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would allow. But she never manifested any affection for me. She was one of arose and did it for me. those kind of people who think kisses and "Then I took up the crumb-cloth, carcaresses foolishness, and though I can look cied it out and shook it, and put it in its back now and remember proof of a secret place in the hall closet, and all the time tenderness, she never kissed or caressed he stood and watched as if in surprise.me when I was a child. When I was ready to sit down again he "I grew up starved for love. After I played very badly. He seemed to be abwas fouricen years old I grew to look for sent-minded. it, from a lover. I read romances-I "He came to the house two or three built air castles-yet so well had I been times after that, but not to spend an eventrained in practical ways and habits that ing alone with Julia. Pretty soon he did no one dreamed of the turn my mind was not come at all, and Julia used to cry out taking. My foudest dream was of the and be so cross that she made the whole time when a material figure, with bold, family uncomfortable. bright eyes and gay apparel, should, seat-"One day he drove up to the door in ed on a milit-white charger, appear before

me as I spun in the porch, or gathered and the sleighing was very good. Julia berries in the field, and folding me to his was sitting at the dining-room fire. heart with tender and assuring words, leap up on my steed, and with me in his come to take me to drive. Now I won't arms fly to some unknown country, where to a slep unless he asks my pardon for he would make me a queen of his castiles staying away so long." I never real'zed, ugly, ignorant child as I "Her mother showed him into the parwas, how peculiarly absurd was any such lor, and he asked for me. I went in wonder. idea as applied to me, until one day some-Heasked me to go and ride as coolly as if thing occurred which destroyed my beau-I had been in the habit of driving with tiful illusion and made me wretched. him all the days of my life; and there "There were always several weeks in was something in his manner that would the fall when, if the crops were good, I not let me refuse. I went, and he aske l was almost incessabily employed in gath-

ering berries, which my grandmother preserved for winter use. My only companion in this work was my cousin Stephen been happy every day of my life since. a boy two or three years younger than "One day, when thus employed, we caught a glimpse of a man in regimentals,

guest, leave your employment with a genrid ng swiftly through the woods." tleman to do her mother's work, while "Who can it be ?" said Siephen. she sat doing nothing but embroidery, I "Oh ?" said I, in delight, "perhaps it is cnew she was indolent and selfish, and my lover knight, coming from the wars she never looked pretty to me after that to find me. Let me watch until he comes moment. If it had not been for that around the bend in the road. If it is he, have married her, and have been as

wretched as I am now satified."

to run off with aru? you? A handsome face and flying bair, like a wild indian's, and mouth all staiged with berries! Ho ho! Wouldn't you look grand flying, and your shoes falling off because they are big! I'd just like to see you."

seem to be a doomed city; and now the James suddenly rising twenty-six feet ugly, uncouth and unattractive, and my above the level of that river, has inundahero lover would never come. I ceased to ted a large part of the town, submerging warehouses, stores, dwellings and the gas

heart-rending scenes. Saturday night must, indeed, have been a night of horrors at Richmond. The little town of Columbia, Fluvanna co., was completely inundated by the same freshet, and many of its five hundred inhabitants, struggling in the waters, were swept off and omy and management to furnish me with drowned. The flood in the Shennandoah submerged Harper's Ferry and caused "The family of my aunt Caroline conthe loss of fifty lives. The floods in the

sisted of herself, her daughter Julia and the orphan children of a deceased son. age in Georgetown and in Washington, Julia was just my age, and very pretty. It is a very hard thing to say, but I hon- and putting a stop to Southern railroad

perconal appearance had been described,

Columbia, Pa. | foil to her beauty; and to reside in the hen is reddy-Josh Billings.

"I have seen a great many maps in my of the room alone, when Mr. Marshall time, but none that this one reminded me

TROCHU." of. "It is but fair to say that in some re" spects it is truly a remarkable map. W. T. SHERMAN." "I said to my son Frederick Willian, if you could only make a map like that, I would be perfectly willing to see you die-even anxious. "WILLIAM III."

A ROYAL SPY

The land-lady of an inn near Metz says correspondent of the New York Post, vretends to recognize in Prince Frederick Charles a tourist who, a few years ago, splendid sleigh, for it was winter time, Vosges and along the Moselle. She then took him for a medical man, as he pretended to be a lover of bolany, who with "There," she said, jumping up, "he's an old gentleman extremely like the portraits of General Moltke, explored in search of fine specimens of Alsacian flora, every pass and forest in the department. They looked like military men; indeed she thought so at the time, but this did not seem incompatible with their alleged profession, for every Prussian she knew was

a soldier. The young gentleman innocently picked flowers, and the old one had a passion me to marry him. I waited three years for geology, and increased his knowledge of the science by scanning every wall and for him, for he was not settled in business then; and we were mariled, and I have cutting, the nephew most conscientiouly walked through the passes and over "One day he told me why he had not the hills, and the uncle took drives in various directions. They were in the neighnarried Julia. "I was pleased with her," said he, "but when I saw her let you, a borhood more than a month, says this worthy woman, and then paid their bill and went away quietly, but she swears that she recognized the Prince when he came up with his army to fight Bazaine Whether this story is only ben trovato and not vero, it is positive that Fredercrumb-cloth, Nannie, I should probably | ick Charles does know every foot of the ground on this side of the Rhine. He was at Stolzenfels, above Coblsntz, in his boyhood, and was in the habit of making tours, when an under-graduate, of the composition of every corps of the enemy which he has encountered-a species of intelligence invaluable to an able genral. between The French neglected everything of this sort; their dash is fettered with red tape, and every proposal made by volunteers who offer to serve as scouts on thorough bred horses furnished by themselves is contemptuously rejected.

AT Sidney, Ohio, on a recent evening, as Frank Corry entered his room for the purpose of retiring, he saw a person in his bed, and supposing that some one had come for the purpose of robbing him, he immediately drew his revolver and fired, but missed his mark. The verson shot at attempted to screen himself by slipping under the bed, but Corry fired again, and this time the ball took effect in or near one of the temples, and penetrated the

The Army and Navy Journal argues, with a good deal of plausibility that, astonishing as the German successes have been, they are not near as extraordinary as those the great military strategist, Von Motlke, originally planned and intended. This argument is based upon a few facts and statements, which, however, are very significant ones. The most striking fact is the removal from command of the great Prussian General Von Steinmetz. Von Steinmetz is a leader who would be distinguished in any service. For desperate work, he is the best general in Germany, if not in Europe. Like General Sheridan, he is not only quick and brilliant in battle, but he can and does get more fighting and more marching out of nade a pedestrian excursion through the a given number of men than any of his compeers ; and he has never been defeated. Once engaged in battle, he is bound to win, no matter what are the conditions, if it uses up his last man ; and he always has won. Beside, he is a great favorite with the soldiers. Such a general would not be dismissed without grave reason. The reason assigned is that, at the battle of Forbach, in the very outset of the campaign, he attacked furiously and utterly routed the French army of the centre, whereas his orders from Von Moltke were to engage and detain the French. At Forbach, the French were in an extraordinarily strong position, approached from the front, yet Von Steinmetz carried it by assault, though at a fearful

cost. At Gravelotte, also, his troops did the most desperate fightings and lost most heavily. Von Molike's orders at Forbach, the

Army and Navy Journal argues, and Von Steinmetz's removal for not literally obeying them, show to military critics what his intentions were. The great military genius and strategist, before he moved a single and strategist, before he moved a single regiment into France knew exactly his own strength and the French weakness. He have the topography of the country like that of his own garden. He had also stud-ied the menial peculiarities of the French Marshals, so that he knew what each one of them would be likely to do in any given emergency. He is relicent of his plans. He gwe to each German leader exact or-ders for his particular part of the perform-ance, and nothing more. The Crown Prince was to rush upon, envelop and crush the Freuch right under MacMahon, and push forward desperately toward Metz. Von Stelametz was to engage and detain the French centre at Forbach. The German right was to smash and turn the northern wing of the French, and also push forward toward metz. Now if Von Steinmetz had literally obeyed his orders, and if he had really detained Bazaice at Porbach only ten hours to songer the Crown Prince would have got into the French let on the north, and also got into the rear of the main French army, between it and Metz; and the entire French army with Napoleon, would have been captured in the open field, within the first ten days of the campaign. This would have been followed by the almost immedi-ate fall of Metz itself, with all its stores. <u>AT NIGET.</u> regiment into France knew exactly his own

-----AT NIGHT.

Here is one of Thackeray's pleasant

touches: It is night now; and here is home. Gathered under the quiet roof, elders and children lie alike at rest. In the midst of brain about two inches. By this time a sister of Corry had come into the room, and told her brother he was shooting his cousin. So it proved to be—a Mr. Wood, from Indianapolis—and when Corry as-certained the fact he became nearly crazy. Wood cannot live. THE census marshals note the fact that in towns that have fallen off in popula-tion the difference is in the number of young children. Many families have no children, or only one. The cause can be guessed at, and deserve the attention of philanthropists.

he will take off his plumed hat and wave it for me. Then he will gallop up and tlift me on his horse and carry me to his monted casile." "A nice little givl you are for a knight 'dy-love you will make, with your black "My cloud-land was destroyed forever. From that moment I knew that I was

"I grew older; I was plain and awkworks, destroying more than four mil-

wardly shy, and shunned what society lion dollars worth of property, stopping operations in all the large cotton, corn was attainable to me. and flour mills, and occasioning the most "When I was eighteen years old I received an invitation from an aunt who lived in Boston to visit her. I had never seen her, and she knew me only by report. she wished me to come and spend the

winter with her. My grandmother was willing I should go, but we were very poor, and it required a great deal of econa wardrobe fit to visit the city with.

estly think that my aunt, to whom my travel.

wanted me to associate with Julia, as a THE best time to set a hen is when the

The Disastrious Floods in Virginia. Each mail brings additional details of the disastrous floods in the valley of the James river, and peculiarly Lynchburg and Richmond. Richmond has suffered even more grievously. War and fire, and the recent shocking fall of its Capitol had made beautiful Richmond

suspending business in the former city