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You Kissed Me.

You kissed me!—my head had dropped low on your breast. With a feeling of abhor and infinite rest. While the holy emotions my tongue dare not speak. Flashed up, like a flame, from my heart to my cheek.

Select Story.

THE LEFT-HANDED THIEF.

"How many young men have been injured and perhaps ruined by false suspicion!" remarked my mercantile friend, as we were conversing on the "panic," a few evenings since. Suspicion is like an assassin in the dark. It stalks its victim, and he knows not from whence the blow comes.

so along—after giving to your interests all my energies—after striving for faith and honor, that I might win your love and esteem—to suspect me in secret—to look upon me as a thief, and yet not tell me!—Oh, I would not have believed it!

keys, one which I kept, while Mr. Wharton kept the other. The only other person who ever helped us in the store, was Henry Wharton, my employer's only son, a youth of twenty years of age. He was preparing for college under a private tutor but found time to help us in the store when business was driving. He was a kind-hearted, generous fellow, and a strong natural attachment had grown up between us.

moved me. "The secret is locked up in my own breast; and neither to you nor to any human being will ever call the name of the one whom I suspect."

Correspondence.

For the Columbia Democrat.

COL. TATE, Sir:—In your issue of the 17th,

there is a reply to my notes on the Back Township Correspondent. We will take up his arguments as they appear in his communication. First, the signature, "Jeffersonian Republican is an anomaly."

blame the party that endorsed it to be circulated, or the party that passed unconstitutional laws expell the man that wrote it from all the slave states. Now does this not prove most positively that Jefferson was correct. When he said that the institution of slavery would make tyrants of the masters, "who were the prominent men from Kentucky and Maryland."

not extend to them the right of suffrage as did the Democratic party in their best days, and now turn against them when they do not vote with them. For your position on the territories you may quote one Southern man, J. C. Calhoun the head of the nullifiers of 1832; but he did not conceive his territorial ideas for some 16 years after; so you see that it is of recent origin and that he did not introduce them till he found his other plans of treason would not do.