"WE ARE ALL EQUAL BEFORE GOD AND THE CONSTITUTION."-James Buchanan

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ACROSS THE STREET. At evening when the meal is ended That marks my daily duty o'er, And rest with pleasure may be blended, I seek the threshold of my door, To watch for one whose daily coming A pleasure it has grown to greet-A modest maid, who has been rooming A little while across the street,

Though humble she has pride of beauty. Though poor, a wealth within her eye To win a saint from path of duty, And who is more that mortal, I Could never more resist her glances If nearer we should chance to meet. But, pshaw! against me are the chances-She lives and loves, across the street.

She wears a dress of pink, with trimming Of whitest tape across the breast, The shadow of her full neck dimming The charms that just beneath it rest. My careless eye will often wander In dreamy search for some rare treat, And waking find that she is yonder. And I am here, across the street.

Each evening does she bring her sewing, And sit her by the window's side, The slyest glance on me bestowing, Which seems to say, a willing bride I soon shall be to him whose shadow Just lengthens from a safe retreat Gainst prying eyes that would like to know The secrets of across the street.

Ah! yes, I see, a noble fellow, With manhood's stamp upon his brow; Ye latest styles and kids of yellow. Where is your vaunted prowess now! The naked, hardened hand of labor Has won the prize, and ye are beat; Arts, all are lost upon my neighbor, And nature reigns across the street.

Miscellancous.

GARROTING AND MARRYING. BY ROSALIE GRAY.

buried in her hand, evidently lost in thought, besmeated his face. then turning to her companion, a young man who boarded in the same house with herself, she asked,

of young ladies gently garroted ?" "Madam!" exclaimed the gentleman addressed, " what did you sav !"

"I inquired," replied Mrs. Leavitt, with of straight black hair." the utmost coolness, " if you could tell me how to have two young ladies, friends of errand of darkness?" mine, slightly garroted."

her; when she first uttered the sentence he dressed in black, and going aim-in-arm." words, but when a repetition of it convinced taking up his weapons he remarked "I carry him that he was not mistaken, he began to a pistol-not loaded-with which to frightproceeded to explain herself.

comfort seems to be in going to church - not proceeded toward the spot indicated by his ed, " to protect them from being garroted." content with attending regularly on the Sabbath, they insist upon going to all the evening meetings. As they are the only members of the family now living, they of course have no brother to accompany them, and are usually obliged to go alone. They are boarding with some friends of theirs, who reside quite a number of squares from their church, and are dark and very lonely."

"I should consider that exceedingly unsafe," semarked Mr. Dauville, "It is," replied Mrs. Leavitt, " and I have told them so, but their courage never seems to fail they only laugh at my fears and reply, "Oh! we are not afraid." What makes it still more dangerous is, that they are both of them very pretty, and I live in daily fear of hearing that they have been carried off; or now that garroting is so fashionable, perhaps they

will experience the pleasure of that." " But you have become impatient at find ing that your fears are not verified, and wish to hasten matters yourself," remarked her

"Yes, I think I would be likely to have it shudder passed over her. done rather more pleasantly than a stranger

"Or less disagreable I should think," remarked the gentleman smiling.

"Well, at any rate,"continued Mrs. Leavitt "I think if they are once garroted it will cure inspired with new energy as she saw her sisthem of all desire ever again to expose themselves to the same danger, and now I should like | had time to notice what was passing, she had to have you recommend some intelligent per seized the pistol which he held loosely in his son who would be willing, for the sake of a hand, and pointing it toward him, exclaimed remuneration, to do what I desire; one with a degree of courage which astonished who is rather ferocious looking, and whose herself, appearance would add to their terror would

"But what do you propose that he shall to our two heroibes an hour, so great was do with himself after he has accomplished their terror. The darkness of the night lent the laudable work of terrifying two unpro- an additional horror to the appearance of tected ladies—be seized by the crowd who this stranger: a glance of those eyes held are always ready to gather upon the slightest them in bondage, so that could flight have afraid the fever may go to her brain." shrick, tried and condemned to the state saved them, they would have been unable to

surprise sufficiently to call for aid, even if the face of her enemy, they wish to do so, the man might become Beneath the stern disguise of that darkalarmed at some sound and run away. My looking man there beat a heart which was bring him " the brain fever," they begun to had been very much excited, she easily guess- about entering into a conversation relative to neices then would doubtless return as quickly throbbing violently under the weight of the suspect that he had it already. He apolo- ed the truth, and quietly slipping her arm the country, when a messenger rode hastily as possible to their home, and never again harsh task he was now performing. How he gized by saying that he was not very well, around her neck she kissed her, Constance up and communicated the intelligence that a leave it after dark unaccompanied by a gen-longed to catch that noble girl in his arms and then went home to see if Mrs. Leavitt drew her down and embraced her fondly, as force of one hundred men—a detachment tleman. I think a man who is not very stu- and press her to his bosom, but he must had yet returned. He met her at the door she playfully whispered,

row evening, that you may see whether you think him sufficient 'ferocious looking,' said Mr. Danville, who had now become very garroting instrument. much interested in the two orphans.

"Thank you, it will certainly take a great load off my mind to know that Constance hurry, we are almost home now." and Flora have been frightened into behaving The next evening, when our two friends

were sitting together in the drawing room, Mrs. Leavitt turned to her Lusband and inquired how he liked her plan ! "Are you not afraid the fright may injure

them !" "Oh, no, indeed I they have to much courage for that."

"I don't think Flora has very much," plied Mr. Leavitt, "she is urged on by Constance, who, I believe, would not shrink from a whole regiment of armed soldiers. How ing man, with no means of defending your- cheeks.

"It certainly would not be very pleasant; but if these evening rambles of theirs are not stopped in some way, I feel sure that they will be garroted in earnest, and this-Her sentence was ended by a shrick, as the apparition of a fierce-looking individual en-

fefore her. "Is this Mrs. Leavitt?" was uttered in deep, harsh voice by the stranger.
"Yes," replied the lady; " are you sent by

The answer was in the affirmative. Mrs. Leavitt gazed for a moment on his thick, black locks, partially concealed by a slouched hat; his massive whiskers, and what little of fearfully real, but, Flora, let us say nothing his dark mottled skin was visible, not being about this to any one, it would make us so covered with hair; his shaggy evebrows gave conspicuous, but we will give up going out a sinister expression to a pair of large, black alone in the evening."

eves: and the long hair of his moustache Flora agreed, and with her sister's aid she almost concealed his lips; his person was tall and rather stout, and in his hand he carried a pistol and an instrument for garroting. "You will answer very well," said Mis.

" Do you think I am ' ferocious looking?" was laughingly asked, as the stranger pro doctor, and despatched a note to her aunt ceeded to disrobe himself of his cloak, hat and then sat down by her sister's bedside. wig, moustache, eyebrows, and a portion of trying, with the aid of ice, to relieve the pain his whiskers, and then with his handkerchief in her head. Mrs. Leavitt sat for some time, her face | wiped away the charcoal with which he had |

neatly trimmed whiskers through that mass was enough to melt a murderer's heart, and

"Well madam, when shall I start on my character and motive."

"You had better go now," she replied, scrutinizing gaze, he always regarded her as Station yourself in B- street, that is the addled. being very peculiar and original, but he was darkest and loneliest through which they not prepared for anything like this even from pass. You will know them by their being thought he must have misunderstood her Our hero again donned his diagnise, and

regard her an escaped lunatic, and thought en the crowd, should one gather," and he left of calling her husband to her aid, when she the house, it must be confessed, with a heavy certainly a very fine girl, and whoever gets heart, for the preservation of the lives of these her will have a treasure." "I see that you are astorished Mr. Danville groung ladies, that something should be done and well you might be, for I know that my to supp their evening walks, yet he did not at asked Mr. Danville, proposition is a very strange one; but the all relish the idea acting the part which he reason I asked this is-I have two orphan had chosen; however, he was not one to give evening, and introduce you, and you can neices who are very lonely, and their only up anything he undertook, and he therefore lescort them home," and with a smile she add-

> Let us now turn to the young ladies who are to take a prominent part in our story. "Oh, Corstance, how I do wish we had a brother." said Flora; "here we come to this

dark street again." "I don't think there is any reason for lear." sure no one would ever imagine that two to have laid down his life could this undo treasure-what do you think of that !-- to me young girls, walking alone in the evening. the business of the preceding evening. had anything very valuable with them."

" Did you notice that dark looking man in a cloak?" whispered Flora, drawing still closer to her sister, and trembling violently. "Yes," replied Constance, slightly alarmed, "we had better hurry home, I think it is

rather later than usual." ng sensation prevented her from finishing what she was going to say.

Constance looked up and encountered the gaze of a pair of dark eyes, and as she felt companion, laughing, as her meaning broke the cold muzzle of a pistol placed upon her forehead the color foreook her cheeks, and a

-" Leave her, and fly for your life," said the stranger, as he removed the pistol, and again turned to Flora, who was now motionless with terror.

"Never!" exclaimed Constance, suddenly ter's helpless situation; and before the enemy

One moment passed in silence—it seemed take one step forward. It was a scene for a ville's frame. The physician fixed his gaze "Oh, no," replied Mrs. Leavitt," you must painter-there was Flora's slight, girlish fig- keenly upon him, and as he drove off he refind some one who will be bright enough to ure clinging almost despairingly to her sis-escape. I will tell you my whole plan, for it ter; the delicate, white lids drooped over "It str is pretty deeply laid. The shorter of these those soft blue eyes, for she dared not trust sick as my patient up there, and I would adtwo young ladies is to be attacked, for she is herself to look at the stranger, while the vise you to go home and doctor yourself younger than her sister, and not quite so long lashes rested on her pale cheeks. Be- up." courageous. Constance, I know, will stand side her, proud and erect, stood Constance; by her and defend her, if she loses her life in excitement had added fire to her dark lus- place of business, but the hint he had re the attempt. They will not scream if they trous eyes; and her compressed lips bespoke ceived about brain fever was continually can possibly avoid it, for they shrink from a spirit of determination which it would not ringing in his ears, and his excitement had publicity, and before they recover from their be easy to subdue, while she steadily regarded made him so absent minded and so strange,

pose, and suddenly, as if startled by some but when I left her she was very comfortance, he ran away, carrying with him his ble."

Constance drew a long breath as she ex- gerly. claimed, "He is gone! Come, Flora, Let us But Flora did not answer, she could scarce-

y move; Constance drew her arm around her sister and half carried half dragged her mers acted as if it were very doubtful whethon. Had she known that he who had casused er she would over recover. Mr. Danville arose and saying that he would her all this alarm was stealthily following her. bring in his highwaymen, left the room.— at some little distance, and that he watched until he saw then safely home, it might have had the effect of considerably impeding her progress.

> "How very late you are this evening," remarked one of the family, who met them as they were passing up to their own apart-

"Yes, the services were longer than usual," replied Constance, in an agitated tone. "You are not well to-night, are you?" should you like to be faced by a savage look continued her friend, as she noticed her pale

> "I don't feel very well," she replied, in as cheerful a tone as she could assume, " but a night's rest will cure me up," and entering her room, she closed and locked the door. Flora, who had all this time striven to keep up her energy, now fainted away in her sister's arms. Constance laid her on the bed

a inquired: "Where am I! Oh, Constance! I have had such a dreadful dream"-then as she gazed at the pale face bending over her, memory returned, and she added, "No, it was

reloped in a cloak, suddenly presented itself and bathed her temples with cold water. -

not a dream, it was all real." "Yes, indeed," replied Constance, "it was

undressed berself, and was soon fast asleep .-But not so with Constance, for although she had kept up her courage while it was needed, her excitement had been the greater, and Leavitt. Has Mr. Danville given you in now came the re-action. She lay in a fever-structions?" ish, restless state all night, and in the morning she was delirious. Flora sent for the

" Well, Mrs. Leavitt," said Mr. Danville, as the two met in the drawing room after break-"Why, Mr. Danville! I am sure I have obeyed your orders, and I think should think it very unsate indeed, should have recognized you—you make a into staying at home; although, I can assure bly give anyting that will be more satisfactory, or onlict which was expected to take place."

**And then her massing the place, and I think it very unsate indeed, whole story, not omitting to mention how she remarks by offering up a prayer to the Divine readers, we are satisfied that we cannot possitive that you will meet with rough treatment?"

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Mr. Danville fixed upon his companion a looking at her watch, "this is their evening, peared to be very much alarmed then?" she "Miss Flora, did, but Miss Constance acted her part nobly; her sister could not have found a better protector as far as courage was concerned. She must be a very superior young lady, and I should think you would

feel proud of her."
"Yes," replied her aunt, "Constance is

" May I not have an introduction to her!" "Yes, I will invite them here to ten some Just then the waiter entered and handed her a note, which she quickly opened and

read aloud-"Come, my dear nunt, to see Constance. she is very ill—in haste, FLORA." Mr. Danville's cheek blushed as he heard these words. "What if she should die." replied her sister, "when people are attacked | thought he, " and I shall have been the cause

Mrs. Leavitt also trembled as she went up down our hero met lier in the hall, and in a to the door. They passed rapidly through live with you. the streets, and when ther came to the house the doctor's gig was standing in front of it. "And besides," added Flora, "there is not Mrs. Leavitt went in, leaving her companion another person in sight. I am a choke cutside. It seemed to him an age before the continued, "This is one of his favorite evendoctor made his appearance. He paced hurriedly up and down the walk; at one time he seemed to see Constance dying, while her sister hung in agony over her death-bed; and then he imagined those dark eyes closed with the relentless grasp of death, while his conscience whispered, " murderer !" While

these scenes were passing rapidly through his mind, the doctor, with a solemn tread, descended the steps. Mr. Danville approached and inquired if his patient was in much danger ! Dr. Summers was one of those physicians who always make out that their patients are it is three months since I received it."

in an almost dying condition, when they are called in to them, in order that the cure may seem the more marvelous, and he now replied with an ominous shake of the head, " A pretty bad case, sir-a pretty bad case." A dizziness came over the young man, and his brain seemed on fire, but he contin-

ued, "What is the nature of her illness?" "A high fever, brought on probably, by excitement, for her sister tells me that she has been very much excited lately, and I am Again a shadder passed through Mr. Dan-

"It strikes me, sir, that you look about as

The young man now proceeded to his that his clerks could scarcely understand him; and when he ordered one of them to Constance came up, and Flora saw that she before him by the hostess, the traveler was

nicely. I will have him around here to-mor- now carried it far enough to effect his pur- Leavitt. "She has been quite ill all day, house keeping, and shall we all live there fence of the place against the attacks of the for the purpose of confering on the matter;

" Is she out of danger yet?" he askel, en-"She never was in any danger that I present."

know of." Mr. Danville could scarcely control himself so great was his joy. "Why Dr. Sum-

"Oh, he is an old croaker! the poor child was very much excited and fatigued with her last night's adventure, but she will soon get here to ten next week."

Mr. Danville's face quite brightened upon ning he gave Mrs. Leavitt a bandsome bouquet, with the request that she would hand t to Miss Constance as a gift from herself.-The lady smiled as, day after day, flowers or fruit were sent to her nieve in the same way, and it became very evident to her that her young friend was acting the part of a gay

Impatiently he counted the days ere he should meet her who was ever in his thoughts. At length the wished-for evening arrived .--Mr. Danville was introduced to the young ladies as they were going into tea, and their aunt contrived to seat Constance next to him and bathed her temples with cold water.— at the table. The peculiar circumstances Presently she opened her eyes and quickly under which they had first met, and the anxiety on his part which had followed, had so Lening Mr. Danville remarked, wrought upon our hero that he now found himself passionately in love; his agitation friend of yours and Flora's to see you. I will tree, and built a huge log-fire for the purpose became apparent to the young lady, although beare Henry to introduce him," and he left of furnishing roast beef to the infant army of of course, she was utterly ignorant of its the room. cause. She noticed that his hand trembled | Present whenever he helped her to anything, and she dark-looking figure, which had once before so menced cutting off slices and throwing them glanced at him in considerable astonishment when he invited her to have some salt for her egg, as there were no eggs on the table, but he did not notice his mistake, and by degrees he recovered his self-possession. In the course of the evening, Mrs. Leavitt inquired, "Do you still continue your even-

ing promenades ?'
"Noy" replied Constance, coloring slight-

Why not?" said her aunt. " We came to the conclusion that it wa

"A very wise conclusion, certainly," replied her aun't, then turning to Mr. Danville, she inquired, "What do you think of these two children going out alone in the even-

ing!"
"I should think it very unsafe indeed,"
of affaid ladie "We are not going any more, I do not suppose it is quite safe !"

meaning glauces. When it came time for Constance and to their own apartment.

offered his services. As they approached the horself alone, she burst into tears. Soon spot where the little tragedy already record- Constance glided noiselessly in and taking ed took place, he felt Flora's hand tremble, her sister in her arms, she press d her cheek while she unconsciously clusped his arm more foundly to her, as she whispered, ' Flora, dear tightly. How ardently he hoped that the have you agreed to make Mr. Danville doubtime might come when he could call her sis- Ir your brother?" ter, and when he could always render to her the protection of a brother.

fine young man, don't you !" "Yes," said Constance blushing, " I sun-

pose he is." "How much I should like him for a brother," continued her sister, slyly. ing him for a brother myself."

have you for a sister." "Why, it was only the other evening, before you came down, that he told me he thought some of the streets through which they pass it is usually from a hope of gain, and I am of her death!" He would have been willing any man who got you would have a little

> it certainly looks very suspicious." "I hope he does not wish to get rid of me, stairs to put on her bonnet. When she came for I have a real nice home all planned out in my imagination, where you and brother husky voice asked if he might go with her Danville are to preside, and I am to come and

Again Constance blushed, and requested her sister to stop talking nonsense, but Flora was not to be put down so easily, and she ings, I believe, I really must answer that letter to night, it has been on my mind for the last three months, so if that gentleman should call, you ask him to please excuse me as I am very busy writing a letter, will you?" "Now, Flora, don't be so perfectly ridien-

lous, if Mr. Danville didn't wish to see you he would not ask for " the young ladies." "Oh yes! he would do that out of polite-

"Well then you had better be equally " But, Constance, just think of that letter, "You could not possibly put down your book and answer it now, I suppose."
"No, Indeed! that would not suit my

purpose at all." "I do really think, Flora, you might behave yourself, it would be preposterous for you to stay out of the room, it would look so strangely; if you don't come into the room I won't so now! I can write a letter

" Oh, well then! I will come into the room if that will satisfy you, but I hate to be in In the evening Mr. Danville called; after the three had been sitting together for a few

minuter, Flora arose and remarked, "Will you excuse me this evening, Mr. Danville, I have a letter to answer which I received three months ago, and I am very anxious to get it off my mind ?" " Certainly," he roplied.

The young laday cast a mischievously tri-

umphant glance at her sister, and left the It was quite late in the evening when

together, and have a home of our own?" Perhaps you will have a home of your

" I won't be made a present to him, I like possible, prevent the cannon from being reyour Mr. Danville a great deal the best, and I am going to be an old maid, it is so nice and respectable to have one old maid in the family; what does he wish to get rid of me for, just as he is going to be my brother ?"

"He dosen't wish to get rid of you, he wishes to secure you and prevent any one else from running away with you; but no forty miles distant. Who may tell the thoughts matter, this Mr. Henry Danville is probably that rushed through the minds of these men, over it. I expect to have them both around else from running away with you; but no coming to live with us, and then you can one of whom was our traveler, as they gal-judge for yourself; he is travelling in Eu-lopped forward to the assistance of their receiving this information. The next mor- judge for yourself; he is travelling in Europe now.

Time sped on rapid wings and brought the their return from their wedding tour. Henry, attest the valor and supremacy of the Ameriwho had returned from Europe, in time for can people. the wedding, and had readily agreed to his brother's proposition about taking up his abode with them, also promised to be there. It was a saug little family—those four and they had merry times together. One ev

"Constance, I am going to send in an old

excited their terror, entered-there was that same large cloak and slouched hat—the cooked, they were taken out and eaten. The same shaggy, eyebrows and queer-looking moustache, the scattered whiskers and dark skin, but there was at that moment too much as would furnish materials for the effectual mischief in those black eyes to allow of their looking ferocious.

The ladies uttered an exclamation of surprise, and running toward him, cried, "Oh, piece. By midnight, a force of nearly ninety stance as he remarked," I followed to see that were formed into a hollow square, with you arrived safely home that evening, and the field-piece in the centre. A clergyman, when you dropped this pistol in your fright, I | whose name was Smith, then made an address picked it up," at the same time he threatened to the volunteers, in a becoming spirit, dwellto garrote Flora ove. again. commence our acquaintance in that way?"

asked Constance. And then her husband related to her the

reason?" inquired their nunt, with pretended them in full beauty, and then Henry sought night review. and obtained from Flora permission to pro-"Oh, we heard so much about garroting, teet herein future, from all garoters. They we were rather afraid it might be tried on found it so inviting outside, that for a long time they forgot to return to their compan-Mrs. Leavitt and Mr. Danville exchanged lions, and when at last they entered the house again Mr. Danville and his wife had retired

Flora to return home, our young gentleman | Flora sought hers, and when she found

The snug little family of which Mr. Danville used to boast has divided itself; but, liv-"Constance, I think Mr. Danville is a very ing next door to him, he has a brother and sister. There is a gate betwen the two gar-

Notwithstanding Flora's intention of being a respectable old maid, she allows Henry "Why, what impertinence! I intend tak- to call her his wife. He says that her bright face and sunny temper are enough to turn' "Oh, I don't think he would be willing to everything into joy; while in return, Flora thinks she has nothing to make her otherwise than bright and sunny.

Mrs. Leavitt frequently looks in upon both families, and with considerable satisfaction she claims to herself the merit of having been the means of bringing together two happy couples, and wishes that all nightly attacks might have the same pleasant issue.-And here we will drop the curtain.

From the San Francisco Golden Ern. FIRST GUN FOR TEXAN LIBERTY.

BY JACK, JR. It was a delightful morning in September.

cheerful notes from the branches of deciduous my, for it was impossible to distinguish friend oaks in strains of sweet music. Bright clouds from foe at a few yards distance. Soon the floated lazily in the heavens, borne along by a gentle breeze, which was fragrant with the Mucsta," &c., resounded on every hand; aroma of a fertile region. Immense droves and the flerce gallop of cavalry in all direcof cattle nipped the tender grass in quietude, and nature seemed to be taking a peaceful slumber, so silent was the vast solitude. Quietly pursuing his way from the beauti-

eyes denoted both speed and bottom. Before him he drove a less valuable animal, laden had for its object the exploration of the country. It was his design, first to visit the Rio beautiful region known, at that time, as ited to their quarters. Western Texas.

near their hearth stones.

The solitary horseman (not James') was leisurely journeying, taking ample time to observe the resources of the country as he passed through it. Towards night he halted at a small house inhabited by Americans. After partaking of the wholesome cheer set pid might easily effect his escape."

Wery likely he could, and I know of a person who, I think, will do up the business he had commenced it. He felt that he had from the army of Gen. Cos-hall arrived near

Indians. Consultations were immediately held by own soon, for Mr. Danvile has a brother to the host, our traveler, and the mesenger, and whom, I believe, he intends making you a it was at once determined to go to the assistance of the people of Gonzales, and, if

> moved by the Mexican troops. Consequently, preparations were made for an early departure on the following morning.
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> Daylight had scarcely tinged the tree-tops

with Aurora's golden beams, when a party of three left the ranch, and took the road leading to the place of threatened danger, \some friends? Ah! little did they then think that the scorching fire-brands of war were already wedding day around. All looked bright and being lighted, that would so soon fill that happy—Flora shed a few tears, but they were little world of Texas with its devouring flame! being lighted, that would so soon fill that tears of joy, for she knew that she could trust | Yet so it indeed was. The shock of battle the happiness of her beloved sister to one who and the crash of arms were speedily to rewas every way worthy; and she promised to sound through the length and breadth of have everything ready, and to be at her new that beautiful and fertile land, until many a home to receive her sister and brother on hard fought and long-continued seige, should

It was already quite dark when the party irrived in the outskirts of the town. Others had come in, so that a goodly number could be mustered to act either upon the defensive or offensive, as circumstances might seem to demand. The inhabitants had slaughtered an ox, which was suspended from a neighboring the Republic. After securing their animals, Presently the door opened, and that same the parties who had recently come in, cominto the embers, when as fast as they were evening was employed in collecting scraps of iron, old log-chairs, and such other articles working of the gun. Companies were formed and officered; our traveler and a few others undertaking the management of the field Mr. Danville pointed his pistol toward Con men, armed with rifles, was assembled. They ing with emphasis upon the justness of de-"But what in the world possessed you to fending themselves and property against the

agressions of the Mexicans, and the surety of becoming eventually triumphant in the struggle which was to take place; he closed hi Henry and Flora ev dently thought them- Before he had closed his remarks, the moon

It was agreed upon by all that the best the Pittsburg Post: plan would be to surprise the Mexicans, who, one hundred strong, were encomped five miles up the river, on the opposite/side, near a ranch. Accordingly the volunteers were soon on the march. When about midway between Gonzales and the cheampinent of the enemy, the Texans were enveloped in a dense fog, so that it was necessary to proceed with great vaution, to avoid being surprised. Ariving within a short distance of the ranch where lay the Mexicans, two men were detailed to reconnoiter their position. They had advance but a short distance, when the sharp crack of a rifle was heard, and soon one of the men came running back with the report that his comrade had been slain by the enemy. The Texans, panic-stricken, immedens, so that the separation is only in the diately fled to the timber, which was but a short distance off, on their right, leaving their field-piece on the ground. The Mexicans being as builty frightened, retreated precipitately to an eminence in the vicinity,

Texaus, finding they were not attacked, soon found their courage, and secured their cannon. Safely ensconsed in the thick underbrush, they lay awaiting the approach of day. A small party of horsemen were deploved as skirmishers. As soon as it began to grow light, the man reported killed, came having his face filled with gunpowder. He had approached so near the Mexican sentiuel before he had attempted to shoot, that he caught hold of the gun and elevated it, there-

by saving his life. Orders were now issued for the volunteers to fall in, outside the timber, and soon they were in readiness for action. The skirmishers having become seperated in the fog, imag-1855. The birds were pouring fourth their ined that each person they saw was an enccries " Carrajo Mexicano," " Murrio," " La

suppose that the Mexicans were about to Gonzales, a fine stream which watered a Mexicans, who were acting as spies, quickly

After the mounted volunteers had joined Rumors of war had been current, but it the main body, it was deemed advisable by was not known that a large Mexican force, those in command, to attack the Mexicans returning to New Haven, he entered the law under Gen. Cos, was stealthily marching, by, and drive them from their position. Just as the school of Judges Dagget and Hitchcock, direction of Santa Anna, into the province of Texans were about doing so, a horseman was where, after six months most dilligent study Texas, by its southwestern boundary, with a seen to leave the ranks of the enemy, and to he was admitted to practice in the Courts of view of concentrating at San Antonio. Men ride with great speed towards the Texan vol- his native State. The years of hard study who had settled in the country were pursuing unteers; waving his hat high above his head, and confinement which he had gone through their ordinary avocations, little dreaming and shouting at the top of his voice, "Don't at this time, brought him to a bed of sickthat war, with all its attending evils, was so shoot! Don't shoot" which he continued until he had gained the rear. He proved to would not survive. A good constitution and be a speculating Yankee quack doctor, who the regularity of his habits previous to his had been sent by the Mexicans to say, that sickness, carried him through, leaving him; the principles which the Texans espoused. the gun, but not to do so by fighting; they were penceably disposed, &c." He was told were ready and willing to meet their officers

The remarks made by the orator of the ocea-

and he departed for their lines. In the mean time the Texan force mached a few hundred yards up the river, and took & position on the right of the ranch, where better field was offered in case an engagement should take place. The officers of each company met between their respective lines. The Texan officers proposed to the Mexicans, that they should join their forces, and let each be under the command of its officers, and to make common cause against Sants Anna.
To this proposition the Mexican officers de-

murred, whereupon the Texan commander said he would either do this or fight. The Mexican replied "That be might do as his pleased about that," and immediately withdrew. The field-piece was immediately put in requisition, and discharged at the enemy, and soon sent them flying in the direction of San Antonio, where they arrived the same day, as was afterwards ascertained, though seventy-five miles distant!

This is the engagement spoken of in Mrs. Willard's History of Texas; and she incorrectly adds, that "the Mexicans were repulsed with loss;" the only loss sustained by them consisted of some half dozen blankets. She is also in error, in relation to the relative strength of the Texans and Mexicans. The man who fired the first gun or cannon at this action, is now in this State, and to him I am indebted for the information embodied in the above account of the commencement of hostilities in Texas. If the reader is inquisitive enough to inquire the name of this individul, I will state that he was known in the Texan army as Surgeon Joseph E. Field: As this person and that of our traveler are identical, we need not particularly state at this time, what became of the latter after the engagement. We will say, however, that the infant army, who here fought their maiden battle, returned to Gonzales early in the afternoon, covered with dust if not with glory. Gonzales is to Texas, what Lexington is to Uncle Sam's dominion—the entire wedge of the revolution. Honor to the men who struck then and there for liberty and independence ! With the independence of Texas, came the war with Mexico, which resulted in the acquisition of California, so I have thought that California might be interested with the details of some of the more prominent of the Texan engagements; and this must be my

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apology for penning the above.

As a sketch of the life of our distinguished candidates will prove intresting to all our selves in the way, and they walked out upon arose, and scattered her feeble light upon fully ptepared, and extended notice of the "What was the means of bringing you to the plazze where the moon beamed upon the earth, affording an opportunity for a mid- Hon. WILLIAM STRONG, one of our nominees for the Supreme Bench, which we take from This gentleman, who was nominated by the

Democratic State Convention of the 9th of

June, as one of the candidates for the Su-

preme Bench, was born in Somers, Tolland

county Connecticut, on the 6th of May, 1808, being the eldest of eleven children that was born to his father, Rev. William L. Strong, a Congregational clergyman, who was distinguished as a sound theologian and a man of great piety and learning. When quite a youth the subject of our sketch was sent by his father, who determined that his children should have an education, to school in Monson, Massachusetts, where he remained two years, at the end of which time her was removed to an Academy in Plainfield, Conrecticut, and continued there for six months. With the view of carrying out his father's intention, in the vear 1824, he entered the freshman class of Yale College. During the four years which he attended this celebrated institution of learning, he was distinguished where they formed in line of battle. The by the industry and regularity of his habits, devotion to his scholastic duties, and by the systematic and reflecting tone of his mind. He was also an active member of all the literary societies connected with the College. The large number of children that the worthy clergyman had to educate, together with the fact that he was not blessed with an over in, who had received no other damage than abundance of this world's goods prevented him from furnishing all the means necessary to complete his eldest son's collegiate course, who either had to abandon it half completed, or pursue his studies for two years, without the means in hand of paying the usual college expenses. He determined to finish his education, and on the recommendation of the officers of the College, who had observed his untiring industry and strict integrity, he incurred a debt of five hundred dollars, which enabled him to complete his

course. In 1828 Mr. Strong graduated, and

was considered among the most accomplished

scholars that ever left the institution.

After receiving his diploma, like most tions, led the commander of the volunteers to young men of his time he commenced touthing. His first school was in East Windsdr. charge upon him. The field-piece was fired Connecticut, where he remained for one year, several times in rapid succession into the devoting the usual number of hours to his ful, meandering waters of the Colorado, was ranks of the enemy, as was supposed, and then scholars, as well as reading law eight hours a traveler, mounted on a horse of the mus- the men composing the first rank were or- each day. He next taught in Tolland, in the tang species, whose broad chest, small legs, deted to kneel, so that the rear rank might same State, where he svailed himself of the high whiters, arched neck covered with a fire over them. Tactics were not well un- library and advice of Mr. Stearns, a lawyer of dense, shaggy mane, small cars and bright derstood by their commander. A sudden ability. He next accepted an invitation gust of wind from the northwest cleared the to take charge of the mathematical and field of fog, and revealed the fact, that the classical departments of a school in Burlingwith articles necessary for an expedition which Mexicans were posted above five hundred ton, New Jersey, where he remained some yards distant, on an eminence that made up eighteen months, teaching, and studying law abruptly from the plain! A few scattering under the direction of Hon. Garret D. Wall, n gentleman of high rank in the legal profession. During this short time he saved enough money to pay his College debt, and enable him to finish his legal education, and ness, and it was thought for a long time he "they did not wish to fight, as they belonged however, much debilitated and some three to the Federalist party and were in favor of hundred dollars in debt. As soon as his scrength sufficiently recovered, he went to They had been sent by General Cos to take Philadelphia, and on motion of Charles Chauncey, Esq., whose kind regards he had secured, he was admitted to practice in the to report to the Mexicans, that the Texans courts of that city and county. On the advice of Mr. Chauncy, Mr. Strong, went to Doylestown, Bucks county, where there ap-