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### Shenandoah.

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"It's all right," answered Jenny promptly. "I wouldn't have a sweetheart who wasn't a soldier-a northern soldier, of course.'

A flush of pleasure stole over Gertrude's face, then died out as suddenly as it had come.

Madeline West murmured to Robert Ellingham:

"It is only lately that I have realized there are northern soldiers and southern soldiers. I thought there was but one flag, and that you all served under it."

"That is what I was brought up to believe." replied the young lieutenant. "but some unaccountable change has come about."

"But it seems to me," interposed Kerchival West, "that the people of Charleston are taking an extraordinary interest in the preparations to bounbard Fort Sumter. They look forward to such an event as if it were to be a gala day."

It was at this juncture that Mrs Haverill appeared. Before she had time to join the group Thornton has tened forward to meet her and said in a low, hurried tone:

"I must see you alone. I have important news for you."

"Are there-any further tidings of Frank?" she inquired eagerly.

"Yes. We must not talk here"-as they passed out together into the hail and paused at the foot of the stairs-"Frank is here in Charleston."

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The halls were decked and garlanded, ball dresses were laid out in readiness, and the young people were practicing minuets.

Toward twilight Kerchival West and Robert Ellingham strolled across the Battery park and along the old sea wall together.

"Bob, old comrade." the former began. "I have something I want to mention to you."

"Is it about Thornton?"

"It is about Mrs. Haverill, the colonel's wife.'

"I understand-certainly, old boytell me all you know about it."

"Well, I was passing along the gallery of the second floor on my way to my room when I heard a mutiled scream, then a lady's voice uttering violent, or, rather, hysterical, exclamations. The sounds came from one of the principal guest rooms, as I supposed, but whose I didn't know. Then the door was opened hastily, and Mrs Haverill appeared, looking alarmingly ill or else terribly frightened and trem bling with excitement."

"And was any one with her?"

"Not that I know of. I did have an impression- Anyway, she recovered herself quickly after I had saturated

the threatened invasion of our souththat one of the little hands belonging ern Confederate states?" They were in the shadow of the ole-"Yes, that's our orders, I believe."

"You are ready to fight against my found some one woman who is a splendid anders as he spasmodically seized one friends, against my own brother, your example of perfect health. She knows of the aforesaid little hands. She withdrew it almost as promptly, murmurcomrade. If that don't make us ene mies what does?" "Shall remain in my own keeping for

consequences.

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"Well, I happen to know that every-

"It is a heap easier to have every-

it is to do it. For instance. I have

been ready a dozen times today to say

"Very likely General Beauregard has

"Oh, it is easy enough to set a few

to you. Miss Gertrude, that-that I"-

"But I didn't, you know."

more nerve than you have."

on Sumter this morning?"

"No: of course not."

thing is in readiness."

"Well, sir?"

ing:

They Met by the Battery Sea Wall.

batteries around Charleston harbor. But when it comes to firing the first

shot at woman"-"At a woman! Why, what are you

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talking about?" "I mean at the American flag. Y

man must be a-must have the nerves of"-"You northern men are so slow to".

"Yes, I know I've been slow, but I assure you. Miss Gertrude, that my heart"-

"Aren't you going north to join in

my handkerchief with ammonia and eau de cologne and anything else that chanced to be at hand and given it to her. It would be all right, she said. and I was not to let such a foolish little incident disturb me on any account. 8HII"-

"Still, the 'foolish little incident' must have had a serious cause behind it. eh?"

"So I thought. But it may have been only a mouse.'

"Or it may have been Thornton. 1 was right," exclaimed Ellingham, striking the clinched fist of one hand into

the palm of the other. "Then. by heaven. Bob"-

"It mustn't get to the colonel. Leave Thornton to me."

"A pretext is all that is necessary If you don't find it 1 will."

They shook hands in silence. then burried in to dress.

Robert and Kerchival were as eager as any one for the dancing, yet they could not enter into the spirit of the affair and engage their partners (as a matter of fact. these latter, meaning chiefly Madeline and Gertrude, did not make an early appearance in the parlors) until their anxiety about Mrs. Haverill should be allayed. Would she find an excuse to avoid the ordeat of gayety under the eyes of at least two persons who knew of the shock she had suffered but a few hours previously?

#### CHAPTER II. After the Bail.

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O such concern seemed to hold Edward Thornton back. He was here, there and every. where, overacting if anything the role of "the life of the party" and never missing a dance.

Suddenly the colonel's beautiful wife. flanked by the two vivacious girls, and herself looking the picture of health and radiance in a specially modish ball gown of flowered satin, sailed into the salon like the star of a stage play. It was the official, formal opening of the ball.

"Do you know what Mrs. Pinckney says?" Gertrude Ellingham asked Lieutenant Kerchival West. "She has invited a party of friends to her house to witness the firing on Sumter."

"How delightful!" responded Kerchival, in rather a forced tone of gayety. "I hope, however, that they won't wait for breakfast until the fortress is bombarded.

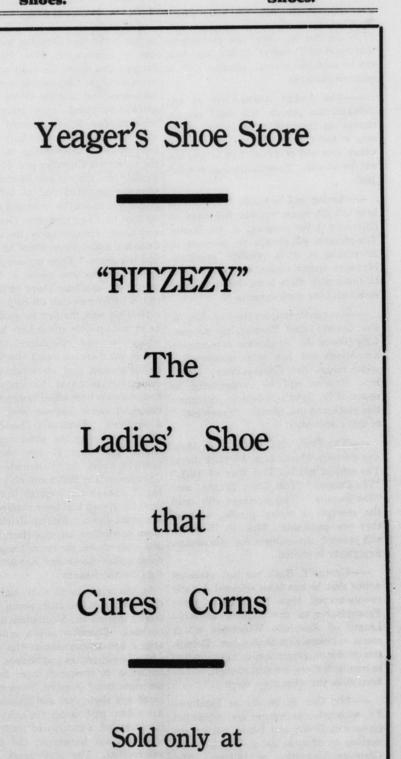
"You think it will be a long wait? Well, Lieutenant West, I'll bet you an embroidered cigar case against a box of gloves that the first gun is fired before sunrise."

"Done. You will lose the bet. Miss Gertrude, unless Major Ruffin, unable to curb his patience any longer, should steal out and touch off a mortar on his own hook. Not that I shouldn't be everjoyed to offer you the gloves, parcularly if-well, in the hope that-



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