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### THE MINSTREL.

#### THE FOOTSTEPS OF DECAY.

The following is a translation from an ancient Spanish Poem, which, says the Edinburgh Review, is surpassed by nothing with which we are acquainted in the Spanish language, except the 'Ode of Louis De Leon.'

Oh! let the soul its slumbers break--  
 Arouse its senses and awake,  
 To see how soon  
 Life, in its glories glides away,  
 And the stern footprints of decay  
 Come stealing on.

And while we view the rolling tide,  
 Down with our flowing minutes glide  
 Away so fast,  
 Let us the present hour employ,  
 And deem each future dream a joy  
 Already past.

Let no vain hope deceive the mind--  
 No happier let us hope to find  
 To-morrow than to-day.  
 Our golden dreams of youth were bright,  
 Like them the present shall delight--  
 Like them decay.

Our lives like hastening streams must be,  
 That into one engulfing sea  
 Are doomed to fall--  
 The sea of death whose waves roll on  
 O'er king and kingdom, crown and throne,  
 And swallow all.

Alike the river's lovely tide,  
 Alike the humble rivulets glide  
 To that sad wave;  
 Death levels poverty and pride,  
 And rich and poor sleep side by side  
 Within the grave.

Our birth is but a starting place;  
 Life is the running of the race,  
 And death the goal;  
 There all our glittering toys are brought--  
 The path alone, of all unthought,  
 Is found of all.

See then how poor and little worth  
 Are all these glittering toys of earth  
 That lure us here!--  
 Dreams of a sleep that death must break,  
 Alas! before it bids us wake  
 We disappear.

Long ere the damp of earth can blight  
 The cheek's pure glow of red and white  
 Has passed away,  
 Youth smiled and all was heavenly fair--  
 Age came and laid his finger there,  
 And where are they?

Where is the strength that spurred decay,  
 The step that roved so light and gay,  
 The heart that blithe tone?  
 The strength is gone, the step is slow,  
 And joy grows wearisome and wo!  
 When age comes on.

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table is that we naturally like to read, are more interested and perhaps more profited by reading articles written by those we know, with whom we are acquainted, and still more so if we are intimate with them.

How much more valuable the productions of any pen become when we have become acquainted with the writer, especially if we have a place in his esteem or affections!

Teachers of the same county through their institutes and conventions become acquainted, often intimate, and are thus brought into that relation which makes them more than otherwise interested in the ideas and thoughts of each other.

Other reasons might be given, such as the importance of encouraging home industry; developing home talents, &c., but my article is growing too lengthy.

To the teachers of Mifflin county I would say that with the aid which they are well capable of giving, the Educational Column can and will be made interesting and profitable. Without it--with the aid only of the very few who do contribute occasionally--it will be kept up, I suppose, but it will necessarily fail in meeting fully the object for which the column was opened.

Let there be a free expression of opinions on the subject of education, on the best methods of teaching particular branches, &c. We want no prosy essays on the state of education in general, but actual schoolroom experiences, practical suggestions, genuine improvements in methods of instruction and school government.

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The compositor requests that communications to this column be written in black ink.

### TALES & SKETCHES

#### THE TRAITOR'S CHILD.

The energies of the American troops stationed at Fort Washington after their evacuation of New York, were fully taxed to repel the many sorties made against them by the enemy. It required a constant and careful watch upon the part of the Commander-in-chief to prevent a surprise, and the more surely to effect this, a system of observation was maintained along the road, so that information passed from point to point was sure to reach the camp ere the British could carry out their designs. The majority of persons living on the line from the city to Kingsbridge, gladly aided in this plan of police, and thus rendered essential service to the cause. One of this number, however, a Mr. Jennings, at last took umbrage at some order of Washington or his subordinates, and with a reprehensible cunning, he determined to abandon the Americans and serve the interests of the foe. So secretly were these plans concocted and carried out, that no one outside his own family suspected his disaffection.

The British general accepted the offered services, and pledged himself to pay largely for them. It was proposed that a number of his troops should march as far as his neighbor's, who would of course communicate their movements to Jennings, who in his turn instead of passing the warning was to conceal the forces until reinforcements could arrive, and a formidable demonstration could be made against the fort.

"And for this service, in any event, you shall have a thousand pounds," said the British General to the traitor. "Should it eventuate in the entire overthrow of the rebels, the sum shall be trebled, while other rewards shall be freely bestowed. You are certain that you have confided the matter to no one?"

"Not a soul save those of my own family know of it," said Jennings.

"Of whom does your family consist?"

"Of my wife, who is an invalid, and an only daughter."

"How are they affected by your change?"

"I know not, nor do I care. But of course they will follow my wishes, which have ever been law to them. My daughter is the only one who would think of a difference of opinion, and even she would never dare to give it expression."

"I have heard that the majority of your American females have imbibed a sort of romantic attachment to George Washington, which might lead them to sympathy with him. But of course you are sure of your child and can answer for her."

"With my life!"

"Suppose you allow me to invite her here. It would be a safe thing, and at the same time remove her from the suspicion of collusion should you be discovered."

"I cannot part with her, sir. She has aided me heretofore, and can do so again. She is very obedient, so we need not fear her."

"Enough! manage the matter yourself. I am content. Now for our plans. At dusk, to-morrow, a company of Captain Trevor's command will be put in motion and arrive about midnight at your house. You will conceal them and await the others. When all are gathered, you will guide them to the attack. The rebels, being off their guard, will fall an easy prey."

So far as the intentions of the British officer were concerned, the meditated plan was carried out. A number of picked

men were concealed at Jennings's house, and at the proper time marched towards their destination. Under cover of night they had proceeded to the next station on the road, when their advance was suddenly checked.

A sharp rattle of musket balls, which seemed to have been designedly fired above their heads, brought them to an immediate halt. A second discharge gave them to understand that their further progress would be dangerous. Captain Trevor, who was in command, immediately gave orders for a countermarch, and in less than ten minutes the whole body was in retrograde position.

We can hardly venture to describe the feelings of chagrin entertained by the original plotter of this expedition, when informed by Trevor of the unsatisfactory result. As that officer handed him the gold which had been promised, he threw it to the ground with a violent gesture and, with an oath, swore he would murder the informer, whoever it might be, that had thus defeated his hopes. In vain the king's officer strove to calm him; the darker passions of his nature were roused, and would not be exorcised. While he was thus storming and invoking maledictions upon the head of the culprit, a fair girl entered the apartment. There was a look of intelligent firmness upon her pale countenance, as her eyes met those of her father and quailed not.

"Come hither, Hester!" he cried. "Do you know aught of this matter? Can you tell me who sent word to Washington, respecting this expedition?"

Hester cast an appealing look upon the officer, who however did not interfere between them.

"Did you hear my question?" roared Jennings. "Tell me, do you know aught of this?"

"I do," replied the girl, in a low tone. "I thought so! Now, tell me the person's name."

"It was I!"

"You! Serpent! You betray me--!"

"Father! hear me. I did send word to our general that the enemy were to make an attack upon the fort, but your name was not mentioned as being a party to the expedition. No harm can come to you. I knew how ardently and long our countrymen had struggled against oppression; how nobly they had contended against superior forces; how true was their devotion to the cause in which they were engaged, and I could not quietly look on and see their destruction attempted. I sent word of this, but in saving them I did not betray you."

"Enough that you have come between me and my revenge! This be your reward!"

He drew from his pocket a pistol and deliberately aimed it at his child. She moved not--did not even tremble--but Trevor, shocked beyond measure at the horror of the meditated deed, sprang towards the wretch and raised his arm. The ball grazed her head, and was buried in the waistcoat.

"Shame on you, man!" cried the officer with indignation. "Would you have her blood on your hands! Of what are you composed! Is she not your child?"

"No!" cried Hester, with startling emphasis, "I am not, or at least shall not be for the future. I will not own a parent who to the crime of treason can add that of murder. I did expose your villainy, and would do it again. Nay, you may frown, I fear you not. This last base act has frozen up the natural current of my heart."

Then in a calmer and more feeling tone, she continued:

"Father--'tis the last time I shall call you so--I bid you farewell forever. Your malediction may be hurled against me, but never again will you look upon my face. Ere another day has passed, Washington shall know of your treachery. Your only safety is in flight. In England you may enjoy the fruit of your baseness, but here you cannot remain. Farewell, forever!"

She passed from the room, as the tears, which she could no longer control, coursed rapidly down her cheeks. She repaired at once to the bedside of her mother, in whose body the last flickerings of life were fast failing. She knelt beside her, and even as she prayed the worn spirit was released from bondage.

"Alone! an orphan! God help me!" she exclaimed, as she pressed her trembling lips to those which had so often met hers in love.

Jennings lingered not long. Soon after he was on his way to England, where he lived, as traitors should, in splendid disgrace. Hester became the wife of a young Revolutionary officer, and lived long enough to give to her descendants the valuable example of the Christian and patriot mother.

#### Estate of Jno. Miller, sen., deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of John Miller, late of Wayne township, Mifflin county, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, residing in said township. Persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims to present them, duly authenticated, for settlement. JOHN MILLER, JESSE MILLER, Exrs.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

#### Eastward from Atlanta.

A traveler gives the following anecdote of a tiger kept at the British Residency at Calcutta: "But what annoyed him far more than our poking him with a stick, or tantalizing him with shins of beef or legs of mutton, was introduced into his cage. No fine lady ever exhibited more terror at the sight of a spider, than this magnificent royal tiger betrayed on seeing a mouse. Our mischievous plan was to tie the little animal by a string to the end of a long pole, and thrust it close to the tiger's nose. The moment he saw it he leaped to the opposite side, and when the mouse was made to run near him, he jammed himself into a corner and stood trembling and roaring in such an ecstasy of fear, that we were always obliged to desist, in pity to the poor brute. Sometimes we insisted on his passing over the spot where the unconscious little mouse ran backwards and forwards. For a long time, however, we could not get him to move; till at length I believe by the help of a squib, we obliged him to start; but instead of pacing leisurely across in his den, or of making a detour to avoid the object of his alarm, he generally took a flying kind of a leap, so high as nearly to bring his back in contact with the roof of his cage."

**Attacked by Crows.**—A gentleman residing in Wheeling went hunting a few days since, and not finding any better game he took a shot at a lot of crows that were cawing in the woods. He wounded one of the birds in the wing, and when it fluttered to the ground the gentleman picked it up. The hurt bird cried most piteously, when suddenly the whole flock came to its assistance and made an attack upon the hunter. They darted about his head, and picked and scratched him with such violence, that he was obliged to defend himself with a stick, and was finally compelled to release the wounded crow, and beat a hasty retreat.

The road from Augusta to Columbia, the capital of South Carolina, is "across the ridges," which are generally low, and hills, and over small streams, the borders of which are cultivated by small cotton planters and farmers, who keep a good deal of stock, and have plenty of grain and sweet potatoes. The Congaree river at Columbia, is a respectable sized mill stream, nothing more, and so is the Wateree, eastward of it, and so are the two Pedees, and if an army ever has to march from Augusta to Wilmington, it will find no serious obstructions in the way, except in a time of high water, when every small stream overflows its low banks and covers a broad swamp. The whole way is a good country for an army to march and subsist in. The distance from Augusta to Columbia is about eighty miles, and from Columbia to Wilmington N. C., about 200 miles. Some of the richest cotton planters of South Carolina are found along the rivers, which such a march would cross.

#### Military Law.

Major General Couch has approved the proceedings of a Military Commission, recently held at Harrisburg, in the cases of Samuel Kline, William Appleman and John Rantz, citizens of Columbia county, Pa., who were charged with many other disloyal practices in the society known as the 'Knights of the Golden Circle,' with being armed for the purpose of resisting the enrollment law and the military authority of the government; with the commission of acts of disloyalty; with uttering disloyal sentiments; and with threatening the life of Captain Wm. Silvers, deputy provost marshal of Bloomsburg.

Kline was sentenced to two years' imprisonment; Appleman to be fined five hundred dollars, and to be imprisoned until the fine is paid; and Rantz to be fined one thousand dollars, and to be imprisoned two years. General Couch has designated Fort Mifflin as the place of confinement.

#### Auction Prices in Richmond.

The Dispatch of the 19th inst. says: At the sale of Messrs. Robinson, Adams, & Co., on Thursday, articles sold as follows: Sugar, brown, \$9.12@9.87 1/2 lb; inferior brown, in hds., \$7.85@8.50; crushed, \$11.87; coffee, \$11.62@12.50 1/2 lb; flour, \$3.45 1/2 bb; butter, \$9 1/2 lb; ground pepper, \$11.50@12.50; cheese, \$6.50; salt, 45c. 1/2 lb; claret, prime, \$1.70 doz; apple brandy, \$7.4 1/2 gallon; rum, \$92.50 1/2 gallon; dried apples, \$1.19 1/2 lb; tallow candles, \$11.50@12.50 1/2 lb; cotton yarn, \$40 1/2 ball; country soap, \$4.75 1/2 lb; English soda, \$6 1/2 lb; coppers, \$5.25 1/2 lb; blacking, \$33.50@35 1/2 dozen; Augusta sheeting, \$ 83.65, 4-4, \$4.35@4.55 1/2 yard.

#### Meeting of Electors.

The electors of President and Vice President meet on the first Wednesday (7th) of December, at the capitals of their respective States, to cast their votes, which are sent to the President of the Senate, (the Hon. Hannibal Hamlin), and counted before both Houses of Congress on the 2d Wednesday (8th) of February, 1865.

#### Sale of Negroes in North Carolina.

At an auction sale in this place, by Mr. S. A. Harris, auctioneer, the following prices were obtained: Girl 11 years old, \$4,700; woman 40 years old, \$3,000; girl 16 years old, \$4,700; man 25 years old, \$5,700; man 40 years old, \$2,800; man 24 years old, \$6,200. The first named (the girl of 11 years) we are told, was the only likely

negro sold. The rest were very inferior looking.—Charlotte (N. C.) Bulletin.

#### A Tiger Frightened by a Mouse.

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