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Poeticul.

LOOKING BEYOND.

BY P. A. CULVER. The years that roll with rapid pace Soon shall have run their fleeting race And all the round of years to be Shall lie within a bygone sea. The turnoil of a thousand years

With all its future hopes and fears, Its deeds of good—its deeds of ill— Shall soon a dimming history fill. All that we see-the low, the grand-Have fixed their basis on the sand-The occur-waves of Time shall sweep Their fragments in Oblivion's deep.

These steeples, rising toward the sky, A ruined mass in dust shall lie; These piles of brick shall crumble back, And strew with dust the trav'ler's track The trees on every mountain glade, Whose brawny arms give friendly shade, To wanderers on their leafy bower,

Shall, prostrate, moulder in that hour. The gushing rills, with low, sweet tune, Shall still sing on the Summer's noon; But other flowers shall grow beside. And cast their stamens on the tide. The moon shall steal with noiseless tread, It evo from out her other bed : But in that hour her silver beams Shall, glimmering, fall on other scenes.

Full cars shall thunder o'er these plains. And lust shall rise along these lanes,
With myriad footsteps daily stirred.
And rolling wheels shall still be heard. There yet will be a nation's strife: The warrior's sword, the assassin's knife, Shall still be wrought in every clime, The deeds which stain this earth with crime

Oppressing hands the slave shall urgo To greater tasks with picreing scourge, And thousands yet, in scrvile chains, Be borne from all that friendship claims. Yea! shall there be the busy round of toil-of tasks-the jarring sound Of gossip-tongues, of Envy's jeers— Life's darkest sins will still be here.

Life's pleasures, too! The friendly voice Shall make the weary heart rejoice; There shall be hours when care is hushed, And fair checks shall be pleasure flushed. There shall be friendships which shall last Till all the future is the past; There shall be love which trial-tri

Shall come out chaste and purified. But hands that now are clasped in mine These multitudes shall slumber, then, The sleep which will not wake again. And poet-steps shall press the strand. That girts the field of Author-land; But long ere then these souls shall know The end of life—the end of wee.

Bright eyes shall shine with conscious power But winds that fan them, in that hour. Shall bend the flowers and kiss the blade. That clothes the dells where we are laid. Their feet shall trend earth's weary miles. But ours shall press the upper aisles; Their souls sliall feel earth's feverish glow, But our's infinity shall know.

These streets shall throng with busy men; But we shall be forgotten then; Not one of all that living crowd Shall weep that we lie in the shroud, And they, like us shall pass away— There still will be a future day; There still will be a future day; And just the same, when we are gone,

This changeful world will still move on. But when the sea shall yield its dead, The countless world by God's great power Shall be assembled in that hou

[From the Lady's Book for April.] THE FIRST OF APRIL.

BY MARY CLARKE.

"Yos," said Aunt Hetty, laying aside her knitting, and folding her hands for a quiet chat, with her sister Elsie and myself, "I knew it was the first of April. I never told you dies in Boston, and really carries herself very about the first of April thirty five years ago, well. I wish you managed your figure as when we served my brother Tom such a trick,

If there was any one special thing delightful

eagerly: "Oh, do tell us about it, aunty!" "Your Uncle Tom," said Aunt Hetty, "was about the smartest and handsomest young chap you ever saw, when he cam'e home from college to Meyersville. Your grandfather was the side man for his panetuality and chedically the side man for his panetuality. the rich man of the village, and Tom being but Tom swallowed the whole of it.' his oldest son, he sent him to Cambridge to be "Well, several notes came, and the educated. Meyersville is even now, an out of the way place, but then it was far from any city or town, and off the direct line of travel und you can searcely imagine a more primi-tive place, I think. Tom was the first young man who ever left there for college. It made quite a stir in the place. Mr. Way, the school-master lelt quite insulted that Tom's education was not considered finished when he left him, and did not speak to father for weeks afterwards. However, in the face of all the shrugged shoulders and raised eyebrows, Tom went: and one bright day in August, Tom graduated and came home. He was then just twenty, with a tall, fine figure, coal-black eyes and hair, and wore the most astonishing pair of whiskers. Such airs as he gave himself! Such tales of his conquests nongst the Cambridge belles as he related

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one of our quiet dresses, he would turn up his | nus the muff; she well knew she would want

said Edgar, your father, "and he is worse now than he was at first. He turns up his nose at verything short of a fashionplate."
. "Oh," I cried, "I know how to fix him!" "Can you take the intolerable conceit out of him? It will be such fun to play some

trick upon him, to convince him, that he is not so wise as he thinks he is." our plot was formed then and there, and for the next month we—Molly and I—were very busy. We sent to Boston for fashion-plates and materials, smuggled them into the house while Tom was out, and worked in-

ten time one fine evening opened our battery upon Tom. "Oh, Hetty," said Edgar to me, "have you

seen the young lady from Boston who is staying at the Blue Bear?"

said Tom. I hope y u will call, girls; she may give you some bints that will be useful Molly drew herself up. "I'm sure you are very kind to think of us," she said.

Such a bonnet, such flounces and ruffles! said Edgar. "And a new thing they call pelisse, all made of green velvet, and trimmed

"Then you have seen her !" "Oh yes; she sailed down Main street just before dusk with all her finery, and a thick veil over her face, and I saw her go into the tavern myself. So I made bold to follow, and Mr. Meens showed me the name on the books -Mrs. Arabella Abbot, Boston, widow."

"Widow?" said I. "Yes. A funny thing to put on the books. ain't it? A sort of invitation to be wooed by came in a carringe last evening, just before dark, and when she got to the door, she called to some one inside, Good-by, father,' or uncle, he wasn't sure which, and the carriage drove off. She has engaged rooms for four weeks, and she has been locked up in one all day until she took her walk this evening."
"Just at this instant the servant came in with a tiny, delicately scented note for Tom, which he read, looked magnificent, and put

"Edgar,' he said with a wave of his hand, this lady is no subject for your impertment curiosity, and you will not intrude upon her secret again.' And with one of his airs,' as we called them, he walked off. Father was in the city at the time, for some months, so we

the city at the time, for some months, so we three conspirators were left alone.

"What was in the note?" said Edgar to me.

"Oh, the lady saw him at Cambridge when he gradualed; and was smitten. She is a widow, rich and young, and she implores him not to despise her for leaving the beaten track of propriety to follow him here. She here of propriety to follow him here. She begs that he will not call at the tavern, or seem to pursue her, but wait until she names a fitting opportunity for a meeting. In the meantime, that he may know her at such time. he must be at the confectioner's on Main Street, to morrow afternoon, just before dusk, and she will pass. Upon pain of her eternal displeasure, he is forbidden to join her then." "Ain't it fun?" said Edgar. "I wonder if

he will go?" "Of course he will." "The next afternoon I went to the little store where we bought the few sweet ments and many cakes which Meyersville demanded and under presence of buying some cake or tea, went in. There was Tom cating pound cake and playing the agreeable to the slion ceper, while both eyes were fixed on the door. He looked vexed when I came in. but it was no part of our scheme to allow him to join the fair widow, I stood my ground. In a few minites she passed. She was dressed in the full fashion of the day, and half the children of the village were running after her. An immense boquet profusely trimmed with choice flowers and ribbons, came far over her face, and from the front depended a green veil.— She was very tall, but the gored skirt of her rich green silk fell to her ankles, and terminated in a broad ruffle at the bottom of the kirt. The trimming of the velvet pelisse Edgar had described was not the only fur ar ticle, for she carried an immense muff, and as she passed she slightly waved a kid-gloved hand, the first ever seen in Meyersville, to-

wards the door of the store."
"Oh, Tom," I said, "that must be the Boston lady. Doesn't she look queer?"
"I don't see anything queer," said Tom. "She is dressed in the style of fashionable la-

well, Hetty." "I kept a grave face, and as soon as she If there was any one special thing delightful was far enough ahead invited Tom to escort and hast ever wronged in thought, or word to Elsie and myself, it was to hear Aunt Hetty me home. As I had a basket, and it was or deed, the spirit that generously confided tell stories about her own youth; so we said nearly dark, he could not well refuse, and so in thee; if thou art a lover, and hast ever we went home together."

> "Well, several notes came, and the fair being occasionally allowed Tom a glimpse of her furs, silk and velvets, but no chance of seeing her face. Molly or I contrived that Tom was never alone at such times. Two

choice boquets, some billetdoux, and a basket of fruit left at the tayern, testified to our complete success. It was the last day of March and the conversation had turned upon the jests and follies usually played off on April Fool's day. Tom had declared, in his grand way, that none but a fool was ever fooled, and defied the world to cheat him." At breakfast the next day, the little note. about which he would never give us any satisfaction, was handed to him. It was as fol-

MEYERSVILLE, April 1st. 1862. My Inot.:—I can no longer bear the agony of being near and not with you. Meet me at four this afternoon at the foot of the Poplar Avenue, and all mystery shall be thrown aside. In love,

nose, curl his lip. and say, "Rather pretty, the use of both hands shortly; Tom's last bobut dresses shockingly!"

"It is six months since he came home," hand. As my brother sprang forward to meet her, she let her head droop, and said, in a low, feigned voice, of rather dubious sweetness— "Pardon, oh, pardon this unwomanly forvardness.' "Speak not of that!" cried Tom, ardently.

"Love breaks the barriers of cold prudence and your bewitching candor is my dearest

"A lot more of such talk tollowed, and then Tom put his hand up to the green veil." "Suffer me" he said, "to tear aside this envious veil, which shields your loveliness from my admiring eyes."

dustriously to carry out our schemes. Ed-gar looked on, giggled now and then, but kept the secret. At last we were ready, and at love me. Swear, swear you will be true." love me. Swear, swear you will be true."
"If Tom at this didn't kneel right down on the ground l' "At your feet hear me swear eternal devo-

tion!" he cried," and then turned his eyes to

"One cry of rage, and he sprang up, just as the widow vaulted over the wall, and lit beside Molly and me. Tom followed, and dragged her from behind us, tore off the bonnet, leaving Edgar's fair hair uncovered, and sun, lke yours or Molly's, and she reads novels, they say, all day."

"Some of the Bos on animals."

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Dancing.

In Dr. Brown's late racy and valuable work on "Health," he thus refers to the "sin" o

Dancing is just the music for the feet, the gladuess of the young legs, and is well called the poetry of motion. I remember a story of good old Anti-burgher minister. It was in he days when dancing was held to be a great sin and to dealt with by the Session. Jessie, a comely, and good and blithe young woman, a great favorite with the minister, had been guilty of dancing at a friends wedding. She was summond betwee the Session to be dealt with—the grim old fellows sternly concentrating their eyes upon her as she stood trem-bling in her striped short gown and her pretty hare feet. The doctor, who was one of the divinity, and a deep thinker, greatly pitying her, said, "Jessie, my woman, were ye dancin'?" "Yes," sobbed Jessie. "Ye maun en promise never to dance agaid, Jessie.' "I wull, sir; I wull promise," with a cur-

try.

"Now, what were ye thinking o' Jessie, when ye were dancin'? tell us truly?" said an old elder, who had been a preacher in his youth. "Nae ill, sir," sobbed out the dear little woman. "Then, Jessie, my woman, aye dance," cried the delighted dictor. And

book, supposing him to have a taste for it and supposing him to have the book to read. It already had enough, or, perhaps, too much. It releaves his home of its dullness and sameness. It transports him into a livelier, and gaver, and more diversified and interresting next day with his money in his pocket, or at least, laid out in real necessaries and comforts for himself and his family,-and without a head-ache. Nay, it, accompanies him to his next day's work; and, if the book he has been reading be anything above the very idlest and lightest, gives him something to think of besides the mere mechanical drudgery of his every-day occupation-something ie can enjoy while absent, and look forward with pleasure to. If I were to pray for taste which should stand me in stead under every variety of circumstances, and be a sourse happiness and cheerfulness to me through ife, and shield against its ills, however things might go amiss, and the world frown upon me, it would be, a taste for reading.

-Sir J. Herschel. THE GRAVE -Go to the grave of buried ove, and meditate, There settle the account with thy conscience for every past benefit un--every past endearment unregarled, of that departed being who can nevernever-never return to be soothed by thy contrition! If thou art a child, and hast ever added a sorrow to the soul, or a furrow to the silvered brow of an affectionate parent; if thou art a husband, and has ever caused the fond bosom that ventured its whole happiness in thy arms to doubt one moment of thy kindness or truth; if thou art a friend, given one unmerited pang to that true heart which now lies cold beneath thy feet-then be sure that every unkind look, every ungracious word, every ungentle action, will come thronging back upon thy memory, and knocking dolefully at thy soul-then be sure that thou wilt lie down sorrowing and repentant on the grave, and utter the unheard groun, and pour the unavailing tear-more deep,

more bitter, because unheard and unvailing.

ARABULLA.

The Poplar Avenue terminated at the high haired separated our garden from the highest the wall which separated our garden from the relating and voted that Tun was inpolerable and which to see the fun.

"The Poplar Avenue terminated at the high haired separate our garden from the valley property, and you may be sure we had made a hole through which to see the fun."

"Four o'cleck came, and punctual to and that appears the best abroad the wall which separated our garden from the valley property, and you may be sure we had made a hole through which to see the fun."

"Four o'cleck came, and punctual to the hour we saw Tom come along the avenue in is finest broadcloth, and most exquisitively a ranged hair and whiskers. He had gone from the four we saw Tom come along the avenue in its finest broadcloth, and most exquisitively a ranged hair and whiskers. He had gone from the function of the country and mother than the gone of the four we saw Tom come along the avenue in its finest broadcloth, and most exquisitively a ranged hair and whiskers. He had gone from the function of the function of the country and mother than the gone of the function of the country and mother than the gone of the function of the country and mother than the gone of the function of the function of the country and mother than the gone of the function of the country and the function of the fu

Political.

EXTRACTS From the Speech of Mr. Dawes, Massachusetts,

STARTLING EXPOSURES OF CORRUP-

the Senate, and where it encountered oppo-sition because of certain statements which I happened to make here upon this floor upon the day he resigned. ne day he resigned. } The Clerk rend as follows:

The Cold That the meantime Links work what is that I have, myself, not made a single contract for any purpose whatever; having always interpreted the laws of Congress as contemplating that the heads of bureaus, who may according that the heads of bureaus, who have one of the regular according to the leads of the regular according to the laws of Congress as that he was there. Mr. Moorhead.—Then why refer to me at all? What reason have you to suppose that I was there? and pulled him away, and still speechless Tom lar army, shall make all contracts for supplies stood off. For years after, whenever Tom befor the branches of the service under their gan a conceited speech, we could silence him by affectionately inquiring after the health of the widow of Boston."

SIMON CAMERON. Secretary of War.

of one million ninety six thousand muskets, the stated deliberately that he never made a contract, when the book I have before me, the motives of the attack on the commit which is Executive Document No. 67, containing all the contracts made for arms by the War Department, recapitulates and sums up the whole matter in these words:

Musket and Rifles. Contracts by order of Major P. V. Hanger 1,500

1,903,800 This document, in the face of the solemn larations of the then Secretary of War. that he had never made one of these contracts, reveals contracts made by him, and by his order, to the amount of one million eight

aye nance, "creat the designed a coor. And so say I, to the extent that so long as our young girls think "nae ill" they may dance their feet's fill. And so on with all the round of the sunshine and flowers God has thrown on and along the path of his child-red.

Reading.—Of all the amusements which can possibly be imagined for a hard working man, after his daily toil, or in its intervals; there is nothing like reading an interresting book, supposing him to have a taste for it and against the protest of the Chief of Ordnance, in the protest of the Committee and the Committee and the Committee of Committee o against the protest of the Chief of Ordnance, now before me in print. It was a contract

ing so, addressed to the Secretary of War: scene; and while he enjoys himself there; he may forget the evils of the present moment, fully as much as if he were ever so drunk, with hundred and twenty-one thousand seven hundred. fully is much as if he were ever so drunk, with hundred and twenty-one thousand seven hunthe great advantage of finding himself the dred and five swords and sabres; and the unlimited order to the Messrs. Hortsman was given because of short time, to the deliveries of sabres of their own manufacture. I do not think an extension of the order is noces-

> "Respectfully, &c., JAS. W RIPLEY, " Brigadier General. Hon, Simon Cameron, Secretary of War. Beneath this is the extension of that contract by order of the Secretary of War, for four months; and still beneath that, on the

I submit then that the charge of expending

he sharply said: "Jamie, the grass of the grass of the can do much, but it canna gie man commonseuso."

ood it lost notes contracts, and lost indicated that it is information in the most of the more in that it is information in the most of the more in that it is information. When the can do much, but it canna gie man commonmen's names who did not know of it until the thumb-screws of the tax bill, which the comcontracts were made. It does not need to be mittee of which he is head originated and

MR. MOORNEAD INDIGNANT.

avowed himself at this moment, and under interfere with them in the discharge of this all the lights of the present day, an ardent the committee on on contracts—remarks of portion of their responsible duties. I have advocate and admirer of the man whose charthe honor to be, very respectfully, your obe- acter, public and official, I have been com menting upon, and I thought it was but natu ral he should be invited to such a tenst. Hon. H. HAMLIN,
"President of the Senate of the United have only to say that the paper described as being a delightful occasion, but I remem Mr. Dawes-I have stated that, in this bered, and I think the country remembered Mr. Dawes—I have stated that, in this bered, and I think the country remembers, solemn declaration, signed by the then Seoretary of War, and addressed to the Senate tary of War, and addressed to the Senate when his nomination was pending, and when "what for," and "what has it cost?" I wonthe accusation was made against him that he had made contracts for the purchase of arms, as stated by me upon this floor, to the amount as stated by me upon this floor, the floor is the amount as stated by me upon this floor, the floor is the floor

I wish to call the attention of the House dis tiuctly to the molives which prompted the at tack of Monday last. When the House and the country come to know, as the Committee Contracts by order of Major Scheral Fremont 1,000 does. The Committee encountered no such opposition from the gentleman from Pennsylvania, (Mr. Stevens) the chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, in the early stages of their investigation. It was one when the Committee, in the way of its duty came to throw itself between the Treasury the United States and a private speculation

ridiculing the Committee and the Committee's efforts to rescue the Treasury from the har pies that hung around and hovered over it. And last of all, it culminated in an attack fused to extend, and gave this reason for do- last Monday on the integrity and character of the Committee, and that, too, after the gentleman from Pennsylvania had been duly not an arrangement has already been made notified that every member of the Committee

was absent and could not reply. SIMON CAMERON ASCENERALISSIMO - HE THREA-TENS TO MAKE A SORTIE UPON THE COM-

MITTEE. Sir, I am not permitted to overlook also he connection of others in this matter. Al- ling) from New York, who had attacked the the connection of others in this matter. The though I had not the privilege of being pretongh I had not the privilege of being pretong I had not the preto of the Government was here in this House as tion that he Committee were to be destroyed the generalissimo on that occasion. I am informed that subsequently he appeared at the seat of the distinguished member from Pennsylvania, (Mr. Stevens,) and congratulated him on the signal success of his achievement over the Committee in their absence and and not like a skulling count? The member has the congratulated over the Committee in their absence and and not like a skulling count? January, 15, 1862.

"This order is extended for six months, from the termination of the time mentioned above.

SIMON CAMERON, tinguished friend from Pennsylvania (Mr. Kelley), and with my other discommittee which he had figured up and committee which he had some and committee which he had figured up and committee which he had figured Above.

Secretary of War."

Secretary of War."

Now, sir, it was this public statement of his, upon his responsibility as an officer of vote for the discharge of the Committee. Sir, known that his statement was false. There his, upon his responsionity as an officer of vote for and disonarge of the Committee. Sir, known that his satement was also Tiefe the Government, to which I have referred. I had hoped not to be compelled to allude to was no Committee over engaged in investithe Government, to which I have referred, I had hoped not to be compelled to allude to that induced a distinguished Senator and colleague of mine, noble and generous hearted who would do no man any wrong, and who believes that all men tell the truth, to urge, after having moved, the unanimous confirmation of this men, whose name was then here. tion of this man, whose name was then be-fore the Senate, and to state, in words as kind towards me, his colleage in the House, as he was capable of using, that he had the (Mr. Kelley) made on the Committee, a few the Committee before its adjournment for a as he was capable of using, that he had the (Mr. Kelley) made on the Committee, a few authority of this man Simon Cameron, for weeks ago, was published as an advertisestating that I was altogether mistaken when ment in the newspaper in my district, in the I said that these contracts had been made.

Sir, the distinguished gentleman from trick believe that I was not an hone-t man. Peansylvania, the chairman of the Commit | Of course the gentleman from Pennsylvania tee of Ways and Means, says falsus in uno, did not pay that advertisement. (Laughter.) falsus in omnibus. I wish to quote these Of course it could not be the distinguished two things together, and let my friend from Secretary, who had served notice on every

The his old age, Dr. Brown was one day easily stumbled and fell; and getting up, and the young listner was so basy in the mids of unfolding the divine was in the midst of unfolding the divine was the move betting in his words, that he forgot to look after my feet." The old Doctor was in the midst of unfolding the divine was to the midst of unfolding the divine was to the midst of unfolding the divine was to the midst of unfolding the divine was in the midst of unfolding the divine was so busy in the midst of unfolding the divine was so busy in the midst of unfolding the divine was so busy in the midst of unfolding the divine was in the midst of unfolding the divine was elebrated by a great feast? I am able now to state more particularly the details of the failur. It took four horse contracts, and that the healing of the was intered in the prosence of his regarding the door of the Secretary Now York besioging the door of the Secretary Now York besioning the down the was a pretty man to the upon the suggestion of the gentleman from Only in the number was a pretty was intered in the presented in the presented in the presented in the presented the first he healshown he was no coward and number of the office the feet of the Secretary Now York besioning the door of TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS.

ing the restoration of narmony among our putting political antagonists, and some of them cortainly knew the consideration. It seems to me that the \$400,000 should be saved to the

date the 15th day of January last, two days after he had resigned, while he was then action as Minister to Russia was pending in

THE DEBITE CONTINUED.

THE ROBBERS UNMASKED BY WASHBURNE, HOLMAN, AND OTHERS.

In the House, on Tuesday of last week, the ollowing debate took place—all the speakers being Republicans :

The House then resumed the consideration

of the report of the Select Committee on Government Contracts. Mr. Roscoe Conkling said he had voted againt raising this Committee. It seemed that none could be so honest or eminent that it would be suitable to clothe them with the unheard of power asked for on that occasion. It seemed unfit to constitute an advisory board to supervise questions of integrity relating to every man engaged in the administration of Department affairs. Mr. Conkling here asked the Speaker what time remained

The Speaker replied-Eighteen minutes. Mr. Dawes (Mass.)-The time will be exended to the gentleman.

Mr. Washburne (III.)—I object to that.

Mr. Conkling-I knew that, and do you know how I knew it? Because the member from Illinois is the only man in this House surely enough to interpose an objection in such a case.

Mr. Washburne rose to reply, when Mr.

Conkling called the members to order. Mr. Was burne (excitedly)-I call the weature to order. The Speaker demanded the preservation Mr. Conkling .- The member from Illinois

understands the rules of this House, and must understand that this is not the place for personal altercation. He knows the proper place, for that is outside of these walls.

Mr. Washburne (excitedly)—Yes, sir! I

know that, and am ready for it.

Mr. Conkling.—No individual in this House better knows than the member from Illinois that I stand by what I say until convinced I am in error, and therefore there is forgetting the personalities indulged in to-day no necessity whatever for any interruption would return to the direct issue before them. Mr. Washburne, in reply, said it was the

unkindest cut of all when the Chairman (Mr. Stevens.) of the Committee of Ways and the purse-strings of the nation, recently rose in the House and attacked the Committee in their absence, charging that they had committed more trang than they had detected. The Committee had been notified that they should feel the biting sarcasm and blistering, invective, and to-day they had listened to what might be called a pitiful imitation from the extraordinary member (Mr. Conkthe Committee. If the House believed the charges made are true, it would be unjust to day, and place on the brow of the members thereof the brand of dishonor. If the Committee had failed to discharge their duty and are obnoxious to the charges made, he (Mr. Washburne) called on the House not to postpone their action, but to disband this the Third Vermont charged upon the rifle Committee at once. The Committee and the country would ac-

New York besieging the door of the Secretary not afraid to die. monutation of this Committee. Twelve millions of dollars had been saved by the Comlions of dollars had been saved by the Com-mittee, or as much as it cost John Quincy ded in his narrow grave, where he lay shrou-ded in his coat and blanket. Adams to carry on the Government for one Committee were held up here as wasting the public money. He repeated that the Committee knew they would be met. They knew whose paths they had crossed. They knew who were the aiders and abettors of the plun-derers in and out of this House. They did

not like the Committee; of course, for "No rogue o'er felt the halter draw With good opinion of the law."

Treasury somehow or other. It is a poor ex- count what is estimated at \$1,300,000 on a sin- out fear, favor or affection, and in their rependiture of the public monoy just at this gle contract, and then save two and a half per port had nothing extenuated, or set down time when it is used for no better purpose cent commission. They will ask the question, aught in malice. To be sure they had extime when it is used for no better purpose than to heal political feuds? These gentlemen enjoyed themselves, the papers told us.

Mr. Stevens.—In his remarks about the horse entracts, does the gentlemen refer to paled by the papers. Tom the Speech of Mr. Dawes, Massachusetts.

Delivered in the House of Representatives on the 25th ult.

TARTLING EXPOSURES OF CORRUP.

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TION IN HIGH PLACES.

In connection with this statement, I send up to the Clerk the document, and ask him it, out. (Laughter.) The parties fell out and the connection with the report of the connection with the report of the connection with the statement of the connection with the connection with the statement of the connection with the statement o to read what I have marked. It is a docu- over one of these arrangements and told of it; side of the tax bill at any time, and more es- their services were dispensed with, he would ment adressed to the Scienter of the United and I have only to say that at that particular pecially at that particular time when the I try the cause, and would be ready to defend States by the then Secretary of War. It bears time there was, according to the newspapers, clamps of the tax bill shall be brought round to Committee against all clamors. Then he

that motion, and if the House had adopted it, cassed and said, towards the conclusion of his Mr. Moorhead.—I would like to know why as I have no doubt they would have done that remarkes that after the infamous attack and he rentleman refers to me. I do not wish day, the Committee then would have bailed buse of the member from New York, the the gentleman from Massachusetts, and I it as a glorious deliverance from a most unlatter could not expect to go unscathed. He will not permit him or any other gentleman, pleasant duty, which no one member of it had sought, but which no one felt himself at liberty to shrick from.

would permit no one to impuga or challenge his conduct on this floor or off this floor. He called upon the Republican party to rise up in this House and stop these enormous frauda by every means in their power, elso they would not be held guiltless by the country.

MR. CUMMINGS AND MR. CAMERON URITICISED. Mr. Holman, (Ind.,) as a member of the Select Committee, briefly referred to the beligerents in this debate, and after declaring his coolness and dispassionateness, proceeded to vindicate the report, and specially as to what it says about the transactions of Alexander Cummings of whom he spoke as the protege of Cameron, and who had been put brward to shield his principal. As to the purchase of horses, he said not one-fourth of hose purchased in Pennsylvania and Louis ville were serviceable. There was in this no evidence of fidelity to the public interest. Mr. Holman referred to Mr. Cameron's pa-tronage of the Northern Central Railroad,

which was enormous, as reported by the figures. The employment of Cummings in connection with the transportation showed that Mr. Cameron was willing to advance the interests of his own family at the sacrifice of the public good.

Mr. Morchead inquired whether Cummings

was a member of Cameron's family.

MR. CAMERON'S ILLEGAL CONTRACTS. Mr. Holman replied that the World' newspaper, of which Mr. Cummings was manager, was the most noisy in supporting Cameron transportation arrangements. On the subject of arms, Mr. Cameron had made contracts amounting to \$30,000,000, and on which the profits would have been \$7,500,000; over and above the legitimate profits, yet Mr. Cameron had denied ever making a contract.—Against these abuses Gen. Ripley had stood

up like a Roman—like n hppakwater against the tide of corruption—the tide of corruption—the tide of corruption—did not know that Mr. Cameron made contracts for thirty million dollars worth of arms to mere stock brokers and speculators. In conclusion, he censured the Secretary of the Navy in the matter of purchasing vessels, and referred to other matters discussed in the re-

Mr. Dawes (Mass.) trusted that the House, It was said that the exposures made by the committee had brought the Nation into dis-grace abroad; but this was not the fault of the committee. Should they have covered un Means, the leader of the House, and holding the scre, or laid it open and probed it to the hottom? When abuses ceased to be exposed, then might properly be lamented the absence of honesty and public virtue. It was not to be expected that they would be a white-wash-ing committee. As a grand inquest they could only bring the facts before the House for their action.

. Thrilling Romaner. The Philadelphia Inquirer's Yorktown correspondence gives the following interresting neident concerning the late affair at Lee's

Never until we stood by the grave of the Green Mountain boys did we realize how much stranger is truth than fletion. Your readers will all recollect last summer a private was court-martilled for sleeping on his post near the Chain Bridge, on the Upper Potomac. He was convicted -his sentence was death-the finding was approved of by the General, and the day fixed for his execution. He was a youth of more than ordinary intelligence—he did not beg for pardon, but was willing to meet his fate. The time drew near-the stern necessity of war, required that an example should be made of some one

his was no aggravated case.

But the case reached the ear of the President; he resolved to save him; he signed a pardon and sent it out; the day came. "Sup-pose" thought the president, "my pardon has not reached him." The telegraph was called into requisition; an answere did not come promply. "Bring up my carriage," he ordered, it came, and soon the important State papers were dropped, and through the hot broiling sun and dusty roads he rode to the camp, about ton miles, and saw that the soldier was save! He has doubtless forgotten the incident, but the soldier did not. When pits, the enemy poured a volly upon them. The first man who fell, with six bullets in The Committee and the country would be cept it as a tribute to its faithful performance of its duty, which had led to the attack by the laid out in his own district at the next election. I know not who paid for the advertise-member of an expensive feast upon congressional brains.

I submit then that the charge of expending

Secretary, who had served notice on every member of the Committee and the country would be cept it as a tribute to its faithful performance to its faith official document, the member from rade that he had shown he was no coward and

The men separated; in a few minutes all year. Notwithstanding these things, the were engaged in someth ag around the camp,

> seene will live upon the r memories while life lasts. The calm look of Scott's face, the seeming look of satisfaction he fel, still lingered; and could the President have seen h m he would have felt that his act of mersy had been

wisely bestowed. But the cannon's roar is to be heard towards