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| But the childhood of the nation has passed, its manhood has arrived. Henceforth things will be changed, and our rule, grafted as it has heretofore been in public consent, will lose, as it respects those por. tions which have been in rebellion, in a measure, its republican character, and be that of conquest. It can not be otherwise. In fact the Southern States are conquered territory, as much so as Hungary, Poland, or Ireland, and our administration must adapt itself to the change. Not in severity, not in anger, but in a stern merciful justice, taking the initial steps in reconstruction, and leading the way to a state of things in advance of that prior to the rebellion. No one supposes the South can come back just as she was. Things do not stand still any more than the years. Events will take place as time passes, and the four years last past have been fruitful in events.With every care of the government to protect the institution of Slavery during the war just closed, it would have died ont, and the emancipation proclamation hastened that event in no degree. <br> Here then are results which were sure to | (fortified,) capturing or killing the most of them, advancing rapidly until we reached the obstructions in front of the enemy's forts halted to remove them, the Pioneers working with a will and the officers and men assisting in removing them, in the mean time being exposed to murderons fire of grape and canister and musketry at short range, the men and officers falling on every side ; the obstructions having been removed, the men pressed forward planged through the ditches filled with water, climbed the ramparts, and in a few moments were in the enemy's works engaged in hand to hand contest, the 205th and 211th coming gallantly forward and assisting. The enemy was steadily driven back, and three of their forts were at once occupied by our troops and held ; several guns captured which were soon turned upon the enemy while retreating, doing good execution. Nearly a thousand prisoners were captured ; the fighting continued incessently all day, the enemy immediately turning all their guns from their rear works upon our troops, now occupying their lost works ; by great exertions gumers |  | went on, and a few yards further, coming toward me in that narrow lane, where it was impossible to avoid him, I saw the one Rebel officer who knew me better than any other-who came into my quarters frequent-ly-Lieut. Stockton, the post-adjutant. Ob- serving him in the distance, I t'ought I recognized in him that old ill-fortune which had so long and steadfastly baffled ns. <br> When we met, I bade him good evening, and conversed for a few minutes upon the weather, or some other sueject, in which I did not feel any very profound interest.went on. Yeta few yards further I encountered a third Rebel named Smith, who was entirely familiar with me, and whose quarters, inside the garrison, were was not half a ty feet of my own. There was ty feet of my own. dozen Confederates about the prison who were familiar with me, but it seemed as if at this time they were coming together in a grand convention. where I was certain to the Rebel hospital, down my box of medicines, and sought shelter in a little out-building. While I remained there, waiting for the coming of the blessed darkness, I constantly expected the blessed darkness, , constanty expectel diers, come to take me back into the yard; Stockton, Smith, and Davidson all knew, if | I had thonght that Dan Ellis was piloting us, and rode forward to see about the young lady. <br> There she was, surely enough. I could not scrutinize her face in the darkness, but it was said to be conely. I could see that ber form was graceful, and the ease and firmness with which she sat on her horse would bave been a lesson for a rid- <br> She resided at the Union house, where Dan had gone for news. The moment she learued his need, she volunteered to pilot him out of that neighborhood, where she was orn and The only accessible horse (one belonging to a Rebel officer, but just then kept in her father's barn) was brought out and saddled. She mounted, came to our camp at midnight, and was now stealthily guiding us, avoiding farm-houses where the rebels were quartered, going round their camps, evading their pickets. <br> we remaind then, while over the long bridge which spanned the Nolechucky River, to see if there were any guard upon it; went to the first Union house beyond to learn whether the roads were picketed ; came back and told us the coast was clear. Then she rode by our long line toward her home. We should have given her three rousing cheers, had |
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