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SYNOPSIS.

Captain William Burton, of the British army, has been captured by Miss Polly Wilton, daughter of General Wilton, of the Continental army, before the Revolution, and has fallen in love with her. During the war he has been proposed by letter and has been accepted, Polly being in love with him, and General Wilton consenting to the match on this account, and because Burton is a fine young fellow, Burton obtains passes from the British commander and from General Washington to go within the American lines and visit Polly. He stops at an inn near Wilton Manor to make himself more presentable. While dressing, he overhears some "cowboys," or Tory marauders, plotting to capture and rob him, dress him in a disguise and hand him over to the Continental authorities as a spy, the treason of Arnold and the capture of Major Andre just having taken place. Burton and his servant, Briggs, prepare for defense, but are overpowered. Burton is felled by a blow on the head. When he recovers consciousness he finds himself lying near Wilton Manor and wearing a tattered suit of clothes. He slips up to the house. Detchard, the leader of the ruffians, who is watching him, hurries down the road and lays information against Burton, and a lieutenant of the Continental army arrests Burton while the latter is explaining his mission to the ruffians. Detchard accuses Burton of giving General Washington's pass to Benedict Arnold, and the situation is very unfavorable. Polly protests against the arrest, but Burton is taken to West Point.

PART III.

You may picture to yourself the prisoner interviewed by the officer in charge, who was inclined to believe him. But an excellent English gentleman and officer had just been arrested on a single mission. And why might not this Captain Burton be a spy? The ragged clothes were proof enough. It was said; they had been put on so that no one who passed him on the road might recognize him as that traveler.



"DO YOU SUPPOSE THAT... I WOULD DO IT?"

thought of the scene in the tavern, and of his servant, poor Briggs, who, perhaps, was dead. But his chiefest thought was of Polly.



A woman's work is hard in many ways. Unless the woman is strong and healthy her work will cause her much distress and pain, and she will suffer from headaches, and backaches and side-aches, and each evening will find her utterly worn-out, sick and disgusted with life. In this condition of mind and body she cannot be a loving and amiable companion for her husband when he returns from his work weary to in body and mind.

"They are talking about it, are they?" Burton asked.

"Yes, they are talking about it; news spreads now; everybody is scared at everybody else. But I—I have a sweetheart, sir, and you are a gentleman."

"I believe in you, dear," she said, almost shyly, and then he turned to the gray-haired gentleman—who had been distinguished in every great affair since Long Island—and who was now a general.

"I hope that you, too, sir, may not have lost faith."

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"I have been deeply affected by your case; I could not believe—" "I trust general, that you don't believe that."

"I don't," he said, at last. "I believe your story about the robbery. The plausibility of the charge is that you are about General Arnold's height, and will be freed; so it won't matter to her."

"You do me great honor," THE PRISONER CONTINUED.

The court was sitting; grave, distinguished men; officers and men of affairs; names on American schoolboys' lips; faces which Stuart, and Peale, and Trumbull had handed down to us on canvases that still seem to carry the forceful personalities of their originals. And among them was His Excellency, calm, cold, self-held. One wondered if this were the man who, they said, had been in command of Long Island; who had called Charles Lee hard names in a certain great battle. He looked, as he sat there, so absolutely self-controlled, shrewd, practical, with a great fund of simple common sense.

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A STORY OF LINCOLN.

He Prayed for Three Things and Got All of Them. From the Washington Post.

Congressman Mahon, of Pennsylvania, on Friday night last, at Grand Army hall, on the occasion of the anniversary of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, after referring to that golden thread which seemed to pervade the nature of the martyr president—his humor related the following pathetic anecdote of him:

General Daniel E. Sickles, of New York, after his wound at Gettysburg, and the amputation of his leg, was brought to a house on E street. The hemorrhage from the wound was such as to lead his physicians to believe that he could not recover. That night he was visited by President Lincoln.

Weak on Geography.

Little things illustrate certain Englishness in our knowledge of geography very picturesquely. An Englishman who had taken the Pacific express at Philadelphia called out on going to bed before this started for the West: "The 'Portland' Portland!"

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