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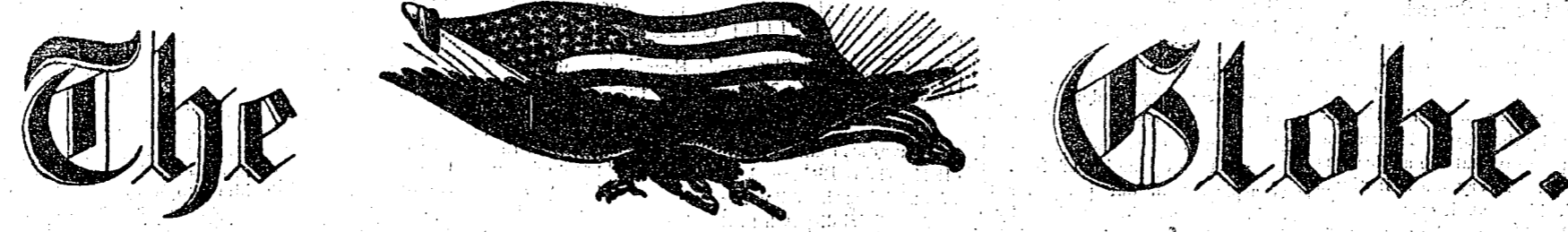
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HUNTINGDON, PA.

THE SOLDIER'S LAST WORD.

BY PARK BENJAMIN.

He lay upon the battle field.

Where late the clash of arms was heard.

And from his pallid lips there came.

In broken accents, but one word.

"Mother!" was all the soldier said.

As freshly from his wounded side

The hot blood flowed, and bore away

His life upon its crimson tide.

Beasts among the brays he rushed,

Without a single throb of fear,

And loud and mad the tumult pealed,

In claron tones, his charging cheer.

"On to the contest, comrades, on!

Strike for the Union; strike for fame!

Who lives will win his country's praise,

Who dies will leave a glorious name!"

He fell amidst the clouds of strife

Among an undistinguished train,

Foremost upon the battle field.

And first beneath the heaps of slain.

Dying, he turned him from the flag

Whose stars still shined onward waved;

Dying, he thought no more of fame,

Of victory won or country saved.

But of his home and her he loved

His sad, departing spirit sighed;

"Mother!" the soldier faintly said,

And, looking to the North, he died.

Romance of an Old Couple.

The following somewhat remarkable

narrative is related by a western lady

now on a visit to this city from Mari-

posa. She is herself a character. She

has crossed the plains twice—first in

1849, during which her husband per-

ished—and is the first American lady

who returned to the east by the way

of the Isthmus of Panama. She is a

genuine heroine—a fine specimen of

soot hearted western womanhood—and

her adventures in the wilds of the

unpeopled west have been numerous

and exciting. If the good people of

Mariposa have missed a lady from their

neighborhood, they are hereby

apprised that she is comfortably lo-

ated at the boarding house of Mrs. Nes-

biter, on the corner of Montgomery and

Sutter streets, and will not return to

the mountains until Holmes of the

Gazette, ceases to harrow the hearts

of Mariposa mothers by calling their

little babies "brats."

Well, while the train of which this

lady was a member was encamped at

a point on the Humboldt, where the

Lesseen trail intersects the Carson

trail of travel, she visited the tent

of a family, consisting of an elderly

couple and one child—a daughter of

fourteen or fifteen years.—The old

lady was sitting on a pile of blankets,

under the canvas, encouraging a

most determined attack of the "sulks,"

while the masculine head of affairs

flung himself on his wooden tongue,

and was sucking his pipe as leisurely

as though he expected to remain there

forever. A single glance developed

the fact that there was a difficulty

in that little train of one wagon and

three persons, and that it had attain-

ed a point of quiet desperation be-

yond the reach of peaceful adjust-

ment. Three days before they had pitched

their tent at the forks of the road and

Hooped Skirts—Are they Healthful?

There are few subjects about which

more stupidly ill-natured remarks have

been made by thoughtless people, than

that simple device for woman's com-

fort—the hooped skirt. We always

thought favorably of hoops from early

association with that glorious race of

women, our revolutionary grandmo-

thers, when we listened to the descrip-

tion of one of those stately minnets

given in honor of the inauguration of

Washington, as President of the Uni-

ted States. Hoops were invariably

used on all occasions of ceremony;

"tis true we had no omnibuses or rail-

road cars in which women of bad

breeding, and often worse temper

display these accomplishments, but

mistaking the vehicle for their own

private carriage, should any hurried

or wearied pedestrian seek a seat be-

side them; nor was it then customary

to go to market or shopping in an

evening or ball dress. Even on grand

occasions, the train was looped up

on one or both sides, because the

wearer had the good sense to see that

an apartment was of limited space, and

a man could not annihilate himself for

her convenience; but the hoops were

ample, and grandly did they become

the wearers; for they too were grand

and ample women. We have seen the

costly broadcades and the high heeled

slippers; but the hoops long since

went into the oven or great Franklin or

Ten Plate warmed the parlor or cooled

the dinner in those primitive and

antisloddy days. The hoops were made

of substantial hickory; and we have

often trapped rabbits on the very spot

where some of them grew.

The ladies were usually content

with three circles, so disposed that

they gave the most elegant and artis-

tic disposition of the rich and heavy

fabrics, which, unlike most of the

modern material, would almost stand

alone without either the wearer or the

hoops. In those days, when most of

the wearers were no strangers to a

horse's back, and the broom or bread

tray, these cunningly devised little

spring circles that now give such an

exquisite and Venus like curve to the

waist, as it sweeps downward and

falls into the grand and loop like

folds of the skirt, were entirely un-

known.—You may completely clothe

a barrel with the stoutest hickory with-

out impairing its excellence; but we

should be loth to walk with a partner

thus arrayed, even if our ardor in the

dance would permit us to ignore the

contact

Our Army Correspondence.

HEADQUARTERS CAVALRY CORPS,

ARMY OF POTOMAC, Feb. 20, 1864.

EDITOR GLOBE.—I seat myself this

pleasant afternoon on our wood pile,

in front of our very comfortable

parlor, to communicate a few thoughts

for your most excellent paper, which

may not be without a little interest to

your numerous readers.

At present we are all very comfort-

able with scarcely any excitement to

arouse us from our monotonous mode

of existence, but ere long the rallying

notes of the bugle will again summon

us to battle for our country and lib-

erty. Many times during our past

military life have we responded to that

call which brought us face to face with

our foe. And when we look round

and reflect, we can truly say, many

who went into battle with me are now

no more. Their blood which was shed

for their country cries loudly for ven-

geance; and will the friends of those

braves, still live, deaf to those cries?

Will they still remain so insensible to

the many sacrifices made, hard battles

fought, and trials borne, by those who

have fallen in Freedom's cause, as not

to come out and help us? We really

hope that by this time, men whose

hearts were formerly so small, are im-

bued with proper principles, and we

sincerely hope that the scales of party-

ism have fallen from their eyes and

that they now see things in their true

light. The sooner all men do this the

sooner will the accursed rebellion cease

to exist. Those who complain so much

about everybody and everything should

be the very ones to do at least some-

thing to remove the great cause, nam-

ely, the rebellion, from our country.—

Then, and only then, can we expect

to enjoy peace and prosperity again in

a true sense.

We are pleased to see our friends at

home "pitching in" to help us. We

can assure them that they will be re-

ceived graciously when coming to the

rescue. We are led to believe that

they, uniting with those now in the

army, have the spirit not only to meet

the foe in battle array, but to van-

quish it when they do meet it, and by

so doing crush the rebellion and save

our cause.

We have all, doubtless, come to the

conclusion that the rebellion will never

be crushed by any other than the force

of arms.

Deserters from Lee's (rebel) army

are coming in daily by squads, but a

few days since a captain brought his

whole company in. They seem bent

on claiming and obtaining the benefits

pertaining to President Lincoln's am-

nesty proclamation; and the consequ-

ence of such procedure notwithstanding.

Major J. W. Nichols has made the

boys again flash of greenbacks, and

they are consequently enjoying them-

selves with all dainties provided by

our sutlers.

Re-enlisting is rather slow work at

present in the regular service; not

more than seventy of our entire regi-

ment accepting the large bounty; six

of our company included.

Should any of your readers visit this

neck of Dixie and will favor us with a

call, we shall be most happy to accom-

modate and show them round.

Educational Column.

S. B. CHANEY, Editor,

To whom all communications on the sub-

ject of Education should be addressed.

Evils of Irregularity in Attendance,

and the Remedy.

It is a truth that is universally ad-

mitted—because too many, entirely too

many, have tested it,—that pupils can

make no advancement when irregular

in their attendance at school. With

many parents, the occasional absence

of their children from school, is regard-

ed as a matter of minor importance.

And we are glad that we have the op-

portunity of thus publicly impressing