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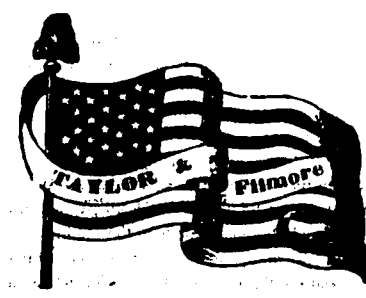
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GETTYSBURG, PA. FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 18, 1848.

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COUNTY MEETING.

"I have no private purpose to accomplish, no party projects to build up, no enemies to punish—nothing to serve but my country."—Gen. Taylor.

The friends of TAYLOR, FILLMORE, & MIDDLESWORTH, are requested to assemble in general County Meeting at the Court-house, in the Borough of Gettysburg, on

Monday the 21st day of August next,

at 7 o'clock P. M., to adopt such measures as may be proper to secure for our candidates the hearty and united support of all who oppose the present National Administration. Also to select delegates to represent this county in the State Convention, to nominate a candidate for Governor.

Let the County that is "always first" in maintaining the credit of the State—and always firm when the day of political battle comes—be true to herself in the approaching canvass. Let our tried sons meet in council, and denounce the men that have deceived the people—abused the trust committed to them, and heedlessly involved our common country in all the evils which follow in the train of an unjustifiable war.

Let ALL who desire a CHANGE in the administration of the Government, come out and join the hosts that are marshaling themselves for victory under the banner of the gallant old General who "NEVER SURRENDERS."

It is expected that the meeting will be addressed by several public speakers from other counties.

A. R. STEVENSON,
B. P. GARDNER,
W. D. HINES,
D. HORN,
D. MELLINGER,
D. A. BUEHLER,
GEORGE ARNOLD,
July 21, 1848. County Committee.

LAST NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons indebted to the Estate of W. R. THOMPSON, deceased, to call upon the subscriber immediately and make settlement. As it is desired to settle up the Estate at once, the accounts will, in a few days, be placed in the hands of an officer for collection, after which no further time will be given.

JAMES A. THOMPSON,
Aug. 4, 1848.—3t

Stoves at Public Sale.

I WILL offer at public sale on Tuesday the 23d day of August inst., at my Ware-house, a large quantity of

STOVES,
of all sizes, among which are two Hathaway Cook Stoves.

A long credit will be given.

GEO. ARNOLD,
Aug. 4, 1848.—1t

SOLDIERS' CLAIMS.

W. M. THOMPSON,
S. E. Corner of Baltimore and South Streets, Baltimore, Md.

HAS secured the services of an Attorney resident at Washington, of some forty years intimate acquaintance with the different Departments, and is now prepared to prosecute the settlement of the claims of soldiers who enlisted during the Mexican war. His charges for prosecuting a claim before the Departments at Washington and getting it settled, whether for Bounty Land, Scrip, or Pension, will be \$5—\$10 for pay, mileage, clothing, &c., ten per cent. on the amount recovered, if \$50 or over; and if under that sum, \$5. He will furnish form of extra charge, any form necessary to enable a party to prosecute, and forward to him a claim for prosecution, if requested by letter post paid and directed to him at the S. E. Corner of Baltimore and South Streets, Baltimore, Md.

W. T. would refer to Editors of newspapers generally throughout the United States, and to those of Baltimore and Philadelphia in particular.

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FANCY ARTICLES, Cologne, Soaps, Hair Oils, Tooth Brushes, Toilet Brushes, Tooth Powders, &c., &c., for sale by

A good second hand CARRIAGE, newly repaired, and Harness, for sale cheap. Suitable Conveyance will be taken in exchange. Apply to

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KELLER KURTZ.

SPEAK GENTLY TO A LITTLE CHILD.

BY MARIA ROSSAU.
Speak gently to the little child,
No guileless and so free,
Who, with trustful loving heart,
Puts confidence in thee.
Speak not the cold and careless thoughts
Which time has taught thee well,
Nor breathe one word, whose bitter tone
Disturb might seem to tell.
If on that brow there rests a cloud,
However light it be,
Speak loving words, and let him feel
He hath a friend in thee.
And do not send him from thy side
Till on his face shall rest
The joyous look and smile
That make a happy breast.
O! teach him, this should be our aim—
To cheer the aching heart,
To strive where thick darkness reigns
Some radiant to impart.
To spread a peaceful, quiet calm,
Where dwells the noise of strife,
To do good, and blessing all,
To spend the whole of life.
To love with pure affection deep,
All creatures great and small,
And still a stronger love to bear
For Him who made them all.
Remember 'tis no common task
That thus to thee is given,
To rear a spirit fit to be
The habitation of Heaven.

THE MANLY SPIRIT.

BY EVA MILFORD.

James Davis was a flourishing young merchant in good business, with fair prospects for the future; and to complete his happiness, he was the object of an excellent loving wife, four years old. It was evening, and little Frank had been brought down into the parlor as usual, to have a frolic with his father and mother, before going to bed. The little fellow was running about the room and amusing himself in various ways, when his eye was caught by his mother's bead purse, lying upon a chair, he tried to reach the object of his wishes, but his mother perceiving his attempts, quickly removed the purse to a safe place in her work-box. The child's face grew scarlet with rage, and springing from the chair, he doubled up his little fist and struck his mother on the forehead, with all the tiny force of which he was master.

"Bravo, Frank!" exclaimed his father; "you know how to defend yourself and your rights, don't you?"
"Oh, James," interposed the mother, "how can you encourage the child in such an exhibition of temper? You surely do not wish to foster his passionate temper."
"Pho! pho! Ellen, you would make a complete milkop of the boy if you had your way. It does very well to talk about the humanness of temper and all that, but let me tell you, that a man who does not stand up for his own rights in the world, won't have them; every body may trample on them just because they are. No, I had much rather the boy should be too fiery than too tame."

Mrs. Davis made no answer; but rising took Frank in her arms and carried him to bed. The little fellow at first resisted, but his mother spoke to him firmly and mildly, telling him that he must obey, and he at once did so. As she undressed him and laid him in his crib, Mrs. Davis talked seriously to her little boy of the wickedness of allowing his passion to govern him. She told him that she had been much grieved at his conduct that evening, and that no doubt his Heavenly Father was displeased.

"Well, but mamma," interposed the boy, "my earthly father—the one down stairs in the parlor, I mean—was not grieved or displeased, for he laughed and patted my head."
"The tears rushed to the eyes of the young mother. 'I have a hard task before me,' murmured she, 'for he who should help me only irritates me.'"
"Why do you cry, dear mamma?" inquired the sensitive and affectionate child. "Is it because I was naughty? I will not do it any more, mamma, I certainly will not—only do not cry, for it makes me want to cry too."
Ellen kissed her child and bidding him good night, hastily entered her own room, and throwing herself upon her knees, prayed long and fervently to him who knoweth and comprehendeth all our troubles.

"Time passed on, and little Frank had become a great boy of ten years old. His temper still flashed forth at times, but his mother labored diligently to restrain it. But, as he grew older, he was, of course, less and less under her gentle guidance, and not infrequently he would come home with marks of boyish conflict upon his face. On one of these occasions, Mr. Davis happened to look at his son, and exclaimed—
"Why, Frank, how in the world did you get such a black eye?"
"Tom Elliot gave me a hit, sir, because I took away a bird he was tormenting."
"Well, what did you do when he gave you the hit?"

"The boy looked from one to the other of his parents, and hesitated to reply. But catching his father's good natured expression, he answered boldly: "Why, father, I pounded him till he was black in the face."
"I warrant you did." I should think the boys would find out that it was very wise to meddle with Tom's bird, and the father's approvingly; while Mrs. Davis looked at her son with a reproachful and scornful expression. The boy saw it, and rising, threw his arms about her neck, whispering—
"Dear mother, pray forgive me. I was wrong, but how could I stand tamely and allow myself to be beaten for doing what was right?"
"Yes, my son," answered Mrs. Davis aloud, "I acknowledge that it was right for you to defend the poor bird, but I think the good act was over-balanced by the wrong one."
"Nonsense, Ellen," interposed her husband, as Frank left the room, "How is Frank overgoing to get along in the world, if he allows every body who chooses to take the trouble, to beat him and trample upon him?"

"He will have the satisfaction of knowing that he does his duty, and is obeying the precepts of his Divine Master," answered the mother.
"Oh, that is all very good; but then this sentimental religion won't help a man to get his living in this world. If Frank was to be a missionary, or a Methodist minister, it would be very well to give him these ideas, but as I hope to make him a shrewd, clever man of the world, they are quite misplaced. And besides that, it is useless to try to alter him. You might as well try to teach a fish to walk, as to give that boy your own sweet, enduring temper!"
Ellen smiled faintly at the compliment, but the smile was drowned by the fast gathering tears.
Time swiftly and silently sped on, and the boy had become almost a man. Twenty summers had rolled over his head, and each one had added new force to the strength and quickness of his passionate temper. He was very handsome, but there was something too indicative of the fierce temper within—in the bright and flashing eyes, in the large veins upon the forehead, and in the curling nostrils. So thought his mother, but his father said—
"Frank is a fine dashing fellow, and if there is the spirit of the devil in him, I like him all the better for it. It shows that his spirit was never broken by tyranny, as that of many another high strung boy has been."

Ellen did not agree with this, but she did not choose to dispute with her husband, and so she contented herself with praying and hoping for the best. Frank was a highly intellectual and talented young man, and was already in his senior year at college.
With his open, pleasing manners, Frank made many acquaintances among his fellow students. One of these was Fredrick Ainslie, a young Southerner, to whom Frank soon became very much attached. They had been intimate more than a year, and had never had the slightest coldness, or misunderstanding, when all at once young Ainslie became reserved and distant to his friend, and when Frank implored him to explain the cause of this, he replied in polite astonishment, that he "was not aware that he had treated Mr. Davis in any ungenerally manner—that nothing was farther from his intention."

After so chilling an answer as this, Frank's pride forbade him to renew his entreaties, and for some time they remained estranged; but finally affection conquered pride in Frank's heart, and he took an opportunity to renew his earnest inquiries of his friend, as to the cause of his change. For some time young Ainslie refused to answer; but at last he said—
"When I tell you that Mr. Burford has told me the opinion you expressed of me, and the reason you gave for associating with me, perhaps you will cease to wonder."
"The opinion I expressed to Mr. Burford? I never expressed any."
"Do you hope to brave down my accusation with this pretended ignorance? Did you not tell Burford that I was a regular blockhead and simpleton, and that the only reason you associated with me was for your own amusement, and that you might always have a ready butt for your jokes?"
"Fredrick Ainslie, I swear by the Lord who made me, that such words never passed my lips, and I would not have believed that you could for one moment listen to them."

"Have I really been deceived—but what reason should Burford have for inventing such a falsehood?"
"He has me, because I have refused to associate with him; but as you do not seem to be convinced, I shall say no more. I should have thought it would not take so much to convince an old friend that he had been too credulous."
"Say, stop! stop and forgive me. I do not credit the story, I see that it is false. Give me your hand, and forgive and forget."
The hand was given and the old friendship renewed; the young man then went in search of Burford. He was at last found, walking alone in the college grounds. Frank immediately accosted him in a stern voice, and said—
"Mr. Burford, what apology have you to make for your ungenerally conduct towards me?"
"I have been guilty of none."
"You have slandered and maligned me to Mr. Ainslie."
"You have done no such thing."
"You have not."
"I have not."
"You are a liar and a blackguard!"
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rest and trial, was spent by the father, in gloomy and bitter reflection. "Could he quite acquit himself of blame? Had he not encouraged and applauded the very passions which had led to this? But, reasoned he, "I am not answerable for the perversion of the good and useful spirit, which was what I aimed at in him. God gave him hands, but because he misused them is God to blame?"
Thus reasoned the man of the world, willing to adopt the hypothesis that the man takes the blame on his own shoulders. Mr. Davis regarded the guilt of the matter little—it was the disgrace of being blown about by the bat, as a common proverb is tried for his life—it was the ignominy of having a convict for a son; that affected him; and he sternly resolved that were he proved guilty, he would at once die.

The day of trial came at length, and the court was crowded with spectators. The witnesses were few, but there was no need of more, for the prisoner unhesitatingly declared himself guilty.
The jury, accordingly, without leaving their box, brought in the prisoner at the bar guilty of manslaughter, or murder in the second degree; "as on account of the circumstances and the youth of the prisoner, he was recommended to a year." There was a short pause, and then Frank Davis was sentenced to the State prison for five years, unless pardoned by the Governor. This, then, became the last hope, and an application, signed by many influential persons, was presented to the humane Governor, and was by him almost immediately granted.

The father and mother had just heard the joyful news, and Ellen, for a long time had wept silently in her husband's arms. At last, looking in his face, she said—
"James, it would be desirable that all at once live here after this, and perhaps Frank might not do as well in business here as where he is not known. Let us make our home in the far West. What say you?"
"I have no objection, Ellen, of allowing Frank or his fortune to interfere with any arrangements, he will never, with your consent, come again under the roof which he has disgraced. He must go on his way and shape his own fortunes."
"Good heavens, James! Your own son, your only child!"
"The man who has only escaped the State Prison is no longer my son of mine."
"He should be the more tenderly cherished and cared for on that account. He has been guilty; but James, was not that guilt the natural result of the manly spirit?" which you tried to implant in him?"
"No, Ellen, certainly not, and a good wife would hardly have asked the question. I repeat to you that I struggle for Frank Davis is an alien and a stranger to our roof, and I desire that his name may be mentioned here no more."

So saying, the husband and father left the room, Ellen for a long time wept bitterly on her husband's conduct and her subsequent duty. Her husband had demanded that their son should not enter the home of his parents—she would not desert him, but neither would she give up her child. She sat down and wrote to a cousin, a wholesale merchant, residing in a neighboring city, and begged him all, and besought him to receive the lad in his own store and family; for his pursuing a profession could no longer be thought of. A kind answer in the affirmative was soon returned, and Frank, who in the meantime had paid for a refuge in a boarding-house with money furnished by his mother, with a heavy heart left his native city behind him. All his hopes in life were disappointed. 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