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From Chambers' Edinburg Journal. THE DAISY AND THE STAR. The modest daisy on the hill, That drinks of morning dew its fill, And spreads its leaflets to the light, And then in quiet, meek repose its crimson coronet doth close

Beneath the shade of night, Lives calmly out its little day, Then fades unseen away.

And yonder shining star, That dwells in heaven afar

Whose trembling ray no more is seen, Lost in the myriad orbs of light, That spangle o'er the vale of night, Than is the daisy on the green,

Will but live out a longer day,

THE UNEXPECTED RETURN.

BY DELIA PERCY.

A cheerless looking apartment in a secend story back building, used as a sittingroom, carpeted with a homely imperial, and turnished with a pair of divans, half a dozen mahogany chairs, two of which were remarkably uneasy-a mirror, and underneath a centre-table, on which was scattered several magazines, a half-finished letter, and a scrap of unhemmed ruffling-a stove after the radiator fashion, and a solar lamp on the marble stand near, shedding its faint rays over the deserted room; -imagining this; you have before you, as near as I can give it, the apartment where Mr. and Mrs. Gregory opinion, or else the quarrel would have been postponed to a more suitable time. Two hours had passed since they had left the room: Mr. Russell to march down stairs, and bang the street door after him, and his better half to ascend the remaining flight, and weep over her abuses in silence. Abuses no doubt they were, and who dare say otherwise, when I tell them that Mr. Russell had so soon had the audacity to insist upon her sending regrets to a party which she was extremely anxious to attend, and not only that, but had given her to understand that henceforth she was seldom to think of attending concerts, operas, or any place of public amusement, and never without his own especial escort. What wonder then if the three weeks' bride, who had never been in the habit of consulting any other mentor than her own wishes, bad called such interdictions "barbarous" and "unheard of," and even gone so far as to express a wish that she had not married "such a brute of a man." This was the case, and it was this that had sent the husband out in search of a quieter and less annoying place, than his own home had proved to be that night. One word had brought on another, and when Mrs.

Two hours had passed, and the clock struck ten, when Mrs. Russell, with swollen eves, went down to the sitting room, to warm her shivering form, for she concluded such a wretch of a man was not that is, I think our tastes will be more worth freezing herself to death for. She drew the essiest of the two easy-chairs to the stove, and set down very haughtily, as though she was conferring a great honor upon the room by granting it her believe how cheery that deserted room looked after she came into it. If she had been quite a pleasant little room. I won- thinking, and I am willing to make the arder now that I called it dreary. An hour rangement. What say you, Bertha?" passed on, and the hands of her timepiece pointed to eleven o'clock. Her coun- tha Russell rose from her sent. tenance had changed during that hourthe expression of haughty anger had given

Russell wished that she had found some

one more congenial to her tastes, the hus-

band quietly arose, took his hat and po-

litely told her to find some one then.

room that little apartment has become! I blue eyes the soul looked forth with redon't think I noticed those snowy em- newed vigor after its short wanderings. broidered curtains before, but now she is lifting them, and peering so far out in the dream?" darkness, they really looked beautiful. falling like drapery about her. If Mr. turned the key of the door, and there, belate?" I don't think she would make sell's form quivered, and she clung to her any allusion to the party now.

Again the watch was drawn from its The stranger stepped closer to them, iding place, the hands pointed to one.— and hending his head, said hiding place, the hands pointed to one .-She threw herself upon the lounge, and Bertha, has your own brother Henry burst into tears. What a pity she should altered so much in the last five years, that again. She thought she heard the street him?"

door open, and she sprang from the lounge "Harry, darling brother Harry, is it to the sitting-room door, but her fancies possible that it is you!" and she was had deceived her, and she went to her clasped to her brother's heart; for she seat murmuring:

"Oh! if he would only come back, I tening her. It was enough for her to would never wish to go away again-it know that the brother they had mourned Correspondence of the N. Orleans was I that was to blame; dear, dear Gre- as lost was before her. gory, where can he be!"

Then pass unseen away. C. WITCOME, form ascending the stair case. She would king the acquaintance of the gentleman, statue she stood to wait her fate.

happened to her husband?

on quite a different errand; I just left sure his bronzed complexion and altered your husband in very comfortable quar- figure would sufficiently disguise him .ters, where he will probably remain for Mr. Russel did not object; he knew that the present."

much agitated, he added-

but I suppose they were of a different at the sight of which Mrs. Russell turned for never again did Bertha seek her own

dear lady, but come into the sitting-room with me, while I explain the cause of my visit, which you no doubt think a very strange and unreasonable one."

smart blow across the mouth with the Bertha ever after made a most domestic other hand reminded him of the proprie- and loving little wife. ty of keeping at a distance.

"I beg your pardon, lady, I meant no offence," said the stranger, with a good natured smile, as he threw off the Spanish cloak, and cap which had almost hid his person and face from view, disclosing the figure and countenance of an elegantly formed and noble-featured young man of five-and-twenty. There was a quiet humour resting in the large dark eye, and a lip, that told how capitally the stranger was enjoying his part of the affair; while the troubled countenance and dilated pupils of Mrs. Russell's eyes showed that the passing moments were as hours of agony to her. Still the two looked as if made for each other, both so young and beautiful-and they were not unlike in

features. The stranger broke the silence. "My name is Harry, yours is Bertha, I

"I think we are not unlike, Bertha; congenial than yours and your husband's are. I am very fond of gaiety, not at all given to domestic life. If you would like to come and live with me, I will promise to devote every evening to amusepresence. And indeed you would not ment. We will suit ourselves in our choice of entertainment, and leave this humdrum husband of yours to suit himonly looked a little happier, it would have self. You are very handsome, to my

"My God this is too much?" and Ber-The stranger would have stopped her,

but before he divined her purpose, she place to a resigned look, and I think if had opened the door, glided out, closed it Mr. Russell had come in then, she would after her, and turned the key upon him. At the same moment a merry laugh from "Gregory, you have been very unkind within the room, and a wild shrick from you will promise to let me go to that par- Bertha, exhausted with those hours of watching, sank lifeless upon the stairs .-But he did not come, and the lady went | The fright of the last hour had unstrung on thinking, and the watch went on tick- every delicate nerve, and set free the ticking until the hands pointed to twelve. grieved spirit, from its beautiful cage-but Then the little lady tose, and a resigned it soared not far from its earthly dwelling expression had given place to a very anx- place, for when Bertha felt her husband's ious, loving look, and she paced the arms about her, and his warm kisses on apartment slowly with clasped hands-a | her lips, the marble face lost its rigidity, tear now and then falling from her hea- the heart-pulse beat but the more quickly, venly blue eyes. What an Eden of a for its slight cessation, and from the dark

"My husband! my husband! was it a

Mr. Russell lifted Bertha in his arms, Russell comes in now, no doubt she will fore them, still stood the stranger-his say-My love, I have been very anxi- handsome face rather more demure than ous about you; -why did you stay so when Bertha locked him in. Mrs. Rushusband, with a tight grasp.

so dim the glorious lustre on her eyes | you have not one smile of recognition for

staid not to chide him for so cruelly frigh-

When the excitement of meeting was I knew it would come to this. She over, and Harry had explained the reason really does look beautifully now, notwith- of the report of his death by saying it standing her long eye-lashes are bathed had arisen from a severe wound which he in tears, and the lids drop heavily with had received in the Circassian service their weight. The wachman cries- while fighting against their haughty Rus-"Past two o'clock," and now the key sian oppressors, Bertha asked her husturned in the street door, and the door band how he had chanced to meet him. opened and shut again; she heard foot- Mr. Russell said he was at Tremont with falls; another door opened and shut; was a few friends, and as they were about to he not coming to her? Another footstep leave the hotel, the carriages from the and then a quick succession of them up night line came up, and his eye fell upon the stairs. She opened the door and in some baggage marked "Col. Henry Gor-the dim light of the hall, saw a stranger don." He was not long, he said in mahave screamed, but the power of utter- for in their youthful days they had been ance seemed denied her, and like a marble bosom friends; and afterwards, as they sat over their wine in a private room, Mr. "Mrs. Russell, I presume!" said the Russell had explained to his brother-inlaw the cause of his absence at so late an The gentlemanly pleasant way in which hour from his young wife. He also told he addressed her, somewhat relieved her him of his determination to make Bertha extreme fright, and she found her voice a domestic wife; for he was sure it would, sufficiently to inquire if any accident had in the end, increase her happiness as well as his own. Harry conceived the plan "Oh, no Madam," he replied, "I come of proposing an exchange, for he was his wife seldom lost her presence of mind Then seeing that she seemed very in any emergency, for she had a strong intellect, as well as a loving heart, and "But you need not be in the least a- the harsh words she had used he knew larmed, for I can give you the best evi- arose from an angry spirit, disappointed Russel had their first quarrel. The ho- dence that he knows of my visit, and even in the wishes of the moment. Bertha neymoon not having passed as yet, I sent me to pay you a call."

So saying, he produced the night-key, a happy effect on her. He was right because the pay and thought it might have a happy effect on her. He was right because the pay in the produced the night-key. was very gay, and thought it might have very pale, and shuddered from head to pleasure in preference to her husband's; or rather, what constituted her husband's "Do not be unnecessarily agitated, my happiness seemed also to constitute hers.

> I know not whether it was the fright of the evening, or whether the spirit in those moments of unconsciousness, saw in the husband's heart such overflowings for her So saying, he took hold of her hand to that she could not do aught but devote her lead her into the little snuggery, when a life to his happiness. Be that as it may,

> > Exciting News from Vera Cruz

From the New Orleans Picayune of

April 23.

The United States steamship Massachusetts arrived here last evening from Vera Cruz, which place she left on the evening of the 14th. Our corresponhalf smile hovering about the mustachioed | dence is down to the latest hour. The news is of the most stirring interest .--The best advices lead to the impression that a battle was fought at Cerro Gordo, nearly midway between the Puente Nacional and Jalapa, on Thursday or Friday last. We have heretofore announced the advance of Gen. Twigg's division into the interior. When last heard from he was beyond the Puente Nacional, and on Friday, and he has no doubt reached This time Mrs. Russell fixed her eyes in close proximity to the Mexican army. on his, nodded an assent, and turned away Gen. Scott was expected to arrive at Gen. Twigg's headquarters on the night 2,700 men-choice ones, too-under his of the 14th instant. Gen. Worth left Vera Cruz with the last division of the army on the 13th, and biveuacked that the forces, except the garrison of the town night at San Juan-about twelve miles in the interior. He probably joined the advance on the 15th. Santa Anna was said to be at Cerro Gordo, where La Vega and Canalizo where posted with a con- of Jalapa, and making good time tosiderable command. The Mexican force at that point, when joined by Santa Anna, was estimated at fifteen thousand strong -consisting of two thousand regular infantry, three thousand cavalry, and the re- night that there would be no fight, and mainder irregulars. The pass of Cerro that Santa Anna had with him four prom-Gordo is forty-four miles from Vera Cruz, and is naturally a very strong one. Some difficulty is anticipated in forcing wish of his Excellency to end the strife, to me, but I will forgive you this once, if without, rang through the house, and it. Rumors state that Santa Anna can but whether he will embrace this occaobtain any amount of irregular force he sion (which, by the way, is an excellent may desire. Reconnoitering parties from the American army had been fired upon and several wounded-amongst whom as they are landed I expect Quitman will was Captain (now Lieut. Col.) Johns- leave here. TON, of the Topographical Engineers, who was shot in the arm and hip whilst examining the Mexican works at Cerro Gordo. Intelligent officers, who arrived a strong mountain fort, twenty-two miles | Expedition to Tuspan.-On Friday in the Massachusetts, entertain very lit- from Jalapa. A decisive battle is expec- last the sloops of war Germantown and tle doubt that a general engagement has taken place.

in passing the road to and fro. All accounts represent the Americans as confident of victory, and the Mexicans as burning for vengeance. Our next advibring us the details of an important en-

We subjoin the news from the Vera Cruz papers and our correspondence .-The letter from Mr. Kendall, of the 14th, leaves to-day for Tuspan, commanded by

written at San Juan, is the very latest from the army. The soldiers were suffering at Vera Cruz from sickness, but the vemito had not appeared .- NAT. INT.

PICAYUNE.

CAMP AT SAN JUAN, April 14, 1847. I arrived in this camp at 11 o'clock last night, the road from Vera Cruz running for the most part through heavy sand. The division of Gen. Worth, from the excessive heat and wearisome road, suffered incredibly.

The news in camp is stirring. An express has come down to Gen. Twiggs to the effect that Santa Anna was before him at Cerro Gordo with 15,000 men, as near as could be judged from reconnoissances made by Capt. Hardie and other officers

of dragoons. Lieut. Col. J. E. Johnston has been severely but not mortally wounded while examining Santa Anna's works, which appear to be a succession of breastworks on the eminences in the Vicinity of Cerro Gordo. Every thing would now go to show that Santa Anna is determined to make a bold stand.

A dragoon who had been sent down express by Gen. Twiggs was yesterday found shot by the road side just beyond this. His papers had not been touched. The Mexicans are playing a bloody, and at the same time bolder, game than is usual for them, as it is thought they have killed no less than fifty of our men within the last three days on the road.

Gen Scott stopped last night nine miles from this; to-night he will reach General Twiggs's position. If Santa Anna is as strong as he is represented, he probably will not be attacked for two or three

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE N. O. DELTA. VERA CRUZ, APRIL 13. 1847.

As I stated in my letter of this merning, the brigade of Gen. Worth took up the line of march for Jalapa; but, from rather sudden indisposition, the General did not leave with them. About one o' clock an express reached him with the important information that the column of Gen. Twiggs had fallen in with a large force of the enemy at Cerro Gordo, a strong position beyond Puente Nacional, and that a skirmish had taken place be tween Twiggs's advance guard and the enemy, in which Capt. Johnston, Topographical Engineer, was severely wounded, and several others. In half an hour after the reception of this news General Worth had mounted his horse and was off-so sellden, indeed, that I missed him, not instanding I repaired to his quarters to gather the particulars as soon as I heard it.

There is no doubt at all but that Santa Anna, with from 12,000 to 15,000 men, is between us and Jalapa. It is conceded on all sides. But if Gen. Twiggs does not whip him, he will at least keep him in check until Gen. Scott, who left yesterday, reaches him, which will be to morrow night. Major Gen. Patterson left here with two brigades of volunteers the advance before this hour.

Gen. Twiggs has between 2,500 and command, and I entertain little fear for his safety. Gen. Patterson marched with 'Shields's and Pillow's brigades, and all and Quitman's brigade, are either at the scene of action or on the road to it.

Gen. Scott, I think, was pretty well satisfied before his departure that Santa Anna was in the neighborhood wards that point before the express reach-

A terrible battle will be fought at Cerro Gordo, or there will be little or no fighting. An intelligent Mexican told me tonent members of the National Congress, with the aid of whom he hopes to negotiate a peace I believe truly that it is the

arrived to day from Tampico, and as soon

telligence of the capture of Cerro Gordo, proved fatal. ted at this point, for it is the best vantage Albany and two bomb vessels departed ground this side of Perote. Gen. Santa for Tuspan. On Sunday the Raritan, Anna was at or near Jalapa at the last ac- with one hundred additional marines from A number of soldiers have been shot counts, but by this time there is searcely the Potomac, sailed for the same place, for I offered him twenty, and he wadna a doubt that Cerro Gordo is carried by and yesterday Com. Perry, with the flag tak them." as any city in the United States. It would ces from Vera Cruz will, we doubt not, improve the health some to throw down the walls and let in the fresh air, as the commander thinks of doing.

> Vera Cruz Anchorage, April, 12, 1847. A large detachment of the squadron

> > and the state of the

anticipate something of a fight there. It merica, to the good people of Mexico: is believed that there are upwards of 2,-000 troops at that place, under the com-

sixty pieces of heavy cannon, all service- lor in march from Saltillo towards San able and in fine order, with the exception Luis Potost-I think myself called upon

The greater portion of the army is now | Mexicans: Americans are not your enon the road to Jalapa; rumor has it that emies, but the enemies, for a time, of the Santa Anna is there with a large force, men who a year ago misgoverned you, and intends to dispute the pass near that and brought about this unnatural war beplace. The vomito has not yet made its tween two great Republies. We are the

Mexico, March 29, 1847.

extraordinary situation at this present wri- in all parts of our own country, crowded ting. Farias and the "Constitutionalists" with devout Catholics, and respected by had a civil war of twenty-three days' du- our Government, laws, and people. ration, in which nobody was killed, and | For the church of Mexico, the unof-

field he will use his army to seize the hoods. possessions of the church, to maintain and increase it as a foundation of a throne. Whatever he pretends, he has his eye on | they are invited to bring in for sale horthe church property, and has twice put ses, mules, beef, cattle, corn, barley, wheat, forward Gomez Farias as a catspaw to flour for bread, and vegetables. Cash grasp it, but when he found the clergy will be paid for every thing this army too strong for him, he made no scruple to may take or purchase, and protection will sacrifice his tool and come out on the oth- be given to all sellers. The Americans

Santa Anna, - Again must we appear | ed to the honor and advantage of both belbefore our readers without having any ligerents. Then the Americans, having pesitive information as to the doings and converted enemies tuto friends, will be whereabouts of the enemy. Rumor in happy to take leave of Mexico and rethe mean time is rife with news, and we turn to their own country. must perforce set down to her account many things, which, however much we may believe them, we dare not give to the public as veritable. One of the most

l'ampieo to revolt and drive the Ameri- preservation. cans from the place. We are not advised of the particulars, but learn that Col. Gates banished them from the city, for- section is most unpromising, with the exbidding their return under penaltity of ception of the fields on the alluvial soil

BREAKING UP OF GENERAL HEADQUAR-TERS .- Yesterday evening at 5 o'clock Gen. Scott and his staff left their quarters in the Plaza and started for Jalapa. They were escorted by Col Harney's 2d dragoons; and will probably be up with Gen. Twiggs, of the advance, in two or

ALVARADO .- The port of Alvarado, which has been closed for several months, is now open to our commerce and to all neutral vessels not having on board arti- ter of the parish in which he lived to see cles contraband of war.

Worth, with the 1st brigade, will probably leave Vera Cruz to-day, following in the footsteps of his illustrious predecessor. The government of the town and The horses of the Tennessee cavalry dependencies have been turned over to Cel. Wilson, of the 1st infantry.

THE HOSPITAL .- Many of our gallant soldiers are now prostrated by disease, VERA CRUZ, April 14, 1847. | and the hospitals are filled to overflowing There has been a skirmish at Puente with them. The disease most prevalent Nacional, and we hourly look for the m- is diarrhora, which in many cases has nue leading from the minister's house, he

assault, and the army in snug quarters at ship Mississippi and steamers Spitfire, the healthy and delightful city of Jalapa. having bomb vessels in tow. The Petrel, Vera Cruz is as quiet and well governed Bonina, and Ecla followed suit. The ob- a letter for my boss?" ject of this expedition is to take passession of Tuspan, which we understand will be effected by landing the sailors and marines at a convenient point.

> HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY, Major General Scott, General-in-chief his name is better known than urine."

the Commodore in person. The officers of the Armies of the United States of A-PROCLAMATION.

Mexicans: At the head of a powerful mand of Gen. Cos, with some sixty pie- army, soon to be doubled-a part of which is advancing upon your capital, and with The squadron captured at Alvarado another army under Major General Tayto address you.

friends of the peaceful inhabitants of the country we occupy, and the friends of your holy religion, its hierarchy and its The city of the Montezumas is in a most priesthood. The same church is found

neither party lost or gained an inch of fending inhabitants of the country, and ground. That is, no one was killed of their property, I have from the first done the fighters, unless we count some acci- every thing in my power to place them dental deaths; but a great number of harm- under the safeguard of martial law aless citizens lost their lives by the inces- gainst the few bad men in this army .sant firing up and down the streets, with My order to this effect, hnown to all, are which the belligerents amused themselves | pre cise and rigorous. Under them severinstead of going within reach of each oth- al Americans have already been punished, by fine, for the benefit of Mexicans, Santa Anna wrote lovingly to both par- besides imprisonment, and one for a rape ties, and did his best to urge them to cat has been hung by the neck. It is not a each other up, but, as soon as he could proof of good faith and energetic discireach the city with some force, he threw pline? Other proofs shall be given as ofthem all overboard. He is playing for ten as injuries to Mexicans may be dethe Dictatorship, and is, in fact, clothed | tected. On the other hand, injuries comwith absolute power at this moment .- mitted by individuals or parties of Mexi-He has induced the clergy to aid him co, not belonging to the public forces, upwith money to meet, and, as he says, to on individuals, small parties, trains of waexterminate Scott and the "perfidious in- gons and teams, or of pack mules, or any vaders." But his plan is undoubtedly to other person or property belonging to this make peace, while he is yet entrenched army contrary to the laws of war, shall behind American bayonets, and perhaps, be punished with rigor; or if the particuwith the help of American gold, he will lar offenders be not delivered up by Mexput his enemies where they cannot inter- ican authorities, the punishment shall fall fere with him. As soon as he has a clear upon entire cities, towns, or neighbor-

Let, then, all good Mexicans remain at home, or at their peaceful occupations; but ars strong enough to offer these assurances, which, should Mexicans wisely ac-From the Vera Cruz Eagle of April 13. cept, this war may soon be happily end-

WINFIELD SCOTT.

THE RUINS OF BABYLON.

It appears by letters lately received, mportant outgivings up to this time, is that new discoveries have been made athat Santa Anna, seconded by La Vega, mong the ruins of Babylon. Mr. Leyand a force of near 12,000 s rong, has ta- ard has continued his search to Ninnavel ken a position between this and Jalapa, near Mossoul, where he has already which is said by those familiar with the found some beautiful bas-relief, and a colcountry to be very strong. This report lossal lion. He has also found a great we find very generally believed by many number of small lions in bronze-ladies' officers of the army and by the citizens of necklaces-a copper hemlet of great beauty, and a multitude of small articles in A PLOT DISCOVERED .- Some day last gold and silver. Also, a quadrangular week a number of Mexicans were discov- pillar covered with inscriptions and deered in the act of inciting the citizens of signs. They are all in a good state of

> The prospect of the Wheat crop in this of the river. The dry, cold and windy weather of the last few weeks, together with the fly, have made sad havoc with it; and unless we have rain and warm weather soon, the crop will be less than it has been for many years. All agree that the crop will be a short one even should the weather become favorable immediately. -Harrisburg Telegraph.

AN UNCONSCIONABLE MINISTER .- An illiterate Scotch collier went to the minisabout getting his first child baptized .-WORTH'S BRIGADE. - Major General When he got into the minister's house ho was asked how many commandments

He replied, "Twenty!"

"Go away, go away," said the minister; "you must learn your quastions better before you come to get your child bap-

As the collier was going down the avemet a fellow miner, going on the same

"Well," said he, "how many commandments are there?"

"Ten." "O, you needna gang up there wi' ten,

POST OFFICE SCENE, -"Have you got

"Who's your bass!"

"The one that I works for."

"What's his name, you idist?"

"Robert Brown, sure." "There's none here for him."

"It am't for him I wants it. It's a let-Vera Cruz, April 11, 1847. ter for myself; but I axes for him belase