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"OUR COUNTRY—MAY IT ALWAYS BE RIGHT—BUT RIGHT OR WRONG OUR COUNTRY."

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## Poetical.

**OUR UNION.**  
Our Union, the gift of our fathers!  
In wrath roars the tempest above;  
The darker and nearer our danger,  
The warmer and fiercer our love.  
Thought stricken, it never shall perish;  
It binds, but it breaks not the link;  
It runs, and it never shall cease to run,  
But we will be true to the last.

## Miscellaneous.

### "MY CAPTURE AND ESCAPE."

A STORY OF THE WAR.

In the ranks of my regiment, I arrived in Washington, in June, 1861, and was soon after sent out to the front in Virginia. Our regiment was sent to the advance of the Federal lines, and portions were sent out on picket duty. When it came to my turn to advance near the enemy's lines, I felt some apprehension, but my comrades were so full of patriotism, and I must frankly confess I feared the rifles of the Confederate sharpshooters. Near where our pickets were stationed, was a little old-fashioned log house that looked somewhat like a cabin. I was sitting in the yard, when I saw a man in a blue uniform and a kepi, who I thought was a soldier, come towards me. He was dressed in a blue uniform, and I thought he was a soldier. He was dressed in a blue uniform, and I thought he was a soldier. He was dressed in a blue uniform, and I thought he was a soldier.

## Death of the Rebel Gen. Van Dorn.

(Before going to press last week we had a rumor of the assassination of Gen. Earl Van Dorn of the rebel army, but having been so often deceived by false rumors in army intelligence, we omitted it until something more reliable should be received. It is now placed beyond all doubt. The following is one of the many versions of the tragic event.)

Headquarters of the Richmond Dispatch, [Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]  
CHATTANOOGA, Tuesday, May 12.—A gentleman just from Spring Hill, in Maury county, gives me some particulars in regard to the death of Van Dorn. The facts are singularly tragic, and in time of peace would create a national furor. The crowded condition of the great war caresses, however, will distract the public eye from a quiet domestic melodrama.

## Political.

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