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YOUNG MEN

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MARRIAGE,

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The above named gentlemen are highminded and honorable men, who would not lend their names and give their assistance to any unworthy object.

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And the kettle crooned, upon the hearth,
A sweet, old-fashioned tune.

The old clock ticked, a drowsy pace,
With the clicking of the cricket,
And red coals in the chimney-place,
Peeped out, with many a rosy face,
Like berries in a thicket.

The crane's arm, empty, stuck out stiff,
And thrware on the shelves
Twinkled and winked at every gliff,
In the flickering fire-light, as if
They whispered to themselves.

The good dame, in her ruffled cap,
Counted her stitches slowly,
And the old man, with full many a gap,
Read from the Big Book on his lap,
The good words, wise and holy.

The old clock clicked; the old man read,
His deep voice pausing, lowering;
The good wife nodded, dropped her head—
The lids of both were heavy as lead—
They were sound asleep and snoring.

Oh! hale old couple! sweet each dream,
While—all the milk-pans tilting—
Pass paints her whiskers in the cream,
Till John and the belated team
Bring Maggie from the quilting.

May Time, I pray, when failing years
May thin my voice and thrapple,
Find my last days of life like theirs,
As sweet with children's love and prayers,
And like a winter apple.

—*Scribner's for December.*

Tales and Sketches.

GENERAL ZACHARY TAYLOR.

RECOLLECTIONS OF AN HONORED NAME.

THE TRIUMPHS OF A GREAT MAN—FROM THE LOG CABIN TO THE PRESIDENTIAL CHAIR—AT THE GRAVE OF DEPARTED GREATNESS.

Gen. James A. Ekin, whose graceful pen has often enriched our columns, has written a letter which has found its way into print, descriptive of a visit to the grave of Gen. Taylor, near Louisville, Ky. The letter is so graphic and interesting that we give it a place with a feeling that our readers will peruse it with pleasure:

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 31, 1874.

A quarter of a century ago Gen. Zachary Taylor was the cynosure of all eyes. His name and his fame had gone abroad through all lands. He was known as the invincible hero of the Mexican war, and the story of his brilliant victories from Palo Alto and Resaca de la Palma to the crowning glory of Buena Vista, were the themes of both song and story.

A REMARKABLE CAREER.

In the memorable political campaign of 1848 the romantic, varied, and remarkable incidents of his eventful life were recited, until the whole country had become familiar with them as household words. From the time that he attended a log-cabin school house, in what was then known as "The Dark and Bloody Ground" of Kentucky, through his career as a lieutenant in the army,—an appointment which he received at the hands of Thomas Jefferson,—on through his services as a captain, until he was breveted major by President Madison for his gallant defence of Fort Harrison; still on through his memorable exploits in the Black Hawk war, coming down to his signal service against the savage Seminoles in Florida; on still further, through his important services in Texas and brilliant conquests in Mexico, until finally he was crowned, amid the people, with the highest honors of the Republic—from the beginning to the end of this extraordinary career, so full of romantic and historic interest, the life of Zachary Taylor became endeared to the American people, and his praises were sounded far and near by eloquent tongues and graceful pens.

But, as his countrymen well knew and remember, he was not long permitted, in the inscrutable orderings of Providence, to occupy the Presidential chair. After a service of but a few months, during which he had called around him some of the ablest statesmen of the country, administering the affairs of the Government with an honesty and a simplicity of purpose which commended him to the admiration of men of all parties, he died after a short illness contracted by exposure at the laying of the corner-stone of the yet unfinished monument of Washington at the national capital. Within twenty-four hours after the death of President Taylor, the reins of government were assumed by Mr. Fillmore, who, by virtue of his office as Vice President, became President of the United States.

In a touching message, dated July 10th, 1850, President Fillmore announced the death of President Taylor, whose last words were: "I have always done my duty; I am ready to die; my only regret is for the friends I leave behind me." In the Senate eloquent eulogisms were pronounced by Senators Downs, Webster, Pearce, Cass, King and Berrien. In the House the mournful event was appropriately referred to in the opening prayer by the Rev. Dr. Butler, chaplain, and impressive panegyrics were delivered by Messrs. Conrad, Winthrop, Baker, Bayly, Hilliard, King and Marshall.

After lying in state at the White House for some days, the remains were borne to the Congressional Cemetery, and thence subsequently removed to the family vault at the old homestead, in Jefferson county, in this State, about five miles from the city of Louisville, on the Brownsboro' road.

AN AUTUMNAL VISIT TO A NOTED GRAVE.

A few days since, availing myself of the charming atmosphere of a bright Autumnal afternoon, I visited the old homestead, now occupied by George McCurdy, Esq., who became the possessor of eighty-one acres of the farm by purchase some years since. The tract originally contained about five hundred acres, but was subdivided when the estate was distributed among the heirs. It is a beautiful region of country, diversified by hill and valley, and the soil is rich and luxuriant. About a quarter of a mile from the mansion house—a plain two-story building, tastefully painted in pea-green and yellow colors, with a verandah on three sides—is the family graveyard. When this portion of the farm was sold to Mr. McCurdy, a half acre, embracing the old family burial ground, was reserved for that sacred purpose. The enclosure, which is about one hundred and ten feet square, is surrounded by a dry wall of Kentucky blue limestone, and is five feet high with a coping eighteen inches wide. The ground is covered with a dense growth of ivy, intermingled with weeds and brambles. The pathways are completely hidden by this rank and noxious growth, rendering a walk through them quite difficult and very unpleasant. The vault, in which repose the remains of General Taylor and his wife (the latter having died only a few months after him), it is built on a gentle slope on the eastern side of the enclosure and is in a delapidated condition. The material used in its construction is Kentucky limestone, the front face of which is particularly trimmed. There are six courses of stone. The entire vault is covered with ivy and weeds, the front alone being discernable, and the approaches to this are so matted and entangled with the same growth that they look as if the foot of a human being had never trodden them. There is an iron door about five feet high and thirty inches wide, and above this is a plain marble slab, about three feet in length and eighteen inches wide, on which are inscribed the following words:

Z. TAYLOR,
Born November 24, 1784;
Died July 9, 1850.

This slab is now in a falling condition, and is supported in its place only by a decayed fence rail, about 12 feet long, which was propped against it by some friendly hand. The vault is litterally falling to pieces, and on its sides, between its front and inner courses of stones, are cracks and openings from one-fourth to half an inch wide. Near the eastern side of the vault are two venerable black-oak trees, which were leafless when I gazed upon them, but from the branches of which were springing green clusters of misletoe, emblematic of the life immortal that springs from death. On the south east side are four beautiful pines, planted in a row, which were probably placed there about the time General Taylor was buried. I am credibly informed that when the vault was opened some three years since the casket containing the remains of the illustrious deceased was found to be very light, showing that nearly all that was mortal of the old hero had mouldered into dust. A small marble bust of the deceased President was also found in the vault at the time referred to, but by whom it was placed there I could not learn.

THE RESTING PLACE OF TWO GENERATIONS.

In this desolate-looking grave yard there are buried two generations of the Taylor family. There are about thirty monuments and headstones, and many graves wholly unmarked, while a few have plain wooden head and foot boards uninscribed. The most conspicuous of the monuments is a granite shaft, fourteen feet high, erected to the memory of Colonel Richard Taylor (the father of General Taylor), who, the inscription tells us, was a soldier of the Revolution and a native of Orange county, Virginia; born April 3, 1744; died January 19, 1829." Also, of Sarah Strother, consort of Col. Richard Taylor, born December, 14, 1769; died December 13, 1822." There is also a plain marble monument, eight feet high, adorned with a simple carved flower, inscribed; "Sarah B. Gray, born June 11, 1788; died September 6, 1851." A plain marble shaft four feet high, marks the resting-place of Richard Lee Taylor, born December 6, 1833; died Aprill 12, 1836. At the grave of Wm. R. Jouett is a plain marble headstone which tells us that he was "a Lieutenant Colonel in the U. S. army; born in Woodford county, Ky., April 12, 1795; died at Louisville, Ky., May 1, 1852;" and near, in a line are four headstones to denote the graves of other members of the Jouett family. There are also headstones marking the graves of John Gibson Taylor, a native of Orange county, Va., who died May, 1829, aged 43 years and 4 months; Elizabeth Lee, daughter of Col. Richard Taylor, and wife of John G. Taylor, aged 53 years and 3 months; a very old granite headstone in memory of Thomas Owens, of Westmoreland county, Pa., who died June 27, 1834, in the 27th year of his age; a marble slab, ornamented with a plain cross, to the memory of Mildreth Hornsby, wife of N. M. Lewis, born February 28, 1774; died October 30, 1847, and bearing the following poetical inscription:

"In my hand no price I bring;
Simply to thy cross I cling."

In the centre of the grounds is the remnant of an old arbor, around which the ivy is clinging as if to keep it from falling to the earth.

When contemplating this silent city of the dead in the calm of that bright October afternoon, while not a sound disturbed the solemn stillness, save the chirping of the little birds that flew from tree to tree, I could not help passing in review the eventful life of the old hero whose remains were mouldered in the vault before me, and thinking how evanescent, after all, is human glory, and how forgetful are the living of the memories of the dead. E.

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HIS GRAVE IN IRELAND.

Mr. Berry Lённell, writing in *Land and Water*, says: 'One matter which I think will impress most strangers with a feeling of disappointed surprise is a visit to the Cathedral City of Downpatrick. It is neither the city itself nor the fine substantial cathedral on the hill that evokes this feeling. They are well enough, trim, thriving, comfortable-looking on the whole, and need not fear comparison with other cathedrals or cathedral cities of Ireland. But something more than disappointment, something like indignant surprise, takes possession of one on being led up to what is said to be held sacred as the grave of St. Patrick, and which as such is visited, I am told, by multitudes of American strangers every year. It lies in the highest and most central position in the otherwise decently kept churchyard surrounding Downpatrick Cathedral, and is the one spot of earth in the whole place that appears given up to complete neglect and desecration. Around are graves and gravestones, ancient and modern, all well-ordered and neatly kept, some showing the recent touch of hands directed by loving care, while the one which strangers would have expected to find most honored and revered is the only dishonored grave among them all. The unsightly-looking hole, unmarked by cross or slab, now half filled with loose rubble of broken bricks, stones and earth, is a disgrace to the people of Down, who, be they Protestants or Papists, in that they claim to be Christians, have an equal right to honor the resting-place of this faithful, fearless preacher of Christianity, who was the first to introduce the dawn of civilization among her then wholly barbarous princes and people, and whose feet first touched the Irish soil upon the shores of the County Down. I shall feel proud indeed if these observations will lead to any one belonging to the neighborhood, or the county, or take some interest in this matter.

Miscellaneous.

ONE CENT BUSINESS.—There is a man in this city, says the New York *Sun*, who is amassing a handsome fortune by buying and selling pennies, two and three cent pieces, and five cent nickles. In many of the newspaper offices, news depots, ferry offices, retail houses where cheap goods are sold, bakeries, and other places the accumulation of small coin very often becomes so large as to be cumbersome. It cannot be disposed of, for coin is so plenty that customers object to taking it in change in any great quantity, and in business houses where it is needed the regular sources of supply are always ample. The coin might be sent to the Philadelphia Mint for redemption, but the requirements of the redemption department are enough to discourage any business man. To send pennies to the mint they must first be sorted, and wrapped in packages of five dollars each. Coin of each separate mintage must be put together. It will not do to mix the old-fashioned coppers with the bright or bronzed-colored nickels, nor can a two or three cent piece be mixed with the pennies. If they are packed in this way they are shipped back to the sender without delay or notice of any kind. The law also prescribes that the coins shall be packed in iron-bound boxes, and shipped at the senders expense. As coins are heavy the cost of transportation is considerable. The officials count the money at their leisure, and sometimes the sender does not hear from his consignment in nearly a year. He thus loses the use of his money for that length of time. This combination of vexations details prevents those who have an accumulation of coin from sending it to the mint, and it seems as though the officials at Philadelphia intended that they should not be troubled with it.

Every day a man rides to the newspaper and other offices in a buggy, and buys the coin which has been taken in from the newsboys and the customors. For the pennies and two cent pieces he pays ninety-seven cents a hundred, and for the three and five cent nickles he gives ninety-nine cents for a dollars' worth. The sellers are glad to dispose of their coins at this discount. The man then rides to about the only tradesmen in the city who desire a quantity of pennies—the pawnbrokers—and to them he sells the coins at par, taking their notes for three months in payment.

The pawnbrokers who have shops among the poorer classes of people say that they need small denominations of the fractinal currency or coin, as many of their loans do not exceed ten or fifteen cents. Many poor persons pawn their articles of wearing apparel or trinkets only when driven to do so by the want of a single meal of food