night's-

floor just outside the bed-quilt.

"Crawl under," said I.

you." "Well if you have no better reason

"Hush! Shet up! You told par

you would not sleep with a man." "I would rather sleep with a wet "Well. I have given up my bed to a

sick man. I have been hard at work all day, and have to work hard all day to-morrow, and I can't afford to set up all night. The bed is wide enough for us both. I shall stay on the back side, you'd better, that's all." As she said this, she raised from her

dress pocket an infernal jack-knife, such as farmers use in trimming fruit trees, and then let it fall back with a chug. I comprehended this situation examined and dressed by the surgeon. in a moment, and unto this miden I quoth as follows:

"Miss young lady, your intentions may, or not, be honorable. I am reckless a manner, the case was so evi- traveling entirely by myself. My natdently one of speedy retribution that ural protectors are miles and miles awere within a hundred yards of the it was never mentioned except with a way beyond the boundless prairie, ignorant of the perils which may beset This first affair of mine was peculiar | their idol. Thus far I have not been him soundly then and there, but we in many respects. With one excep- insulted by your sex. I am a man of had no time to lose. The shot, of course, tion it was the only hand-to-hand fight few words, but they are generally emalarmed the Bushwhackers, who un- I ever had, and was one of the most phatic. I will give you a part of that luckily seemed to be resting on their successful exploits in which I was ever bed, and that's all I will do. If you

As I concluded, I laid a Slocum pistol upon the candle-box. A low chuckle outside the bed-quilt gave evidence that paterfamlias had heard and ap proved the arrangement.

My antagonist laughed, and saying "Mister, I reckon we understand each other," she bounded over to the back side of the bed. There she is now, pretending to be asleep. I can't fin-Talk about the trials of the earlier saints-about being broiled over live coals-about being flayed alive-and about being broiled in oil! What was all that to all this?

SPEECH OF ZACHARIAH SPICER. On the question, "Which enjoys the

greatest amount of happiness, the bachelor or the married man ?" Mr. President and Gentlemen, I rise

to advocate the cause of the married man. And why should I not? I claim to know something about the institution-I do! Will any Gentleman pretend to say I do not? Let him accompany me home. Let him confront my wife and seventeen small children, and decide.

High as the Rocky Mountains tower above the Mississippi Valley, does the married man tower above the bachelor. What was Adam before he became acquainted with Eve? What but a poor, shiftless, helpless creature? No more to be compared with his after self than a milldam to the roaring cataractiof Niagara. (Applause.)

Gentlemen, there was a time. I blush to say, when I was a bachelor; and a more miserable creature you could hardly expect to find. Every day I toiled hard, and at night I came home to my comfortless garret-no carpet, no fire, no nothing. Everything was in a clutter and in the words of the poet-"Confusion was monarch of all he surveyed "

Here lay a pair of dirty pants, there lay a pair of dirty boots, there lay a dirty play-bill, and there a pile of dirty clothes. What wonder I took refuge at the gaming table and the barroom. I found it would never do, gentlemen, and in a lucky moment vowed to reform. Scarcely had the promise left my lips, when a knock was heard kins after my dirty clothes.

"Mr. Spicer," says she, "I have washed for six months, and I haven't seen the first red cent in the way of payment. Now I would like to know what you are going to do about it." I felt in my pocket book! There

was nothing in it, and I knew it well "Miss Simpkins," said I, "Its no use denying it, I haven't got the

"Then," said she promptly, "I don't

the best I can for you. Greenbacks I have none; but if my heart and hand

"Then," says she "as there seems to be no prospect of getting my pay any other way, I guess I'll take your of-

"Enough," said I.

"We were married in a week; and what's more, we haven't had cause to repent it. No more attics for met gentlemen. I live in a good house, and have somebody to mend my clothes. When I was a bachelor, gentlemen, I used to be as thin as a weas-

In conclusion, gentlemen, if you want to be a poor ragged fellow, without a coat to your back or a shoe to your feet; if you want to grow old before your time, and as uncomfortable, generally, as a hedge-hog rolled up the wrong way, I advise you to remain a

If you want to live decently and respectably, get married.

men (overwhelming applause) and you may have your pick.

continued plaudits. The generous proposal with which he concluded secured him five sons-in-law.

THE DUTCH WIDOWER.

"Mine frow was no better as she ort to be, till shust before she died; then she was so good as before." remarked Mr. Vanderhorn to his neighbor. "Your wife was an amiable woman,

and you do great injustice to her memory," said Swartz. "Vel, vot you know so much about

mine frow for?" "I was not intimately acquainted with her, but I am sure that all her acquaintances loved her."

"Vot right had they to love her? May be-" "May be what?" "May be you loved mine frow, too." "Why do you speak so strangely?"

"Vy, von day, a pig ugly man, shust like you, came into our house and kissed mine frow right before her

"Were you present at the time?" "To be course I was." "Well, what did you do?"

"I kicked him right behind his pack." "Did he resent it?"

"Yaw; he proke me and te lookingglass and all te rest of te crockery in te house, 'cept de fether bed, into one tam smash." 'What did you do then ?"

"Then I cried murder! murder! and called for te shudge and de shury, and te police office and te constable to come, and he run'd away."

"Do you intend to charge me with taking such unwarrantable liberties ith the campanion of your bosom?" "Me no charge notting for it now, because she be ted and burried,"

"I will not allow you to make such insinuations. You are an old tyrant, and everybody said you were glad when you wife died." "Everybody pe one tam liar."

"I saw no symtoms of sorrow." "Me felt more wusht than if my pest cow had tied " "Your cow? What a crmparison!" "She was a great loss-a heavy loss for she was so big as dat (spreading

out his arms) and she weighed more tan two hundred pounds." "Look out, old man, you will see trouble. I doubt if your wife was ever kissed by any man after her marriage. At all events, you must apolo-

gize for what you have said to me!" "Vot is apologize?" "You must beg my pardon and say you are sorry; if you do not, I will enter a complaint against you and have

you arrested.11 "I pe sorry ten."

"Sorry for what ?" "Scrry you kissed mine frow."

"You incorrigible idiot? This is not what you must say, for I never did such a thing." "Must I say that you pe sorry that

you never did such a thing." "No-you must take back what you

"Yaw-I must take back what you have said." While the Dutchman was in a dilemma, his friend Hans Bamberger came

along and finally succeeded in reconciling the parties when the trio adjourned to a neighboring coffee-house.

Man-A bubble on the ocean's rolling Life-A gleam of light extinguished

Fame-A meteor dazzling with its distant glare. Wealth-A score of trouble and consuming care.

by the grave.

Pleasure-A gleam of sunshine passing soon away. Love-A morning stream whose memory gilds the day.

Faith-An anchor dropped beyond the vale of death. Charity-A stream meandering from

the fount of love. Bible--A guide to realms of endless joys above.

Religion-A key which opens wide the gates of heaven. Death-A knife by which the ties of

earth are riven. Earth-A desert through which pilgrims wend their way.

Grave-A home of rest where ends life's weary day. Resurrection--A sudden waking from a quiet dream. Heaven-A land of joy, of light and

love supreme. The Pacific Railroad has six monster locomotives specially to shovel snow.