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TO THE SOLDIER.

Do you think that we forget you, That our hearts to self are sealed, Seeking comfort, pleasure, riches, While you waste in camp and field?

Do you think our greatest care is That we win a party strife, While the fever stills your pulses, Or the death-wound drains your life?

When you marched to battle for us And the sacred rights of man, Then we took the rearward places. Unto you we gave the van.

In the future heard we voices, Not pronouncing names we bear, Saw you standing girt with glory, aw ourselves in shadow there

Heard your children say at evening "Years to-day our father fought! While our children blush beside them For the deeds we never wrought.

Yes," you say, "you yielded to us Honor's doubtful, empty breath, Dim and distant starry praises Far behind the clouds of death.

Sweet it is to live, far sweeter Than to lie beneath the sod; Few the prayers for death that mortals Lift unto the ear of God."

In the terrible wild fray, And in death he writhes one moment. In love's anguish we for aye.

Nay, the blood mounts with the battle, Certain danger loses much Of the horror of the unseen We fear little what we touch.

While we start erect in dreaming With the spasm of the blow That has killed him, he is laughing By the evening camp-fire's glow

In the perilous battle front, While you fight in double armor Of excitement and of wont.

Then by all the bonds that give us Each with each a common doom, By the dark ways of your suffering,

By our sympathetic gloom, By our hopes to you intrusted,

By our different sacrifices

That on common altars burn. Think not ill of us, O Soldier!

Though the death-stroke lay you low, At the echo of the blow.

Miscellaneous.

SPECIAL SERVICE.

"Boys, do any of you feel like volunteering on a special service of considerable

What is it, Captain?" inquired Jack-

"Don't know any more about it than that the General intends to send a detachment of volunteers, under the command of Lieutenant Bradford, the Tennesseean, whom you must all know pretty well by this time, on some particular mission. Bradford says he wants no man to volunteer unless he is prepared to face hot work. You all know what kind of a fighter he is, and what you plied to finish the job. need expect if you go with him," answered the Captain.

"I'm his man, for one !" exclaimed Jackson, jumping up with great alacrity.

Jackson was a wiry specimen of the gen-us Hoosier, and measured nearly six feet without his army-shoes.

'And I'm another !" "Count me in !" "I tree. don't want to be left out in that deal!" "Nor There! hold on! The whole company

head-quarters.

With a similar spirit evinced throughout should go and who remain behind. Leavbrief drama of real life.

-'s residence stood a few miles from Greenville, in East Tennessee. The Bradford sought his mother. He found her, erally supplied them to celebrate the occa-Doctor was a native of the South, but had with the other members of the family at sion. The clergyman had received his inbeen educated at the North. At the time that Governor Harris and his co-laborers in deavoring to console them. His interview the ceremony, regardless of any interruptreason endeavored to fasten Tennessee with them was brief, and their parting tryto the tail of the Secession car the Doctor ing.

"Mother, I cannot stay! I have regis- who did not know her own mind from one who did not know her own mind from one who did not know her own mind from one who did not know her own mind from one who did not know her own mind from one detained abroad by sickness, and it was tered a vow in Heaven, offered upon the day to another; that her parents had conpathies; but the Secessionists claimed him and her daughter, a girl verging upon twen- to them. Farewell!" ty summers. She was a native of Tennes-

ee, but had also been educated at the rode off. New England ideas.

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cy colors, done with neatness and dispatch. Hand-bills, Blanks, Cards, Pamphlets, &c., of every va-bravado mind. Wharton desired to be icty and style, printed at the shortest notice. The thought important, and the considered that valiant heart to shield them from human adoes, who at once stepped forward and Reported Office has just been re-fitted with Power Presses, and every thing in the Printing line can profusion of rings and other trinkets, that hell-hounds, who had driven them from their gave the minister a nudge, at the same hell-hounds, who had driven them from their gave the minister a nudge, at the same holl-hounds, who had driven them from their profusion of rings and other trinkets, that homes, and were on their track thirsting moment placing a pistol-barrel against his

Wharton's part to do this; and Emma, look-

"Proceed!" shouted Wharton.
The clergyman trembling said: "Is there any one who knows aught why these two should not be made man and wife?" "Release me, ruffian !" shrieked Emma,

as with a desperate effort she withdrew her But resistance was in vain. She was soon seized again, and Wharton, foaming

" Go on, in a hurry !" The clergyman repeated the question

The desperado had uttered his last oath. Several other shots followed in rapid succession, and the bodies of half a dozen of the gang were writhing in death-agon upon the floor. The echoes of the guns had not died away before armed men sprang in-

she awoke to find herself among friends. thar gorrillers left to skin or hang, articles or no articles of war!" exclaimed private Jackson, about two hours after the above nan by a personal quarrel.

Thus matters stood when the rebellion command of Bradford, who recognized among them two of the neighbors who had were returning toward the Union lines. "Where are our prisoners?" said one of

the soldiers, looking around.
"Yes, whar, oh! whar are they? Did you see any?" ejaculated Jackson.

That gang is pretty effectually wiped had joined the command in the mountains. I don't believe many made their escape from the camp, for we sprung the trap just in the nick of time, and the business

The whole party reached the Union lines It would be needless, for the purpose of in safety, and a few days after Bradford

A few weeks after the battle of Missionnumbers were nearly equal with his own— ary Ridge private Jackson, who, with several he still wanted odds in his favor when he al of his comrades, was en route for home falo cow, between him and which I had unber of square inches in an area the number that his fame might reach Emma before he fought. His mission was to carry the hor- on furlough, stopped at a hotel in Louisville, called to renew his addresses. But when rors of a savage warfare to the hearths of and, claiming the privilege of the first treat, firing upon the elephant. A most singular land Leader.

when he left Dr. C ____'s residence he re- After an absence of some weeks he again | bride! May Old Abe appint him command- gled mass with the unfortunate cow, my

ot polite at their meals. The following lines are so simple, practical, comprehensive and directly to the point, we take pleasure in placing them before our readers :

In silence I must take my seat, And give God thanks before I eat: Must for my food in patience wait Till I am asked to hand my plate ; I must not scold, nor whine nor pout. Nor move my chair or plate about ; With knife, or fork, or napkin ring, I must not play-nor must I sing ; I must not speak a useless word-For children must be seen-not heard I must not talk about my food, Nor fret if I don't think it good ; My mouth with food I must not crowd Nor while I'm eating speak aloud; Must turn my head to cough or sneeze And when I ask, say "If you please; The table-cloth I must not spoil, Nor with my food my fingers soil; Must keep my seat when I am done, Nor round the table sport and run; When told to rise, then I must put My chair away with noiseless foot, And lift my voice to God above In praise for all his wondrous love.

BILLINGS ON DRAFTING .- There are some nice points in drafting operations which are extensively discussed in the red-ribbon The most lucid explanation of a ew of these is given by Josh Billings : . Widder wimmin, and their only son iz xempt, provided the widder's husband has already sarved 2 years in the war and iz willing to agin; i believe the supreme corte has decided this thing forever.

Once more: If a man should run away with his draft, he probably wouldn't ever be allowed to stand the draft agin; this looks severe at fust site but the more yu looked at it, the more yu can see the wisdom into

Once morely: Xempts are those who have been drafted into the staitt prizzen for triing to git an honnist living bi supporting 2 wives at onst; also, all them people who are crazee and unsound on the goose; also

acksepted who is less than three or more than ten feet high; he must kno how to ment furnishes that and rashuns.

but twice in two different places without his consent; but all men has a right to be drafof habeas corpus could deprive a man of

A lady whose style of piety was

The old man arose, and approaching the CAPT. SPEKE'S ADVENTURE WITH A BOA portion of his body, and girth was nearly

At the earliest possible moment after of. camp had been pitched, a hunt was set on foot, and Captain Grant, myself, and some attendants were soon making our way to 'the patch." There were no animals there when we arrived, except a few hippopotasignal that game was approaching.

the coming of the latter. ong column of animals from the elephant that time ossification set in and the proto the hoodo, appeared in view, trotting at a good pace to the river. Their flanks were teen years when it had completed its work. soon presented to us, and each selecting his He is thoroughly and totally ossified, with object, fired. McCall shot a fine young buf- the exception that he can move two of his falo while Capt. G. was successful with fingers, and make the slightest perceptible a hoodoo, and several spears cast by our motion with one or two of his toes. He attendants stopped the career of one or two has not opened his jaws for more than thirdifferent animals of the herd.

At this juncture, however, occurred an obtain a fair shot at a huge elephant that I stomach. self had lain for several hours previous. tains its normal character and condition, towards me; and as he flashed from his "Wa'al, I reckon thar ain't many of them position like a thunder-bolt, I gave myself up, for ere aid could have reached, the folds of the monster would have crushed my strong frame into a quivering pulp, I fell seemingly caught in a whirlwind of dust,

and a strange indescribable scuffle ensued.

In the midst of this strife I suddenly behours. came conscious of the presence of a second victim, and even after the time that has that source, he is necessarily cast back on elapsed since then, I still recollect with what a vividness the thought shot across out," replied one of the Tennesseeans who my mind that this second victim was Capt. Grant, my noble companion. At last, after being whirled about for several seconds, each second seeming to be interminable, of there ensued a lull, a stillness as of death, and I opened my eyes, expecting to look upon those unexplored landscapes which are seen in the country beyond the tomb. Instead of that I saw Capt. Grant leveling Places that he had visited years ago, behis rifle towards me, while standing beside and behind him were the blacks in every tify as he rides along-so vivid a recollecconceivable attitude of most intense excitement and suspense.

But in a moment I comprehended all .-The huge serpent had struck a young bufluckily placed myself at the moment of of whose feet or rods is given him .- Clevesaid,
"Boys, here's to Major Bradford, and his

that it was like iron in hardness. and that my life depended on the will of the constrictor. We could see every line triumph. I would have shouted or spoken, or even they watch the movements of their intenhead was reared within a few inches of mine, and the winking of an eyelid would obtained the knowledge they require, they perhaps settle my doom; so I stared like a wait for a dark, windy night; then quite dead man at Grant and at the blacks.

with amazement.

arm a hair's breadth, and now a little more, have accomplished their design, they hurry until half an inch separated my arm and off to their own camp, where they are reits mottled skin. I could have whipped out ceived with universal applause, and highly my hand, but dared not take the risk.

nusepaper correspondents and fools in gen- ages, and a minute seemed eternity itself! The second fold was removed entirely and Once morely agin: No substitute will be the next one was ensuing. Should I dash away or wait a more favorable moment? I decided upon the former; and with lightchaw tobacker and drink poor whiskee and ning speed I bounded away toward Grant. musn't be afeered of the itch nor the rebels. the crack of whose piece I heard at the to the banks. "See how I command and at whose house he called, and asked her Moral caracter ain't required as the gover- same instant. For the first time in my-life carry the stream with me," he cried again. "if there were any Presbyterians around I was thoroughly overcome, and sinking Conclusively: No person can be drafted down I remained in a half conscious state several minutes

When I fully recovered, Grant and the waters flowed on. overjoyed negroes held me up and pointed

I shuddered as I looked upon the effect dance?" of his tremendous dying strength. For "Ask the banks," said the rocky ledge. more affective than attractive, once took a yards around where he lay, grass and bushes said the friend, "why are my feathers any the more fully grown trees, were cut clean stream, fancying that they carried it. California, in the mining districts, and had accumulated a few thousand dollars by his industry at the mines or at the gaming-ta
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three feet, thus proving to be the largest serpent that was ever authentically heard

AN OSSIFIED MAN.

There was a strange spectacle at the depot yesterday-a man, of whom accounts mi, and we were, therefore, obliged to wait | were published years ago in newspapers in the coming of some more palatable game. this country, and in medical journals in Our patience, however, was severely taxed, Eegland, who has been in a state of alperched in a tree about half a mile distant born fifty-two years since in Henrietta, began waving his blanket. This was a Monroe county, New York, but has heen a We resident for the last twelve years of Manimmediately drew into cover, and awaited tua, Portage county, Ohio. At the age of eleven years, he was thrown from a horse, We are not long delayed, for presently a and his knee injured by the fall. From ty years, but still he can talk with ease.

Of course he had to be fed—the food unexpected adventure, that finished our being placed within his lips and left under sport, at least for that day. I had sprung the guidance of mother nature, who mys forward immediately after firing in order to teriously ensures its safe conduct into the He lies upon his side, upon a wanted to bring down on account of his immence tusks. I got the desired aim, and litter, with his feet drawn up somewhat, pulled the trigger of my second barrel and his right hand caught up near his shoul-At the moment of my doing so a wild cry of alarm, uttered by one of the blacks, called my attention. Glancing around, my eye chanced to range up into the foliage of he is thus completely ossified-a human the tree beneath which Capt. Grant and my-block of limestone, as it were, his skin re-My feelings may possibly be imagined, as I and discharges the functions perfectly, be beheld an enormous boa constrictor, whose ing, perhaps, more sensitive, however, to head and neck projecting some distance inthe touch of any object, as that of a fly or to view, showed that he was about to make hair, than is usually the case. When the a fatal spring. His direction was certainly light strikes the skin of his hands or face, looks like marble of a yellowish state of polish. He lies there on his couch like a

recumbent statue. His health is good; he has an excellent appetite, and lives withal a hearty life .--One is naturally curious to know how his mind is occupied through all the dreary He cannot read, for he has been totally blind for thirty years. Cut off from his memory, and he has a most wonderful development of this faculty. It is exceedingly tenancious. He remembers the most and apparently trifling incidents or circumstance; has the entire past, every fact an event in his experience, before him, piled up like strata, and summons at will, or as occasion requires, occurences, which have faded from the minds of his friends. His recollection of localities is wonderful .-fore struck with blindness, he can now idention has he of the relative position of things, as bridges, rivers, &c. He is very expert at mathemetical calculations and can with great readiness give, for example, the num-

WOOING BY THE AUSTRALIAN BLACKS .-Courtship, as the precursor to marriage, is basket, and finding a nice package there, tween the buffalo's body and a single fold of the constrictor. The limb laid inst in Table Manners.—Some little folks are tween the durant state of the constrictor. The limb laid just in front of the shoulder at the root of the for the shoulder at the root of the for the shoulder at the root of the for the sister or some other female relating the package to examine the prize. neck, and thus had a soft bed of flesh, into which it was jammed, as it were, by the which it was jammed, as it were, by the to be no eligible damsel disengaged in the my eye fell on the passage, "Thou shall immense pressure of the serpent's body, tribe to which he belongs, then he hovers not steal," and from that moment I found around the encampment of some other As I saw Grant about to shoot, a terror blacks until he gets an opportunity of seiz- Thus the whole mystery was solved, and possessed me, for if he refrained I might possibly escape, after the boa released his has seen and admired when attending one reconciled, but they both heartily rejoiced folds from the cow. But should he fire, and of the grand corroborries. With a blow of together that their temporary loss of peace strike the reptile, it would in its convulsions his nulla-nulla (war club.) he stuns the obcrush or drag me to pieces. Even as this ject of his "affections," and drags her in mation of Wicked Will. idea came to me I beheld Grant pause. He sensible body away to some retired spot, appeared to comprehend all. He could see whence as soon as she recovers her senses how I was situated, that I was still living he brings her home to his own gunyah in

Sometimes two join in an expedition for of each other's face, so close were we, and the same purpose, and then for several days whispered to him if I dared. But the boa's ded victims, using the utmost skill in concealing their presence dead man at Grant and at the blacks.

Presently the serpent began very gradually to relax his folds, and after tighten-bushes until they reach the immediate vibushes until the vibushes ing them several times as the crushed buf- cinity of the camp fires, in front of which falo quivered, he unwound one fold entire- the girls they are in search of are sleeping. Thus he paused. The next iron-like Slowly and silently they creep close enough band was the one that held me prisoner: to distinguish the figure of one of those I felt it little by little unclasping, my leubras; then one of the intruders stretches heart stood still with hope and fear. Per-out his spear, and inserts its barb point haps, upou being freed, the benumbed arm amongst her thick flowing locks; turning uncontrolled by my will, might fall from the spear slowly round, some of her hair the cushion-like bed on which it lay, and speedily becomes entangled with it; then, such a mishap bring the spare fold around with a sudden jerk, she is aroused from her my neck or chest, and then farewell to the slumbers, and as her eyes open she feels sources of the Nile. Oh, how hardly, how the sharp point of another weapon pressed desperately I struggled to command myself! against her throat. She neither faints nor I glanced at Grant, and saw him handling screams; she knows well that the slightest his rifle anxiously. I glanced at the negroes attempt at escape or alarm will cause her and saw them gazing as though petrified instant death, so, like a sensible woman, she makes a virtue of necessity, and, rising I glanced at the serpent's loathsome head, silently, she follows her captors. They lead and saw its bright, deadly eyes, watching for her away to a considerable distance, tie her own respect. the least sign of life in its prey. Now and to a tree, and return to ensnare their other then the serpent loosened its hold on my victim in like manner. Then, when they honored for their chivalrous exploits.-Atoms of time dragged themselves into Chambers' Journal.

> branch, broken from the tree by the tempest, rode on the rapid current of the swollen stream.

A jutting rocky ridge, over which the there?" She hesitated a moment and said torrent dashed, caught the branch, and she "guessed not, her husband hadn't killkept it shattered and imprisoned while the ed any since they'd lived there.

"Alas!" cried the branch, "how can you out the boa, who was still writhing in his hold me thus! Who will govern the stream. how will it prosper without my gui-

And the banks answered .---

"Many like you have been carried by the more objectional than the brilliant artificial off as though they had been trimmed with to the loss you will be to the water don't

set" was raised as a pet. A good Deacon had reared one with much trouble, and as it become rather troublesome, he killed it.— Mutton was a great treat in those parts, so he reserved one quarter for himself, one for the minister, and divided the remainder into neighbors. The minister's portion was placed in an out-building for safe keeping NUMBER 31. until the next day, but in the morning it was nowhere to be found; some one had stolen it, and the pelt in which it was wrapped. Greatly disappointed, the Deacon and his wife resolved to make some amends for the loss to the minister, and therefore selected their nicest cheese, placed it in a covered basket, and sent it with a polite note by their two boys. It was berrying time, and the boys made frequent stops both going and coming. When they returned, great was the surprise of the dea-con to find a note from the minister cordi-ally thanking him for the present of a quar-ter of mutton, and asking him to accept the gift contained in the basket as an expression of his regard. "Mutton? Mutton!" said the Deacon, "he was probably thinking of the sheep I killed yesterday, when I wrote the note; but let us examine the basket." He opened it and there was a flat stone! The Deacon was a good man, but this aroused his indignation, and be could not refrain from speaking harshly of such treatment from one he had always considered his friend. By the advice of his wlfe, in the afternoon he called on the minister for an explanation, taking with him a small cut of mutton for a peace offering. The minister and his wife had just gone out, and as the deacon was talking with their little girl, he happened to look into an open pantry, and there spied the very quarter of mut-ton stolen from him the night before—he knew it by the marks he had made in dress Without another word he seized it and went home in great wrath, convinced that the minister was a thief, and determined to have nothing more to do with him .-The minister on his return was equally in dignant at the conduct of the Deacon, but prudently resolved to say nothing of the matter. For three weeks after, the deacon and his family were absent from the church Everybody wondered why, but he would make no explanations, neither would the minister. Finally a meeting of the church members was called, with the determina tion of having the strange actions of the deacon explained, and he resolved to let the whole story out. He told the circumstances, and expressed great grief at what he considered the shameful conduct of the min ister. The latter gentleman then made his statement. He said that the deacon's boys had prought him a quarter of mutton, in a basket, and that in return he had placed there a neat Family Bible. Everybody now looked at his neighbor wondering what it could mean; some thought them both crazy, others thought of witchcraft. All was still as the grave for some minutes, when there arose a man formerly known as Wicked Will, who had lately reformed and joined the church. "Brethern," said he in trembling voice, "I stole the quarter of

THE MYSTERIOUS QUARTER OF MUTTON

curred "Out West," proves that it is not always safe to judge from appearances. In

a district adjoining a large forest, wolves

were so plenty that it was impossible to keep sheep, and only now and then a "cos-

The following incident, said to have oc-

no peace until I become a changed man.

mutton On my way home in the night, I

was chased by wolves, and climbed a tree

for safety, where I had to stay until they

went away in the morning. Being afraid

to take the meat home by daylight, I hid

it in the woods, but to make sure of it,

stayed near the place, intending to carry it

away early in the evening. While there

the Deacon's boys came along, and from my

hiding place I heard them speaking of what had happened. I also found that it was too warm for the meat to keep through the day,

and so when they were busy gathering ber

ries, I slipped the cheese out of the basket

and put in the meat. When they returned

they stopped again, and hearing them speak

of a present for the deacon, I examined the

"THRYIN' TO THE BASTE."-A Hibernian fresh from the green isle, having sufficient means to provide himself with a horse and cart, (the latter a kind he never saw be fore) went to work on a public road. Being irected by the overseer to move a lot stones near by and deposit them in a gully on the other side of the road, he forthwith loaded his cart, drove up to the place, and had nearly finished throwing off his load by hand, when the boss told him that was of the way-he must tilt or dump his ad at once. Paddy replied that he would know better next time. After loading again, he drove to the chasm, put his shoulder to the wheel and upset the cart, horse and all, into the gully. Scratching his head and looking very doubtful at his horse below him, he observed, 'Bedad, it's a mighty expeditions way, but it must be thryin' to

Young Men, Pay Attention .- Don't be a afer, don't call yourself a loafer, don't keep loafers' company, don't hang about about loafing places. Better work hard about loafing places. for nothing and board yourself, than to sit around day after day, or stand around corners with your hands in your pockets, Better for your own mind, better for your to have anything to bustle about for .--Many a poor physician has obtained a real patient by riding hard to attend an maginary one. A quire of paper tied with procure him his first case and make hi fortune. Such is the world; to him that hath shall be given. Quit droning and THE WORLD CAN GO ON WITHOUT US .- A complaining; keep busy and mind your

A CHAPLAIN in Arkansas says that a man "See how I lead the waters," he cried to buying furs was conversing with a woman

> To have been "to the wars" is a life long honor, increasing with advancing years, while to have died in the defence of your country, will be the boast and the glory of your children's children.—Hall's Journal Health.

REPENTANCE is the key that unlocks the

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at once struck his fancy, and hearing that the bestted wretches who have wantonly she would fall heir to Dr C—'s estate, he resolved that he would take her for a wife, but was greatly taken aback when he found of the old homestead, and left their helpless that Emma would hardly treat him with or- families to the mercy of the elements, un-

with Emma, and would likely carry her off some day unless he prevented it. His first idea was to pick a quarrel and then a fight that would be extremely dangerous busi- ments of the women and children. altercations, but that when aroused he was their hiding-place. a very dangerous antagonist. This kind of a man it did not suit Wharton to quarrel themselves up for lost; their number was with. He wanted odds when he fought. If too small to think of offering any resistance to the room through the windows and door.

than by a personal quarrel. ultation that Wharton heard that young Bradford adhered to the cause of the Union. He soon left for Mississippi, where, by dint a set of desperadoes as ever went unhung, work of the Secession magnates in Missis- ranged his plans accordingly. sippi-work at which the Southern soldier

all who refused to join the rebel cause. When Wharton reached East Tennessee he determined to establish a reputation, Bradford farm, and for his men to help them- an interview with Emma, but they were of

It was toward dusk when his gang reach- him. him up to a tree in front of the housetree that his father had planted on the day

of his birth. deserved all they got !" was the brutal reply of Wharton to the entreaties of the mothbecome extinct.

The men having a carte blanche to plun- cure at his pleasure. der, spread themselves about the place, and the women and children fled in terror to es- from the ruffians, Mrs. H—— was so suppose would be inflicted if they remained.

The next morning Joseph Bradford reing ruins, near which was the charred remains of a much-loved father, while not kindly offered them a home. far distant was the inanimate body of a dearly beloved brother suspended from a tions and threats to induce Emma-who

For a while his feelings utterly overcome I won't be euchred!" were some of the ex- him, and he was aroused from a sort of half still bolder measures. Having secured the clamations of the men as they sprang to stupor by a neighbor who had, with several others, cautiously approached to inter the bodies. They approached cautiously, can't go! He has two regiments to choose for they well knew that if any of Wharton's his men from," said the Captain "Let the gang discovered them their homes would first ten that offered fall-in and march to share the same fate. Among the number was a venerable clergyman, who had been driven from his home in the South because the regiments, Bradford had no trouble in se- it was known that his son had gone off to curing more than double the number called join the Union army, and he had sought refor, and the great difficulty now was, who fuge with his friends in the mountains. This old man read the burial-service in a feeble ing him to settle this vexed question, we voice, and then offered up a simple but

signed to their mother earth.

not publicly known which side had his sym- grave of my father and brother, that I would sented to the marriage; and that she had never rest so long as a traitor's foot pollutas their own. In his absence his household ed the soil of Tennessee! Emma, I cannot penalty for refusing to obey orders would was under the charge of a widowed sister thank you now—some other time! Be kind be a bullet through his skull.

With which he mounted his horse and

North, and had brought back with her many Reader, where you ever in the mountains wrought a great change in her appearance. this last blessed privilege. at night? Not on a clear, balmy night, She looked many years older. Her count-Though not a beauty, Emma H--- was when the air is fragrant with choicest in- tenance had a haggard, care worn look; but a very prepossessing girl, and among her cense and bright with stars; but a night a firm compression of the lips, and a pecund aspirants for her hand were when the flood-gates of heaven are open, liar light in the eyes, evinced a firm, deter- friend to do for wearing feathers. "But," and saplings, and in fact everything except Joseph Bradford and Richard Wharton.— and the thunder leaps from peak to peak, mined spirit that could not be coerced to latter had spent a number of years in with the winds shattering and uprooting comply with the wishes of a villain.

ble-probably at both. He was vain of his elements; when the Great Bear above folwealth, and delighted in flashy parades of it in the way of dress. Among his other and seeks shelter of a friendly cloud, so able size, offered up a prayer that the Alnotions, he had a black velvet vest, adorn- that not even the pointers to the North Star | mighty might guide him that night. ed with buttons made of gold quarter-eag-privilege of change.

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> dinary politeness. This piqued him and threw him upon his metal. He thought has got his due! It was on such a wild night as this that hand from Wharton's hold. that he was got up fine enough to suit any girl, and all that he had to do was to ask a group of men, women, and children were and the girls would jump at the chance of cowering beneath a cleft in the rocks to shield themselves, as much as possible, from with rage, shouted, with a beastly oath. Wharton was not long in discovering the fury of the storm, which they had chosthat he had a rival in the person of young en to encounter rather than entrust them-

with Bradford; but he soon ascertained that ter, and a fire was kindled to dry the gar- brain.

ness, for Bradford had the reputation of be- The fire had not been burning much over ing an extremely quiet, modest man, who an hour before they were surrounded by a endeavored as much as possible to avoid body of soldiers. The smoke had revealed

The poor hunted fugitives now gave Bradford had been of a meek, yielding dis- which, if offered, would only aggravate the position, lacking the pluck to fight, Whar- cruelty that would be practiced toward the ton would have gloried in quarreling with women and children. However, their fears him. He ther fore determined that he would were soon relieved; for instead of enemies, accomplish his purpose in some other way the soldiers proved to be friends, under the broke out, and it was with feelings of ex- assisted at his father's burial. They had been driven from their homes by Wharton's

desperadoes. The mission which Bradford had sought of his money and energy, he succeeded in placing himself at the head of as villainous refugees in the mountains, and enable the men to gain the Union lines. He escorted by holding out special promises of plunder. those whom he had found to a place where He called them Partisan Rangers, organized the women and children would be cared to defend the altars of Southern homes from for-the men eagerly asking the privilege the polluting tread of Yankee Hessians. of joining his command. From them he those at the wedding was finished nicely When this band had performed the dirty gained much needed information, and ar-When this band had performed the dirty gained much needed information, and ar-

went into the ranks to meet his North- this sketch, to trace Wharton and his parti- prevailed upon Emma to accept the escort ern enemy in battle-array revolted—Whar-ton started for Tennessee to carry out the most defenseless people. He took care, in and take up her abode with his mother for same programme there—extermination to the regions which he passed through, to the present. avoid a conflict with Union troops, if their he did call she treated him with contempt. those Southerners who were true to the said, This so stirred up the devil within aim that Union their fathers had fought to establish. paired to the camp of his band, and gave returned to the vicinity of Dr. C---'s resthe order for a demonstration upon the idence, and made repeated efforts to gain him on all speshul sarvices!"

no avail. She persisted in refusing to see ed the Bradford homestead, and one of the This action on the part of Emma chafed desperadoes ruthlessly fired and killed the Wharton terribly. He determined to make elder Bradford as he was setting on the her his wife whether she was willing or porch. Others seized an elder brother of not, and would hesitate at no means, how-Joseph Bradford, and, despite the entreat- ever violent, to accomplish that object. Of ies of his mother, wife, and children, hung course, the first step to be taken for that purpose was to get her in his clutches beyond the possibility of escape. Having made up his mind on this point, he selected "They were enemies of the South, and a number of his most trusty followers, and under the cover of night approached Dr. C---'s residence, seized Emma, and bore r to cut down her son before life should her off to a place he had arranged for her

reception, and where she would be kept se-In the struggle to preserve her daughter cape enormities which they had reason to verely injured that, in conjunction with the shock caused by her daughter's abduction, When the ruffians had appeared their thirst she died in a few days after. Her last mofor plunder, the incendiary torch was ap- ments were tenderly watched by Mrs. Bradford and her widowed daughter-in-law, from whom young Bradford learned the particuturned home, after a short absence, to be- lars a short time after, he having succeedhold the old homestead a pile of smoulder- ed in removing the remnants of a once hap-

Wharton, after months spent in solicitawas ignorant of her mother's death-to consent to become his bride, determined on eld clergyman who had performed the funeral ceremony at the grave of the Bradfords, he one day, after a stormy interview with Emma, told the woman who had charge of her to prepare for a wedding that evening, as he would no longer put up with the girl's whims. He had been trifled with long enough, and he would now finish up the

business, as he had a regular minister who would have to perform the service. When night came a number of the partisans were grouped together in the main room of the house to witness the wedding turn to other characters who figure in this touching prayer, and the remains were con- of their leader; the others, being encamped a short distance off, were regaling them-After this sacred rite was performed selves with stolen whisky, which was lib-Dr. C---'s and Emma and her mother en-structions. He was to proceed quickly with tion on the part of the bride, whom he was

> Everything being in readiness, Emma was brought into the room by the woman who ted at least onst; i don't think even a right had been her jailer. A few months had

several times wanted it to take place. The