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Select Tale.

MARRYING THE MINISTER.

Lilla Golding and Rebecca Crawford, two light-hearted school maids as ever loved each other, but what young girl calls "intimate friends." That is, in all hours of school recreation they were seen walking arm in arm; absorbed in the most earnest and doubtless important conversation. They exchanged many and mysterious glances during the hours of study, as if the Fate had entangled the web of their lives in one perplexing piece!

They doted on the same teachers, read the same books, enjoyed together beautiful sunsets, were melancholy through prementiment of future sorrow, in the moonlight; and were even known to meet at sunrise, and in unison glorify upon the glories of the rising luminary!

Notwithstanding all this intimacy, these maidens were very dissimilar. They were unlike in appearance and temperament, and there was also a difference in their surroundings. Rebecca was one of five daughters, of an aged Presbyterian minister, who had exercised his pastoral functions over the same small but united flock, during a period of thirty years.

Riches, he had none—of that perishable nature generally denominated as such, by the world. He was not a great man, yet a very devout, but certainly a comfortably good man. Pleasant in his memory to all young people, as we know him in his genial home, with regard to the mortal weariness inflicted by his sermons—so prosaic and verbose—for those, too, we give him thanks; as among the ordinary penances imposed upon our heedless youth.

Lilla was called an heiress, and being an only and orphan child, she was caressed, pampered, and almost idolized, by very indulgent grand-parents. Her tastes were capricious, and she varied from grave to gay, as her fancy or impulse directed. Animated and humorous, or sad and sentimental, she very contrasted she presented, added to the golden charms she was known to possess made her a village belle. The simple and peaceful home of the pastor was her delight, and often she was welcomed there as a cherished and guest, and the happy recipient of his humble hospitalities.

The minister's house! Fresh in my mind is its every apartment, and all its peculiarities. It was a rambling, disconnected old mansion, having been built by one man, and added to another, and completed by a third; and so had various and strange characters, but realized a succession of idiosyncrasies. Yet, it was rather captivating, than incongruous. The dwelling certainly was not common place, and had to be studied out, piece by piece, as it had originated. It stood alone—ten graceful locust trees shaded an ample front, and harmonized with the white and the happy recipient of his humble hospitalities.

Soon after this catastrophe, my heroine left her native town to visit an aunt. Separated from Rebecca, she had no other companion, and seemed rather to strengthen than decrease their affection. They wrote each other incessantly the most trifling minute letters, crossed and recrossed; nothing was omitted, and such was amplified and commented on to night as well letters.

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of man. What a transformation of character! Has Lilla become suddenly a pious convert, certainly—for she seems to have attained a blessed repose of soul, which is reflected in her manner. Rebecca laughs, and is gay—she cannot help it; she, the quiet one! Mr. Dambarton turns with a displeased look from the exhibition of such dissipated mirthfulness, to view with approbation the faint contemplative being—who seated by the window in such pensive mood, scarce seems one of earth's realities. The morning is beautiful, and invites to out door enjoyment.

Several weeks elapsed, in which Lilla, not hearing from Rebecca, remained wonderingly impatient as to the cause of her silence. When at last the desired letter came it brought with it a flood of light, more startling than grateful to the gratified coquette. Rebecca wrote:

"Dear Lilla—Forgive me, if you can, an irresistible love of the comical. I have been traveling in Virginia with my father, and we made a visit to the pleasant town where Mr. Dambarton is the loved pastor of a Presbyterian congregation. While there, this gentleman made me a declaration of affection, and I have promised to marry him. But previous to imparting to you this arrangement, I thought, in the fervor of my friendship, I would gratify your oft expressed desire to see a proposal of marriage from one of our clergymen. I must at the same time, with a little curiosity as to your reply; and a desire to discover with certainty the degree of estimation in which you hold this noble man. As I expect very shortly to become his wife, and am soon to assume his name, I thought I might be allowed, for the sake of a little innocent diversion, to repeat to Mr. Dambarton, and address you the letter you received purporting to be his. Having changed the initial letter of the name, that I might receive your reply, I acknowledge the double gratuity of the copies with which you have honored me.

"Wishing no better success in your attempts at conquest, dear Lilla, I remain, 'Most truly yours,' REBECCA."

"This letter proved a grand finale, not only to Lilla's correspondence with Mr. Dambarton, but also with Mrs. Dambarton. The former never quite forgave each other. Lilla was wounded, indignantly, and the wiser too. Rebecca was offended at the prompt refusal of her lover, which she has herself provoked.

A WORD TO FARMERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.—In rural districts during the present farming season, the best husband might be selected, which, split fine on the subject or otherwise, and thoroughly mixed, would be of use in our army hospitals, in the form of pillows of several sizes, (half size, quarter size and less) as supports to wounded limbs. They would not retain heat like feathers,—would therefore be better and less expensive. The selecting and preparing the bulk would afford pleasant recreation to boys, and awaken their love of country; mothers and daughter could assist by making ticks and cases for the pillows. Slippers for the sick may also be made of thick broadcloth, do not skin, lined or lined with cotton, and bound with worsted gaiters, and sewed with felt hatting or sheep skin. The soles should be lined with cotton flannel or selesia. The numbers most needed will be 7, 8, 9 and 10, and any traveling in Virginia with my father, and we made a visit to the pleasant town where Mr. Dambarton is the loved pastor of a Presbyterian congregation. While there, this gentleman made me a declaration of affection, and I have promised to marry him. But previous to imparting to you this arrangement, I thought, in the fervor of my friendship, I would gratify your oft expressed desire to see a proposal of marriage from one of our clergymen. I must at the same time, with a little curiosity as to your reply; and a desire to discover with certainty the degree of estimation in which you hold this noble man. As I expect very shortly to become his wife, and am soon to assume his name, I thought I might be allowed, for the sake of a little innocent diversion, to repeat to Mr. Dambarton, and address you the letter you received purporting to be his. Having changed the initial letter of the name, that I might receive your reply, I acknowledge the double gratuity of the copies with which you have honored me.

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A NOVEL REGIMENT.—A very fine regiment of horsemen is now being formed in California by W. Rose, a loyal Texas Ranger, and is nearly full, although for the purpose of procuring picked men his organization is kept from the public eye. The men are intended to perform similar services for the American army that the Russian Cossacks do for the Russian army. For good horsemanship, using the rifle on horseback at full speed, expertness in throwing the lasso, &c., the men are represented as wonderfully proficient. They have been ordered to the Government.

SOUTHERN MERCHANTS COOLING OFF.—Some of the Southern merchants are surprised and disgusted at learning that they will be required to pay to the rebel treasury what they owe to Northern merchants. They expected to wipe out their debts entirely by the secession sponge, and this compulsion to pay up to the Junco at Richmond has somewhat cooled the ardor of their devotion to the cause of Jeff. Davis. If they are to enjoy the blessings of repudiation, they think they might as well have staid under the rule of Lincoln.

SINGLETON CASE OF DEATH FROM STRANGULATION.—On Sunday night, a little boy named Alexander Robinson, aged ten years, was playing with some pistol bullets, and thoughtlessly put one in his mouth, and jumping up suddenly swallowed it. All efforts to relieve the child proved futile, and he died in the arms of his mother in twenty minutes after swallowing the bullet, at the residence of his parents, in Twenty-fifth street near Biddle.

ARMY CLOTHS.—Nearly all the cotton, woolen, kersey, and other mills about the city have had their machinery, looms, etc., altered, and are now engaged in the manufacture of army cloth, yet the supply is inadequate for the demand, and a double rebellion now raging in the Southern States of our so late prosperous and happy Union, that I am compelled to request that my name be placed on the list of army officers retired from active service.

As this request is founded on an absolute right granted by a recent act of Congress, I am entirely at liberty to say that it is with deep regret that I withdraw myself, in these momentous times, from the orders of a President who has treated me with distinguished kindness and courtesy; whom I know, upon such personal intercourse, to be patriotic, without sectional partialities or prejudices—to be highly conscientious in the performance of every duty, and of unvaried activity and perseverance.

As to you, Mr. Secretary, whom I now acknowledge my many obligations for the uniform high considerations I have received at your hands, and have the honor to remain, sir, with high respect,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) WINFIELD SCOTT.

A special Cabinet Council was convened on Friday morning, at 9 o'clock, to take the subject into consideration.
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Mr. Raby is now in Geneva, Switzerland, where he expected to give some exhibitions of horse taming. He has also offered to visit Louisiana if a horse can be found there sufficiently savage for his purpose.

An immense number of mortars are arriving at Washington from the Pittsburg foundry, and are taken to the Navy Yard to be finished for service. Some of them will throw a shell as large as a bushel of measure in size. They are used to weigh, and would answer to route the rebels from behind their masked batteries, as the explosion of one in their midst would answer the same purpose as firing their powder magazine.

A SAVAGE BOY.—"I say, boy, is there anything to shoot about here?" inquired a sportsman of a boy he met. "Well," was the reply, "nothing just about here," but the schoolmaster who wholl'd me this morning is down the hill yonder—you can pop him over!" immediately.

A GOOD ONE is told of a Quaker volunteer, who was in a Virginia skirmish. Coming in pretty close quarters with a rebel, he remarked: "Friend, it's unfortunate, but thee stand out just where I am going to shoot," and blowing away, down came secess.

AN ARTICLE, announcing the decease of a poor man, says: "His remains were committed to the earth, where he no traveler returns, attended by his friends."

A REMARKABLE SEASON.—One gentleman in Maine has kept a record of the advent of frost for the past forty years, and it has never held off until the first day of October during all that time. There has been no frost there so far this year.

A MAN IN LOVE may be likened to a fly in a spider's web, entangled by one of the most frail substances, yet the most difficult from which to escape.

"It is a shame, husband, that I have to sit here mending your old clothes." "Don't say a word about it, wife; the least said is soonest mended."

Why is Virginia sure to come right? Because she keeps Wheeling for the Union.
Husbands are probably the most illused of all classes in the world—except wives.

TO ARMS
BY DAVID RATER.
The Book is open: He who writes
His name, in deeds, upon its page,
To live unshrined from age to age.
What though the writing be with blood
On every letter, parchment, paper,
By mortal man, on field or flood,
It never was abrid in holier cause.

The record being written now,
May bear your name, or mine, or his;
But there, its guardian will allow
No vandal hand the page to blot.
It shall be coned all coming time,
In many a lesson by the young;
Be set in groups by Arts sublime,
In poets' thrilling numbers sung.
The statesman, orator, and sage,
Shall draw from it their classic lore;
The pulpit, rostrum, and the stage,
Rehearse its stories o'er and o'er.
Go forth, then, boldly to the strife—
It is your bleeding country's call;
Give her your arm, perchance your life,
And freemen live, or heroes fall.

RETIREMENT OF
LIEUT.-GENERAL WINFIELD
SCOTT
FROM ACTIVE SERVICE.
HONORS TO THE VETERAN.
General McClellan at the Head of the Army.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.
The following letter from Lieutenant-General Scott was received by the President on Thursday afternoon:—
HEAD-QUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 31, 1861.
THE HON. S. CARRSON, Secretary of War.

Sir—For more than three years I have been unable, from a hurt to mount a horse, or walk more than a few paces at a time, and that with much pain. Other and new infirmities, dizziness and vertigo, admonish me that a repose of mind and body, with the appliances of surgery and medicine, are necessary to add a little more to a life already protracted much beyond the usual span of man.

It is under such circumstances, made doubly painful by the unsteady and unjust rebellion now raging in the Southern States of our so late prosperous and happy Union, that I am compelled to request that my name be placed on the list of army officers retired from active service.

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without reduction in his current pay, subsistence or allowances.
The interested people will have with sadness and deep emotion, that General Scott has withdrawn from the active control of the Army, while the President and the unanimous Cabinet express their own and the nation's sympathy in his personal affliction, and their profound sense of the important public services rendered by him to his country during his long and brilliant career, among which will ever be gratefully distinguished his faithful devotion to the Constitution, the Union and the Flag, when assailed by a partial rebelion.
(Signed) ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

General Scott thereupon rose and addressed the President and Cabinet, who had also risen, as follows:—
President—This honor overwhelms me. It overpays all services I have attempted to render to my country. If I had any claims before, they are all obliterated by this expression of approval by the President, with the unanimous support of his Cabinet.

I know the President and this Cabinet well, and I know the country has placed its interests in this trying crisis in his keeping. Their councils are wise; their labors are untiring as they are loyal and their course is the right one.
President, you must excuse me. I am unable to stand longer to give utterance to the feelings of gratitude which oppress me. In my retirement I shall offer up my prayers to God for this Administration and for my country. I shall pray for it with confidence in its success over its enemies, and that speedily.

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT.
The President then took leave of General Scott, giving him his hand, and saying he hoped soon to write him a private letter expressive of his gratitude and affection.—
The President added:—
"GENERAL—You will naturally feel solicitude about the gentlemen of your staff, who have rendered you and their country such faithful services. I have taken that subject into consideration. I understand that they go with you to New York. I shall desire them, at their earliest convenience after their return, to make their wishes known to me.—I desire you, however, to be satisfied that, except the unavoidable privation of your official services, which they have so long enjoyed, the provision which I understand they will be such as to render their situation as agreeable hereafter as it has been heretofore."

Each member of the Administration then gave him his hand, and retired in profound silence.
RESPONSE OF SECRETARY CARRSON.
The following is the response of the Secretary of War to the letter of Gen. Scott:—
WAR DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, Nov. 1st, 1861.

GENERAL—It was my duty to lay before you to-night the letter of yesterday, asking to be relieved under the recent act of Congress.
In separating from you I cannot refrain from expressing my deep regret that your health, shattered by long service and repeated wounds, received in your country's defence, should render it necessary for you to retire from your high position at this momentous period of our history.

Although you are not to remain in active service, I yet hope that while I continue in charge of the Department over which I now preside, I shall at times be permitted to avail myself of the services of your councils and sage experience. It has been my good fortune to enjoy a personal acquaintance with you for over thirty years, and the pleasant relations of that long time have been greatly strengthened by your cordial and entire cooperation in all great questions which have occupied the Department and convulsed the country for the last several years.

In parting from you, I cordially express the hope that a merciful Providence, which has protected you amidst so many trials, will improve your health and continue your life long after the people of the country shall have been restored to their former happiness and prosperity.
I am, General, very sincerely your friend and servant,
(Signed) SIMON CARRSON,
Secretary of War.

To Lieut-General Winfield Scott.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—Maj.-Gen. McClellan to-night issued the following order:—
HEAD-QUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 1, 1861.

GENERAL ORDER, No. 12.—In accordance with General Order, No. 94, from the War Department, I hereby assume command of the armies of the United States.
In the midst of the difficulties which encompass and divide the nation, hesitation and self-distrust may well accompany the assumption of so vast a responsibility; but confidence, as I do, in the loyalty, discipline and courage of our troops, and believing, as I do, that Providence will favor ours as the just cause, I cannot doubt that success will crown our efforts and sacrifices.

The army will unite with me in the feeling of regret that the weight of many years, and the effect of increasing infirmities, contracted and intensified in his country's service, shall just now remove from our head the great Soldier of our nation. The hero, who in his youth raised high the reputation of his country in the fields of Canada, who has sacrificed with his blood; who, in more mature years proved to the world that American skill and valor could repeat, if not eclipse the exploits of Cezaris, in the land of Montezuma—whose whole life has been devoted to the service of his country—whose whole efforts have been directed to uphold our honor at the smallest sacrifice of life—a warrior who scorned the selfish glories of the battle-field, when his great qualities as a statesman could be employed more profitably for the good of his country—whose whole life has been given to the world the most noble instances of loyalty, in disregarding all ties of birth, and clinging to the cause of truth and honor. Such has been the career of Winfield Scott, whom it has long been the delight of the nation to honor as a man and a soldier.

While we regret his loss, there is one thing we cannot regret—the bright example he has left for our emulation. Let us all hope and pray that his declining years may be passed in peace and happiness, and that he may be cheered by the success of the country and the delight of the nation to honor as a man and a soldier.
Beyond all that, let us do nothing that can cause him to blush for us. Let no defeat of the army be so long for us. Let no defeat of the United States, Brevet Lieutenant General Winfield Scott is ordered to be placed, and hereby is placed, upon the list of retired officers of the Army of the United States.

(Signed) ABRAHAM LINCOLN.
Maj.-General Commanding U. S. A.

Miscellaneous.

AN AMAZON.—The Amazonian doings of the ex Queen of Naples are spoken of in a letter from Rome as follows:—"Riding a few days since in the village of Capri, I was greeted by three equestrians—two, certainly, men; the third a poodle, but seeming rather of the 'epicure' or doubtful gender. It wore a yellow Zouave jacket, a black garment beyond description clothed its lower members, and on its head was jauntily stuck a bersagliere hat, with a green plume of yellow and black feathers. It rode like a woman—that is, very fast and recklessly, to the evident terror and suffering of its two companions, who, dressed in tight suits of black, and one, at least, with his feet thrust into his stirrups the wrong way, were tempting Providence in a trot. A few days before then, I have seen many turns from a smaller. She, however, went straight at it, and got well over, and, turning round, and taking off her hat to her 'ponied' companions, there was the beautiful face of the ex Queen of Naples, who stopped to light her cigar while the two men went ignominiously round by the bridge."

POWER OF A HONEYMOON.—A correspondent of the *Herald* says:—"There is one perception that a horse possesses, that but little attention has been paid to, and that is the power of scent. With some horses it is as acute as with the dog; and for the benefit of those that have to drive at night, as at a bygone time, and that knowledge is invaluable. I never knew it to fail, and I have rode hundreds of miles dark nights, and in consideration of this power of scent this is my simple advice: Never check your horse nights, but give him a free head, and you may rest assured that he will never forget his way. You will carry you expectantly and safely regard to the matter, if you sent in a horse, I once knew one of a pair that was stolen, and recovered mainly by the track being made out by his mate, and that after he had been absent six or eight hours."

GRAPE GROWERS CONVENTION.—The grape-growers of Eastern Pennsylvania have a society, and meet once a year to promote grape growing, and among this duty is passing upon the merits of different grapes. At the yearly meeting, held at Lancaster on the 26th ult., a committee of seven was appointed to test the grapes exhibited on the occasion, and reported as follows:—"The best white grape of all them being the 'Maxataway' grape, of the very superior kinds were shown, of which the committee gave a full report. A very interesting discussion took place in reference to the mode of culture, soil, pruning, and keeping the grapes, and much valuable information was given. The best white grape of all them being the 'Maxataway' grape, of the very superior kinds were shown, of which the committee gave a full report. A very interesting discussion took place in reference to the mode of culture, soil, pruning, and keeping the grapes, and much valuable information was given. 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