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TALES AND SKETCHES. THE DESTINY OF JOSEPHINE.

The history of Napoleon has yet to be written, and written by an American. The world has been amused with fables of the man of destiny, which have been transmitted as an heir-loom, until they reached him who sits upon the throne of France, and is pleased with the title, "the man of destiny."
This title, though a favorite with every class of Frenchmen, undoubtedly arose with the story of Josephine, and through her at-tached to Napoleon. Though her simple story is smothered by the more brilliant one of her husband, yet it was known that, long before Napoleon's admirers claimed him the great destiny he accomplished, it was a common story in Paris, what we are about

It was while almost a child, that Jose phine, in some of her wanderings with her school fellows, came across a vagrant gipsy or fortune-teller. The woman, attracted in some way toward the beautiful child, insisted on telling her fortune, even against her will and without reward. She told her she would be very soon a wife, a widow and afterward Queen of France. The prediction itself was common enough, but as simple as it was it had its effect upon Josephine, who mmediately embraced it as fact, and could

for a long time think of nothing else.

When the fulfilment came to the first part of the prediction, it of course strengthened her in the belief of the rest, and even when in prison under sentence of death, and when her bed was taken from under her at night because she was to die in the morning, bade her friends have courage, it would not be so, and that she would yet sit upon that throne then in ruins beneath the bloody feet of Robespierre; and when the jailors in prison called upon her to name her maids of honor that they might be ready when she was queen, she did so, and her nomination was finally fulfilled to the letter.

On that very night Robespierre fell,-Had his downfall occurred one week earlier her husband would not have been one of his victims; bad he lived one day longer, she would have been another of them. There was little lapse of time between her

liberation from prison and her marriage to Napoleon, and it was by the influence that the exerted that she was appointed to the command of the armyof Italy; after which she path that led them upward was clear and open, until the destiny she had insisted up-on was accomplished, and the crown of rance upon her head.

But there was one thing more that Josephine had foretold to herself, which was the utter loss of that power and rank to which she had been 20 wonderfully elevated; and while she brooded over this, he who was her lord gathered new power and yielded to new ambition. Sire tried to crush it, and point out what should be his true aims; but he now was an emperor and desired to be

Then came the close of the campaign of 1800, and she saw that the hour was approaching nearer that was to reveal both their lates.

There was no longer the confidence of the past between them; no longer the seeking of sympathy and advice. It was the 20th of November, 1800. the court was especially gay in honor of the

visit of the King of Saxony. Josephine sat at the window of her boudour, looking out upon the river, when she heard a step at the door and rose to receive Napoleon, caught her in his arms with more of the olden time embrace than she had known for months. She led him to the sofa on which she was sitting, and seated herself by his side. For a few moments there was silence, and then he spoke.

"Josephine, you have been weeping.—Are you unhappy ?" No sire! not with you."

"Nonsence! Josephine, why do you call me sire? Of late you are making these forms overshadow all our happiness. "Then why should they not be forgotten by both? You have now reached the point of ambition that should content you. you turn the unquiet god from your basam and study only the good of France and your

own happiness ?" "You misunderstand me, lady," he said, quickly rising from his seat, and leaning against the window. "I am seeking nothing for myself, but seeking everthing for

"is it for France, Napoleon" she said, draw ing close to his side, and taking his hand in hers, "that you would put away from you not only a true wife, but a true friend? hauled down or shot away, but a wind not only a true wife, but a true friend? having been displayed over the stern, followed by two guns fired to leeward, our this. My alarmed heart has told me all, the was reserved. Two minutes had not fire was reserved. Two minutes had not fire was reserved. and believe that I have offered no protest to your will; but, O, sire, examine well your

heart before you act." He stood slient while she was speaking, and then, with his face turned full upon the streaming moonlight, he drew away his

hand. She went on.
"And O, sire, believe me, that though am to leave your throne and your side, I shall never cease to love too deeply for my own peace. Therefore it is that I plead you will look well into your heart before you yield your future to bad counsel." He drew quickly from the window and walked to the centre of the room.

"You cannot sympathize with me, madam! I act only with reason. The good of the individual must yield to the good of France. Farewell!"

"Stop, sirs !" and Josephine stepped quickly scross the room and caught his arm rawing him as she did so again to the window: "Do you see that star?" and she pointed to one that shone with marked dow: brightness. That is my destiny. By it you have risen. To it was promised a throne. Through me you have accomplished it; part from me and you fall. Yes, fall to die in sorrow, neglect, and exile. Remember this, Napoleon and remember these words when it is too late to recall the act that no words of mine can prevent."

Napoleon gazed almost in terror at her who stood like a prophetees, looking out with eyes of fire upon the heavens, and then with a heart clouded almost to sickness, he turned sway, and left the room without a

Ten days passed before he had the nerve to strike the blow that broke the golden chain that bound them, and from that moment, as he afterwards confessed at St. Helens, the fall of Napoleon began until he died a broken hearted exile upon mid-ocean.

THE HOME OF DANIEL WEBSTER. - Marshfield, the home of the great statesman, gave
a unanimous vote for the country—224 for rect account Lincoln; McClellan, pote.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Action Between the Kearsarge and Alabama.

CAPT. WINSLOW'S OFFICIAL REPORT. The Boston Journal is indebted to Mr. S.
C. Hartwell, Capt. Winslow's clerk, for a copy of Capt. Winslow's official report to the Navy Department, of the action between fro, and in the morning strange men were the Kearsarge and Alabama, now published seen who were stationed as captains of the for the first time, by permission of the Secretary of the Navy :

U. S. STEAMER KEARSARGE, ENGLISH) CHANNEL, July 80, 1864. Sin: In obedience to instructions of the Department, I have the honor to make the following supplementary report of the action between the Kearsarge and Alabama. On the morning of the 19th ult., the day being fine with a hazy atmosphere, wind moderate from the westward, with little sea, the position of the Kearsarge at ten o'clock was near the buoy which makes the line of shoals to the eastward of Cherbourg and distant about three miles from the eastern entrance, which bore to the southward and westward. At twenty minutes after ten o'clock the Alabama was discovered coming out of the western entrance, accompanied by the Couconne (iron clad). Phad, in an interview with the Admiral, assured him, in the event of an action occurring with the Alabama, that the positions of the ships should be so far off shore that no questions could be ad-

vanced about the line of jurisdiction. Accordingly to perfect this object, and with the double purpose of drawing the Alabama so far off shore that, if disabled, the could not return, I directed the ship's head seaward and cleared for action, with

the battery pivoted to starboard. Having attained a point about seven miles from the shore the head of the Kearsarge was turned short round and the ship steered directly for the Alabama, my purpose being run her down, or if circumstances did no warrant it, to close in with her. Hardly had the Kearsage come round before the Alabama sheered presented her starboard battery and slowed her engines. On approaching her at long range of about a mile she opened her full broadside, the shot cutting ome of our rigging and going over and

alongside of us. Immediately I ordered more speed; but in two minutes the Alabama had again loaded and fired another broadside, and following it with a third without damaging us except in rigging. We had now arrived within nine hundred yards of her, and I was apprehensive that another broadside, nearly raking as it was, would prove disastrous. Accordingly I ordered the Kearsarge sheered

and opened on the Alabama, The positions of the vessels was now broadside to broadside, but it was soon apparent that Captain Semmes did not seek close action. I became then fearful lest after some fighting, that he would again make for the shore. To defeat this I determined too keen full speed on, and with a port helm How well her instinct taught her that the to run under the stern of the Alabama and No charge time was rapidly approaching when that the rake, if he did not prevent it by sheering ambition would make him put her away. sequence the Alabama was forced, with a full head of steam, into a circular track du-

ring the engagement.
The effect of this maneuver was such that, at the last of the action, when the Alabama would have made off, she was near five mile from the shore; and had the action continued from the first in parallel lines with her head in shore, the line of jurisdiction would no doubt have been reached.

The firing of the Alabana from the first was rapid and wild; toward the close of the action her firing became better. Our men, who had been cautioned against rapid firing without direct aim, were much more deliberate; and the instructions given to point the heavy guns below rather than above the water line and clear the deck with the lighter ones, were fully observed. I had endeavored with a port helm to close in with the Alabama, but it was not until just before the close of the action that we were in a position to use grape; this was avoided, however, by her surrender. The effect of the training of our men was evident, nearly every shot from our guns was telling fearfully on the Alabama, and on the seventh rotation on the circular track she winded setting fore trysail and two jibs, with head

Her speed was now retarded, and by winding her port broadside was presented to us with only two guns bearing, not having been able, as I learned afterward, to shift over but one. I saw now that she was at our mercy, and a few more guns, will directed, brought down her flag. I was unable to ascertain whether they had been hauled down or shot away, but a white flag more than elapsed before she again opened on us with the two guns on the port side. This drew our fire again, and the Kearsarge was immediately steamed ahead and lay

across her bows for raking.

The white flag was still flying, and our fire was again reserved. Shortly after this her boats were seen to be lowering, and an officer in one of them came alongside and informed us the ship had surrendered and was fast sinking. In twenty minutes from this time the Alabama went down, her mainmast, which had received a shot, break ing near the head, as she sunk, and her bow rising high out of the water as her stern rapidly settled. The fire of the Alabama, although it is stated she discharged 370 or more shell and shot, was not of mage to the Kearsarge. Some thirteen or fourteen of these had taken effect in about the hull and sixteen or seventeen about the

waste and rigging. The causualties were small, only three persons having been wounded; yet it is matter of surprise that so few were injured, considering the number of projectiles that came aboard. Two shots passed through the ports in which the 32's were placed, with men thickly stationed around them. one taking effect in the hammock netting, and the other going through the port on the opposite side, yet no one was hit, the captain of one of the guns being only knock-ed down by the wind of the shot, as it was supposed. The fire of the Kearsarge, although only 178 projectiles had been dis-

charged, according to the prisoners' so-counts was terrific. One shot alone had killed and wounded eighteen men, and disabled the gun; another had entered the

in England or France, after the action. It is known that the Alabama carried a crew. officers and men, of about 150 into Cherbourg, and that while in the Southern Ocean, her complement was about 170, but desertions had reduced this complement.

ant (Sinclair) who joined her at Cherbourg.

The Alabama bad been five days in preparation. She had taken in 350 tuns of coal, which brought her down in the water. The offset to this her sheet chains were stowed outside, stopped up and down, as an addi-

In the engagement the Alabama fought seven guns and the Kearsarge five, both ex-ercising the starboard battery until the Ala-and prayed for—an open field, hand-to-hand er, she has no more idea of doing than she action have already been laid before the De-

partment. I enclose a diagram showing the track Very respectfully,

vy, Washington, D. C. Escape of Captain Badger and two

Soldiers from the Rebels. A correspondent of the New York Triane, writing from near Cedar Creed, Va., November relates this adventure of Capt. Badger with guerillas:

Captain N. D'Evereux Badger, acting asdivision, left General Torbert's headquarters, near Cedar Creek, on the morning of the 2d instant, to go to Winchester, accompanied by only two orderlies. A large train heavily guarded, had left but an hour before, and the Captain, being well mounted thought it prudent enough to attempt to overtake it. . He came in sight of it a half

at different times. had robbed him, "I suppose you will now parole me, and I can go home and vote for Little Mac. I have long wanted a furlough common men.

from this horrid and unnatural war! "Not much," replied the Johnnies: "we who have been shot as guerillas. You will swing from a limb of that tree to-morrow at daylight, and, by G-d, saltpetre shan't save you from it."

We would do it to-night, but for the fact that our officers are not here." "But," replied the cool Captain, "you can do much better with me than to hang me. Next Tuesday is election, and if Little Mac should be elected there will be 'an immediate cessation of hostilities,' and we may be able to fix up things. It will at least be equal to a new army to you to get a three months armistice."

This remark led to much discussion, and, with the aid of a little apple brandy from a neighboring farmer, and a pipe or two, the conversation soon became exceedingly friendly and confidential. While one of the rebels was speaking, the Captain quietly wispered to one of his men to pass the word around among the prisoners to which a sig-ual from him, and make a dash upon the guard for their escape. The men needed but a wink to be keenly alive to the enterprise. The prospect of a winter at the Libby was not inviting. They had been robbed of their clothing, were hungry, and had but one drink, while the rebels were already half tipsy. As the evening advanced, the revel rose. Darkness set in, and story followed story, and joke after joke, many of them attributed by the Captain to "Old Abe, the baboon," kept the party in a roar, with the guard drew near to listen, and one of them staggering up to the Captain, with his musket in one hand, slapped him on the shoulder with the other, and stuttered out,

"Captain, you're a hell of a feller." "You're another," said the Captain. as he seized the musket, and, planting his big foot in the rebel's paunch at the same instant, doubled him up, and sent him wheeling into the large fire in front of him, to the great confusion of the rest of the guard, who instantly rushed to his relief without thinking of what was intended.

"Upon them!' shouted the Captain, and, suiting the action to the word, he instantly sent the ball from his captured musket through one of them, and the bayonet through another, and with one bound into darkness escaped. His men were no more adroit, and, taking

advantage of the confusion, they dashed upon the surprised rebels, snatched their muskets from them, and killing three of and every man of them escaped unhurt .-Captain Badger has not yet arrived within our lines, but most of his men are in, and report that he is safe in the mountains, and carefully working his way through by night. He belongs to the 8th Ohio Cavalry, which was organized from the 44th Onio Infantry for which Cap after two years' acrylen, d

tain Badger was promoted from the ranks. He is a relative of the late Senator Badger of North Carolina, and was a student at

A lieutenant in the 8th Illinois Cavalry, regiment which has had numerous en ters with both Moseby's and Stuart's Cavalry gives in a private letter, the following account of an open fight with the celebrated portion of the blooming sex to be contagi-Virginia guerrilla:
"You ask, 'are we after Moseby?' Yes,-

Saturday afternoon, six companies were orwere skirmishing continually, front, rear, and both flanks. On our flank and rear, between us and camp, we could see a column of rebels of about a hundred in number, Bridesmaids" in secret circuistion smong Kearsarge had only 120 tuns in, but as an while in every direction could be seen squads young ladies? It seems as if there must be of men from six to a dozen, who were pretty for all the pretty lench woman act precisely tional preventive and protection to her more | were hold enough to come up close and try | ed, when you have seen one bridesmaid you

pounder rifle, and six heavy 32-pounder fights of the war, in November, 1862, and guns. fights of the war, in November, 1862, and June 1863, between Pleasanton an Stuart, in fair aids provide themselves with pungent both of which we figured conspiucously, bama winded fising her port battery, with fight. Capt. Wing's squadron was sent over The collateral events connected with this section have already been laid before the Department.

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Your obedient servant, JNO. A. WINSLOW, Captain. Hon. GIDEON WELLES, Secretary of the Na-"I had charge of fift "I had charge of fifteen men of my company as rear-guard, and, while galloping glass of wine before the ceremony, to steady over to where the fighting was, I observed a his nerves, the advice is given supercitiously heavy force of rebels approaching on my left | -as who should flank and rear-ball just time to form my | are, old fellow." men together when they where upon us. I gered them just a moment, when they came at us, showering cold lead as they came yelling, on a dead run. We had tant adjutant general of Powell's cavalry ed with our carbines at fifteen rods, we stag-

he had about him, and hurried away into men we would have been annihilated, as the Blue Ridge Mountains, in company with as they came in on all sides. Wing was in nine more of our men, who had been taken the thickest of the fight, with nothing but a riding whip-whiped a reb over the face, "All right," said the Captain, after they and made him surrender. Delany goes

"In chasing them I had to get out of the way to one side and let the rebs pass; are ordered to hang every officer we can couldn't tend to both front and rear at once. catch now-a-days, in retaliation for our men | Our loss was four slightly wounded and one man taken prisoner. They left on the field cleven killed and mortality wounded, and had some twenty or thirty more wounded, who rode away. We also took nine of them prisoners. There were thirty or forty horses killed and wounded. Our boys are highly elated. Moseby's men are picked, you know. They have been shy of us since their defeat.'

> LITERATURE.-Alexandre Dumas, omancier, author of "Monte Cristo," Trois Mosquetares," and something less than thousand other works of fiction, many of which are well known and have been extensively read in the United States, intends leaving Paris in the latter part of December or the early part of January for New York. It is the intention of Dumas to travel about four months in the United States, and he goes with the avowed purpose of writing a ok, but whether a book of fact or fiction he does not state. He will take with him private secretary and two translators, and intends having his work published simul-taneously in New York Paris and London. Dumss is an enthusiastic friend of our country and her institutions, and, as he is an author whose books are probably more extensively read now in Europe than those of any other, living or dead, it is perhaps a little important that his reception and treatment while in our country should be such as to strengthen rather than diminish the favorable impression which he has of us and ours. Dumas is a dark mulatto of most unmistakable hue, with hair considerably crisped. He is now about sixty years of age, and is one of the finest looking men in Europe. He is a rickless, extravagant man; financially speaking, receiving an immense income from his works, spending from two to three hundred thousand francs a year, always in debt and always borrowing. He is man of great bonhommie and kindness of beart, and gives away large sums of money every year to artists, literary Bohemians and poor devils of every discription.

THE MARRIAGE FRE .- The late Dr. Bounton was once disputing with a farmer about gully on the other side of the road, he forth the ease with which a minister earned his with loaded his cast, drove up to the place. money. Now said the farmer, "when you are and had nearly finished throwing off his called on to marry a couple, you never ex-pect a sum less than three dollars—this for a few minutes service." "Pooh!" replied the doctor, "I would agree to give you balf them on the spot, wounded several others, of my next marriage fee for a bushel of po-and every man of them escaped unhurt.— tatoes." Very well," said the farmer, "1"! take you offer, and send you the potatoes. A few days afterwards, the doctor was called on to splice a couple at Dogtown, a place low him, he observed, "Bedad, it's a might ; about four miles from where he lived. When the ceremony was over the bridegroom said | the baste!" to the worthy minister, "Well parson, I s'pose I must fork over something for your trouble. What say you to taking one of my terrier pups? The best breed, I tell you, in the country. Shockin' nice to have in the barn. Worth full five dollars—and I s'pose a figure 2 would do for the splice; ch?" The doctor took the pup with joy. The joke was too good; he hastened to the farmer saying; "Now, friend here is my fee—how shall we divide it?" The farmer relished the joke so well, that he incressed the potatore to half dozen bushels.

A FEW DATS AGO a young and pretty girl stepped into a store where a spruce young man, who had been long enamored of her but dared not speak, stood behind the council. A fact and a store where a spruce young man, who had been long enamored of her but dared not speak, stood behind the council as a speakible, she cheapened everthing. At last she said: "I believe you think I am cheating you." "O, no," said the voungstar, "to me you are always foir." "Well," whis pered the lady, blushing, as she isid an emphasis on the word. "I would not stay as possible, she cheapened everthing. At last she said: "I believe you think I am cheating you." "O, no," said the voungstar, "to me you are always foir." "Well," whis pered the lady, blushing, as she isid an emphasis on the word. "I would not stay as long targularing, if you were bed to stay as long targularing, if you were bed to stay as long targularing. to the worthy minister, "Well parson, I abled the gun; snother had entered the coal bunkers, exploding and completely blocked up the engine-room; and Capt. Semmes states, shot and shell had taken effect in the side of his vessel, tearing large holes by explosion, and his men were everywhere knocked down.

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BRIDESMAIDS. Next to being a bride herself, every good ooking young woman likes to be a bride's naid. Wedlock is thought by a large prous, and much to the credit of their courage fair spinsters are not at all afraid of catch-We keep him in hot water most of the time, ing it. Perhaps the theory that the affection is communicated by contact, is correct. dered out on a scout, under Captain Lincoln | Certainly we have known one marriage to to go to Upperville, Va., to move some ne- lead to another, and sometimes to such sergro families a few miles from camp, and we lies of "happy events" as to favor the belief

careful to keep out of carbine range. Some alike. So far as official conduct is concernempty bunkers. The number of the crew of the Kearsarge, including officers and sick men, was 163, and her battery numbered seven guns: Two 11-inch, one 30-pounder rifle, and four light 32-pounder guns.

The battery of the Alabama numbered eight guns: One 68 of 9000lb., one 110-pounder rifle, and six heavy 22-pounder orable by two of our most successful cavalry nowable right and six heavy 22-pounder to entice us to charge them into the woods, have seen the whole fascinating tribe.—

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tude, nevertheless. In nine cases out of ten the bridegroom is more "flustered" than the fragile and thinks of pitying him, poor fell w! All sympathy, compassion, interest, is concentrated upon the bride, and if one of the groomsmen does recommend him to take a his nerves, the advice is given supercitiously
—as who should say, "what a spooney you

Bridesmaids may be considered as brides had no hopes of stopping over a hundred men with fifteen, but I could give them a specimen of my regards, and perhaps attract that day of triumphant weakness when it the attention of some of the other companies shall be their turn to be "poor dear crea-making for the rebs in front. As we open-tured," and Preston salted, and otherwise

Lieut. Corbit's attention, who was charging for the front with part of B and C. He formed and waited for us to disperse on his flanks, when, just as the rebels were close in all sorts of absurd bets. In the city of RIDICULOUS BETS .- At every important upon him, he belched forth h- fire itself New York, at the recent election, several of mile shead of him, near Newtown, and saw in their faces. Sergeant Hupp, my orderly, such bets are recorded. For instance, "A a dozen cavalrymen riding leisurely a lit-came down on the their flank with the rest gentlemen in Twenty-third street who, for tle distance behind the train, and apparent- of my company, having heard my firing, his faith in McClellan's popularity, will have ly acting as rear guard. He bailed them as he approached, and was answered in a friendly way. When seeing them dressed in our uniform, and wearing the 6th Corps badge, a Greek cross, he rode unsuspiciously up among them, and found himself and his men in the hands of the guerillas. With revelvers at his head he was prevented from the first of the control of the control of the Central Park, some Sunday at noon, arrayed in a crinoline and all the other feminine "fixings."

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MULLER, THE RAILROAD MURDERER TRIED AND CONVICTED.—By the last stea-mer from Liverpool, we learn that Muller, the murderer of Briggs, has been tried, convicted and sentenced to death. A strong effort was made to prove an alibi, but it failed, and the wretched man will undoubtedly suffer the death penalty. The case has excited more interest in the civilized world than any homicide since the Burdell murder. The scene in the railway compartment; the time; the brutality of the circumstances; the small sum realized by the murderer; his fight; the pursuit and capture; his rendition and sentence have all been combined so as to make the affair one of striking dramatic interest. The insignificance of Muller bimself is the only drawback to the sensational character of the case. It is impossible to make a hero out such a fellow, though, with skilful manipulation, an enterprising playwright might touch up his characteristics so as to make the central figure of the drama interesting. He was sentenced to be hang-

ed on the 14th, Monday last. I'se JIST SAM .- During the last winter a 'contraband" came into the Federal lines in North Carolina, and was marching up to the officer of the day to give an account of himself whereupon the following colloquy en-

"What's your name !" "My name's Sam." "Sam what ?"

"No, Sah; not Sam Watt. I'se jist Sam." "What's your other name t" "I hasn't got no oder name, Sah. I'se Sam--dat's all." "What's your master's name?" "I'se got no masas now; massa rnnned

away—yau! yah! I'se a free nigger now."
"Well, what's your father's and mother's name ?" "I'se got none, Sah-neber had none. I'se

jist Sam—nobody else."
"Haven't any brothers and sisters?" "No, Sah ! neber had none. No brudder, no sister, no fader, no munder, no massa-nothing but Sam. When you see Sam, you

see all dere is of us." 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 probably he never saw before.) went to work on a public road. Being directed by the overseer to move a lot of stones near by and deposit them in a with loaded his cast, drove up to the place, load by hand, when the "boss" told him that was not the way-he must tall or dump his load at once. Paddy replied that he would know better next time. After loading again, he drove to the chasm, put his shoulder to wheel, and upset the cart, horse and all into the gully. Scratching his head, and looking rather doubtful at his horse beexpeditious way, but it must be thryin'