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BY ELIZA H. BARKER. On a wide and scorched Savannah, through a burnon a water summer day,
Thousands of our bleeding soldiers, from the battle's Brave young hearts had ceased their beating, brows in manhood's prime were low;

Never!' replied Charlotte; I shall to go in

When the full moon rose in splendor, on that field Twenty summers had not stolen from his cheek the boyish bloom,
And the spring-time of his manhood had not shed
its fresh perfume;
Now he lay a mangled martyr, with no comrade at

Through the torrid days the wounded, maimed and

(Corses piled above, around them,) sick and lone un- and Albert are here.' heeded die; Not a drop of grateful water to the parching lips soldier, who had grown grey in the service by side, Laden all with human anguish—just as if no Christ

Now another day has risen, still the maimed are helpless there, And the feetid dead are sending poisoned vapors through the air;
And the sick and limbless soldiers shout in agony—

Marienburg, to whom I have the honor of in vain!

Men who left your wives and mothers, ye will never meet again! And the sun goes down in glory on the dying, side

O'er the land, in every hamlet, wails are on the tinued he. moaning air, Every hearth has lost a loved one—who will fill the empty chair?
And the Fiend of War is rushing, on his wild steed,

(Let me see.' said he. And the riend of war is rusning, on his wild steed,
fierce and fast,
And his trumpet's shricking clamor echoes on the
midnight blast.
And the angels all have left us—to our sin, and to

r in the broken-nearted—neary men, soopproud to wail;

ne, daughters, palid statues, orphan children thin and pale;

ws, desolate and pining—none to succor, none

to guide—
no friend in earth or heaven—just as if no Dreary homes, which love had lighted, gone is all

What to you the victor's triumph?—what the wreath that binds the brow?
Blighted hearts, whose desolation none can ever sooth Earth's to you a darkened horror—let your agony e prayer— sacrifice of sorrow ope the gates of mercy wide; Give us peace, O Lord of Nations, let not Christ in vain have died! BEAVER, PA.

MARRIED BY COMMAND.

Once upon a time there lived near the fort of Marienburg, in Prussia, a farmer of the name of Reiwal. He had two daughters-charming girls. These two married to two soldiers—one each, of course. Brothers they were, and as strapping fellows as ever Great Frederick could wish to see. It was expected that the regiment in which the brothers served would soon be at the neighboring fortress; and then the marriages would take place.

Charlotte, the younger sister, was sitting, on the day in question, busily employed in knitting, while watching her father's goats, when an old gentleman, of noble and mander.' majestic carriage, stopped before her. He held a cane in his hand, and wore a military hat and boots, and a great coat with a large cape.

The young shepherdess had never seen this gentleman before, and his presenceshe knew not why-inspired her with a some minutes with an arch smile, he thus addressed her:

What is your name my pretty girl? 'Charlotte Reiwel, at your service?' answered she. 'At my service! Well, I may, perhaps,

Eighteen, at Candlemas. 'What is your occupation ?'

'I am shepherdess to my parents, who

are farmers in the valley. 'You are not married ?'

require you. How old are you?

'Not yet, your lordship.' 'Have you a dowry ?' 'I do not know.'

Well, here is something towards one, if you will serve me, as you promised to do just now,' said he, placing in her hand an hour.'

a purse containing two hundred gold So strange did this proceeding appear to the simple and timid shepherdess, that quarter will suffice. The time to measure she was quite alarmed; and, believing the eight or ten grenadiers, and to choose one fine gentleman to be a sorcerer, his gold among them of the right proportions.

time, the stranger, taking a note-book from eye. 'About five feet four or six inches. his pocket, wrote a few words upon a sheet A fair complexion to form a contrast. of paper, which he carefully sealed. Then Mademoiselle,' continued he, with a milio continued:
To gain two hundred florins, you have a few minutes.

only to carry this to the fort of Marien- Presently Keller returned, holding a burg. If you show this seal, all the paper in his hand. guards will let you pass. You must ask for Major Keller, the commander, and give you are to sign this promise of marriage the letter into his hands. Do you under- with him for the chaplain, as the law restand, and promise to do what I have told quires the consent of the parties. you?'

Charlotte wished to reply in the negative, but to refuse seemed to her even more has to be signed? You must have my ing what to say, she was silent, and the stranger, concluding that her silence gave assent, left her the letter and the purse. When he was out of sight, the terrorstricken girl ran to her sister, and related

her adventure. Catharine was the very reverse of her

THE LANCASTER INTELLIGENCER. liked nothing better than a mystery, and

'A commission for Marienburg!' exclaimed she; 'it is a God-send. Call him a good angel, rather than a demon, who brought it. Our betrothed, the sergeants Albert and Ludwig Hosten, have been on the march for the fortress the last three of them, and perhaps even see them to-day. What a surprise for them, and what joy for us! to say nothing about the two hundred gold florins, which are not to be picked up

Saying these words, she took the purse, and turning the precious letter first on one side and then on the other, she called upon Charlotte, in the name of their betrothed,

never have courage. If you like to go in my stead, added she, I will make over the two hundred florins to you.'

I will accept half,' replied Catharine, never have courage. If you like to go in

quickly; 'we shall thus both have a dowry, of ghastly dead,
On a little mound reclining, lay a young and gentle Letter in hand, Catharine soon reached

the fortress, the gates of which were major. opened to her at the sight of the mysteri-With no friend in earth or heaven—just as if no Christ had died! up her mind that the stranger must have Softly with its gentle kisses, came the night wind been some great personage, and that the Lifting up its gory masses, laying the white fore letter contained something important. She Twas a mother's soul that sent it, for in midnight watches came

examined it over and over again, burning with curiosity to know the contents. She To her weeping eyes the vision of a battle field of endeavored to peep into the envelope, but salute. On perceiving the young girl, he fiame;
And her boy lay pale and bleeding, with nocomrade by his side—
Vain had been her prayers and weeping—just as if no Christ had died!

Salute. On perceiving the young girl, he exclaimed—'Catharine! the sister of my betrothed! What an unexpected pleasured of real planes are consistent of the side of t secrets of peace and war to me? The great thing is to ascertain if Ludwig and mistake!' ejaculated Catharine, her

can I do for you? 'Is it Major Keller, commander at speaking?

'The same.' into your hands, major,' said Catharine, to sign the promise of marriage.' by side—
Forsaken both by earth and heaven—just as if no
Christ had died!
into your hands, maje
presenting the letter.

'From whom did you receive it?' con-'From a stranger who passed down the quarter of an hour---'

'Let me see,' said he, starting as he the major, interrupting him.

Woman! thou art nearer Heaven-rear our household altars now,
Pile on them the nation's sorrow, be the weeping to a sudden fit of laughter, and then as 'Five feet and nearly six inches. She priestess thon! suddenly grew grave again, and, taking is contented with that. Look at her, and suddenly grew grave again, and, taking is contented with that. out a double eye-glass, silently regarded take example by her.' her for some time.

> 'Would you like to be a vivandier ?' asked the determined major. Vivandier? That would depend on the regiment. If it were, for instance, in the

'W hat is your dowry ?' interrupted he. Catharine, thinking the major's question rupted the major. very original, and wondering what he sum-one hundred gold floring; the car- ten, my betrothed, and it is Albert Hosriage of the letter which I have given you.'

Well, that is a dowry for a soldier.' . Certainly-especially for a sergeant. But you have not told me if the fifth company of the third regiment 'Yes, yes; we will see about that It

is a company of picked men, measuring five feet six inches; and I doubt if your figure Permit me mademoiselle. daughters were in love, and engaged to be said he drawing his sword, and taking her measure with the blade.

'Five feet, at least. Not amiss, not amiss !? 'Major, do you wish to enrol me in the king's army?' exclaimed she.

'It is already done, my darling. I have but to choose the corps, and I think you will belong to the Grenadiers. 'To the Grenadiers! Ah, well! What

does it matter? You are joking, com-'Joking-with this letter! Stay, there is no longer any mystery; you may read

it yourself.' Catharine took the letter from Major Keller's hand, and read as follows:

Order to Major Keller to choose one of the handsomest men in the regiment, and feeling of awe. After regarding her for to marry him to the young girl—the bearer

ef this dispatch. (Signed,)

'KING FREDERICK II.' 'The king! It was the king! Good heavens!

The king, himself. Are you not delighted to have made his acquaintance? Catharine was stupified, and exclaimed - To marry me! I will never give my consent 12.

'Your consent!' replied Keller, showing her the letter; of that there is no mention

in this order Saying these words, he rang the bell, and said to the soldier who answered his summons: ' An order from the king for the chap-

lain. A marriage to be solemnized in half 'In half au hour!' cried Catharine.

· It is impossible! It is a wilful injury.' When I say half an hour, perhaps a seemed to burn her fingers. In the mean- said he, measuring Catharine again with

tary salute, 'I shall be at your service in

'I have found your man,' said he; 'and

Catharine, recovering from her dejection exclaimed: 'Consent! Ah! this paper name? Well, major, I will allow myself to be cut into pieces rather than sign that paper !' sdded she, standing in an attitude of determination before Major Keller.

Really, you would make an admirable grenadier, said he. He then read aloud the promise of marriage, as follows : 'We, timid, gentle sister. She was a fine, inde- the undersigned (you will add your name,) pendent, spirited girl, who would go and Sergeant Hosten, of the third regi-through anything to gain her end; she ment of the grenadiers—

Hearing the name Hosten, Catharine case of any hesitation on your part, my changed countenance.

'Can it be Ludwig ?' thought she; then, ndeed, fortune has favored me.' The major went on reading- Promise to take each other as man and wife.— drum. There is the first,' added he, as 'Yes, Charlotte,' said the king, advan-Marienburg, 15th March, 1780. There, the drum was heard ontside. Albert cing, holding the trembling girl by the mademoiselle, you see it is not long. days. By these means we may obtain news | Will you sign this paper? Yes, or no? No, did you say? Then we must take strong measures,' said he, as he was about to pull the bell.

Catharine stopped him, saying, 'I beg your pardon, major; I did not quite unstand. The name of the intended, if you

please ?' 'Sergeant Hosten,' replied Major Kel-

'Is it possible?' 'And why not? Make yourself easy. five inches and a half, at least.'

Catharine could hardly believe her ears, so providential did this circumstance ap-pear to her; the distress which she had experienced but a few minutes ago was suddenly changed at the sight of this name into ecstacies of joy. 'Well, do you still refuse?' said the

'I consent, major, and am ready to sign. Long live King Frederick!' 'All in good time. I was sure of it-I

know the sex.' When he had left the room, Keller called Sergeant Hosten. Albert (for this was the young sergeant's

name) now entered, making a military Albert, my sister's lover! Oh, crue!

dreams of happiness once more vanishing. 'Commander, what are your orders?'

They are these, Sergeant Hosten. In May come.

Nought is heard afar in distance but the slow retreating drum,

And the trains of ambulances, slowly moving, side

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from head to foot he said:

Soldier, who had grown grey in the service the king's name you are appointed to marry this young girl.' At the words, from head to foot he said:

Soldier, who had grown grey in the service the king's name you are appointed to marry this young girl.' At the words, from head to foot he said: marry this young girl.' At the words, 'in the king's name,' Albert shouldered One of the fair sex asked for me. It his arms; but on hearing the words which ladies. I wish for her free consent.' was you, young girl. Here I am. What followed, he suddenly let fall his gun, and stood as if petrified. ' Do you understand?'

'Yes, commander,' said Albert, mechanically.

'A quarter of an hour is given you to 'I am commissioned to give this letter | become acquainted with each other, and 'Pardon-excuse, major,' cried Albert.

'Doubtless his majesty's commands—it is | wife?' my duty to-but you understand that in a 'Are you speaking at random ?' asked inspire you with horror.'

'No, major, no! But the surprise, the

'What! does mademoiselle consent to

this marriage ?' 'She asks nothing better.' 'That is to say, major,' put in Catha-

rine; 'permit me____'
'You oried, 'long live the king!' and volunteered to sign immediately, inter-

'1 was mistaken, commander,' replied would say next, answered, 'Not a large she. 'I thought that it was Ludwig Hosten, his brother, who is my sister's affianced husband. You deceived me by telling me that Albert was in the fifth company.' 'I was a month ago,' replied Albert .-

'I exchanged with my brother. You see, major, it was thus the mistake arose.' 'Pooh! pooh! Have done with all these stories. The king's letter is all I care about,' exclaimed he, reading it again. 'Order to Major Keller to choose a soldier of the garrison, and to marry him immediately to the young girl who presents this letter to him.' Nothing is said there about sister, brother, or lovers. You, my dear, were the bearer of the letter, and

you, sergeant, I have chosen. You shall be married. These are my orders. You have lost five minutes,' said he, pulling out his watch; 'you have now only ten left. Make up matters; I will leave you together until my return.' One moment, major, and you shall know all,' said Catharine, detaining him. 'It was not to me, Catharine Reiwel, that

the king gave this letter, but to my sister Charlotte Riewel, whom he met on the road. Charlotte did not dare to come to Marienburg, so I came in her stead .--Therefore, it is my sister who is to marry Albert; and if you marry me to him, you will disobey the king.'

'Really, if it were true,' said Keller, hesitatingly. 'I am to marry Charlotte, by the orders

of his Majesty,' said Albert.
'If you doubt my word,' continued Catharine, ' have Charlotte brought here; she will confirm all I have said.

'Send for Charlotte,' supplicated Albert. 'Peace and sign. I shall be back be-fore long,' said Major Keller, as he left

the room. For some time Catharine and Albert were silent. ' How are we to get out of this scrape?

at length asked Catharine. 'I would blow up Marienburg, sooner than marry you?' cried Albert, furiously. 'And I would rather be buried than

become your wife!' exclaimed Catharine, Poor Charlotte! When our parents betrothed us, who would have imagined that such a misfortune would separate us? 'And separate us just as we were about to be united !3

But it is not yet done! It is impossi ble, if we neither of us sign. 'Do you know what I fear. Albert ?-That they will dispense with our signatures, and marry us in spite of ourselves." 'In spite of ourselves!' cried Albert, in a paroxism of anger. I would sooner tear the hair from your head, my good

Catharine. That is the least I owe to Charlotte. · I would sooner scratch out your eyes, my dear Albert,' exclaimed Catharine, in an ecstacy of grief. Ludwig may depend upon me for that.

At this moment Major Keller entered, followed by two soldiers. Albert and Catharine, separating suddenly, looked anxiously towards him. All in good time, exclaimed the major.

'All in good time,' exclaimed the major.
'You have agreed at last. I expected as Ludwig. 'Ludwig here! oried she. much-I know the fair sex.' Then, turn- What good angel sent you?' ing to Albert, he said, in a low voice : 'In

fine fellow, I have brought you two comrades from the reinforcement, charged to take you before the court martial, if you have not signed at the fourth beat of the eyes. started at the sound. 'You know the hand. discipline,' continued the major; 'dis-

pen. Now for the conjugal flourish !' Catharine, suddenly regaining her selfpossession, exclaimed: 'He will not sign, Majesty.'
major; he does not wish to sign—neither How i do I! He detests me—I execrate him!— Ask him if it be not so.'

-shot immediately! Come, sergeant,'

imagine ?'

her sister, is my betrothed.'

stand it any longer,' said Keller. And addressing the soldiers: 'Advanceshoulder arms, present arms. You know the orders; that is enough.' The two men, obedient to the command, placed themselves on either side of Albert. Major Keller then addressed the latter in a low tone: 'Pay your court now, and I honor of carrying an order from your Majwill aid you as well as I can with my experience of the fair sex; and the drums will serve as a serenade. If, at the second beat, you are not at the feet of your intended-if, at the third, she does not hold out her hand-if, at the fourth you do not found some one else-my brother, for inboth sign, it is evident that you would rather marry a score of balls, and they shall be served to you hot.'

At these words Albert shuddered, involuntarily. 'Twenty balls!' thought he, 'and he will do as he says. Good

heavens! 'Not a word to the young girl,' continued Keller, still speaking in an undertone. 'Respect for the feelings of fair Having said this, Keller twirled his moustache, and stationing himself in front of the young people, took up a newspaper and began to read.

After a short interval the drums were heard, and the major spoke. Sergeant Albert Hosten,' said he, 'what are your sentiments towards Catharine Reiwel, whom his Majesty has appointed to be your

'Now is the time,' said Catharine, in a low voice. 'He is relaxing. Say that I free, I am already betrothed. I conjure

'Well; yes,' said he, with an effort; 'Catharine inspires me---' He had got bly too late. I suppose you have already arrangement. Scarcely arrived in the so far when the drums beat the second married Catharine, major, as I com-Catharine was quite astonished to find garrison, and to be all at once married!— time. He suddenly interrupted himself manded.' Our pride—
And the heavens are closed upon us—just as if no Christ had died!

Catharine was quite astonished to find garrison, and to be all at once married!— time. He suddenly interrupted himself that the despatch of which she was the It is like a cannon which goes off before and, as they beat louder and louder, fell bearer, received as much honor as herself.
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Have measlove you Catharine—I love you with all

Have measured my choice soldiers, and chosen one my heart! I adore her, commander-I of five feet six inches-Sergeant Hosten. I adore her!' Turning to Catharine, who knew not what to think, he said, in an undertone: 'I hate you, never fear; but do not contradict me, or I am dead.'

'Very well!' exclaimed Keller, at the third beat, as he watched Albert in the act of kissing Catharine's hand. 'Sergeant Albert Hosten, does your Catharine reciprocate your sentiments?

'Yes, commander, she loves me-she loves me to desperation; but excuse the first moment—she is in reality as delighted as I am. She thanks the king; she thanks you—we both thank you.' Again the drums were heard. 'Is it not so, my good Catharine ?' Then, in a low voice-It is for Ludwig! He is lost if you do not give me your hand.'

Catharine was quite distracted at these words; this was the only thing which could shake her determination. If Ludwig were in danger she would do anything to save him. She was silent. The sound of the drums decreased.

'For Ludwig,' repeated Albert, emphatically; and poor Catharine could no longer resist, and gave her hand to Albert. The drum ceased.

'You see, major,' cried Albert triumphantly, 'she has given me her hand!' 'So much the better'! Now, Sergeant Hosten and you Catharine Reiwel, you have only to sign the engagement, which is on the table.'

At these words they looked at each other in consternation, for they knew that if they signed they could never retract. 'You first, sergeant.'

Yes, major-certainly; I am going ... Then hearing the drums he started, and approached the table. He hesitated, but the drums beat again; he took the pen, then threw it down, and passed his hand across his forehead, in great perplexity. The drums continued to beat .-Shot! shot!' thought he, quickly taking up the pen again, and preparing to sign. Catharine, who had been eagerly watching his every movement, caught his hand. Oh! you will not do that, Albert:'

'No, never!' oried Albert, recovering pause, during which the last beat of the drums grew fainter and fainter, and at last inches and a half, against five feet two ceased. Keller, who had been attentively observing the scene, now said, as he slowly

rose-'You have not signed ?' ' No, sir,' replied Catharine, resolutely.

'I will marry no one on this earth but Ludwig.' 'No, major,' chimed in Albert, in the same tone. 'I shall look forward to meeting Charlotte in heaven.

Well, execute your orders,' cried Keller to the two soldiers. Arrest the sergeant. Forward march! To the courtmartial, to be instantly judged, and shot as a rebel to the commands of the king.' 'Albert!' shrieked Catharine.

Farewell, Catharine, answered Albert, surrendering his arms to the soldiers, and preparing to follow them. 'Be happy with Ludwig, and tell Charlotte that I die for her.' At these words Catharine sank into a chair, in a paroxysm of grief. But, just as the soldiers were leaving the room with Albert, the sound of drums was again heard. There were cries of 'To arms! to arms!

'What is that?' cried Keller in a tone of astonishment. Soldiers belonging to the king's escort

here entered the apartment, and among was Ludwig. They were followed by an officer, who announced 'His Majesty the King!

'My company entered the fort at the

obedience to the king-penalty of death was immediately raised by the king, who added he, pointing to the table, 'take the here incognito. I bring Charlotte Riewel, in order to convict her of being a little rebel against the commands of his How is that, sire ?'

'About an hour ago I was walking in the fields, like a simple mortal, when I Keller was quite puzzled what to make met the goddess of grace, who answers to of this sudden change, and said, address- the name of Charlotte. I considered that He is a brave, handsome fellow, five feet | ing Albert: 'Your betrothed is joking, I | in marrying her to a handsome soldier, I should make an admirable couple. You Albert answered, timidly: 'But she is know that this is one of my hobbies. I not my betrothed, commander. Charlotte, therefore gave her a letter for you, major, in which, without her knowledge, I charged

'Always the same story! I will not you to find her a husband.' 'I received the letter, sire, but this young girl was the bearer,' said he pointing to Catharine.
'Ah! ah! Catharine, the sister of my

messenger, she who had the courage to take her place. Another rebel.' 'I was ignorant, sire, that I had the esty,' said Catharine.

'And if you had known it, what would you have done? 'Well to tell you the truth, I should not have delivered it. I should have stance, or my great aunt, who is sixty-six. We should have seen if the major would have found some handsome soldier to marrv her.'

'Courageous and clever, as they told me-and charming, in fact, as her sister!' exclaimed Frederick, kissing her on the for chead. 'Kings have the same privilege as old men,' continued he. 'Imagine my surprise, major, when, about half an hour ago, passing the place where I met Charlotte, I still found, quietly watching her goats, the young girl whom I believed to be already betrothed to a grenadier at Marienburg. She told me all—she asked my pardon,' said he, smiling. 'But I am angry; I have been relentless, and I have brought the criminal to the fort, where I intend that my commands shall be executed

by a regular marriage.' · For pity's sake, sire,' entreated Charotte, looking at Ludwig; 'my hand is not you to take my sister in my place.'

'Always your sister! But it is proba-'Nearly, sire. I have measured mad-Here he is,' said he, pointing to Albert. But I had to do with two obstinate people. The young girl resisted, the sergeant made wry faces; in short, 1 was just

threatening him with court martial and discharge of musketry, when your maiestv--Discharge of musketry!' exclaimed the king. 'Oh, major, that was rather too military.'

'The guns were not vet loaded, sire, eplied the major, smiling; 'it was merely joke of mine. I know the fair sex. And why, Mademoiselle Catharine Reiwell,' continued she king, ' would you not marry Sergeant Albert Hosten?'

Because I am betrothed to Sergeant Ludwig Hosten,' answered she, boldly. 'That has been her song for the last hour, and I would not believe her.' said the major. 'A letter was brought me from your majesty—a command to marry the bearer. The bearer was Catharine.— I have not deviated from that; I only attend to the orders. Catharine will marry

Albert, unless your Majesty gives a counter-order.' 'Oh, sire, a counter-order!' pleaded Charlotte, on her knees.

'Sire, a counter-order, in the name of heaven!' implored Ludwig and Albert, kneeling before the king.

'How is it that you do not join in the entreaties, Catharine?' asked the king. Because, counter-order or no counter-

order, I will marry no one but Ludwig my betrothed.' 'Charming, charming!' cried the king, laughing. Then addressing the three young people kneeling at his feet, 'Rise, my children. Albert and Charlotte, stand here,' said he, pointing to his right.— When they had done as he commanded, he added, 'Ludwig and Catharine, stand there,' pointing to his left. They obeyed. · Two brothers-handsome grenadiers, said he, smiling; 'two sisters-superb

girls. Now, Major Keller, measure each of the couples.' Keller gravely unsheathed his sword. and proceeded to measure the young peohimself; 'rather die!' Then, after a ple. 'Five feet six inches, against five feet one inch and a half; and five feet five

> inches.' What do you think of that double proportion?' asked the king. 'The two couples are not amiss; but Albert would be more suitable to Catha-

rine,' responded the major. Bah! for half an inch!' exclaimed the king. 'Besides, Catharine and Ludwig may grow yet. Decidedly, I will give the counter-order, and make two matches instead of one. Of course, I shall add two hundred golden florins to those I have already given.' 'Oh, sire, how can we thank you

The two couples were united, and thus the cloud, which had so suddenly obscured their bright hopes, was as quickly dispelled, and only caused the sunshine of their happiness to seem the brighter.

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