

The Soldiers' Friend.

In the United States Sanitary Commission, our soldiers have a friend for whom our Anglo-Saxon can find no word of description sufficiently strong, wise, tender, and far-reaching; but perhaps a simple story, taken from the Sanitary Commission Bulletin, will speak more clearly and better to the heart than pages of dry records:

Away up in the fourth story of Hospital No. 3, at Washington, and in a far corner of the ward, was seen, one day, an old lady sitting by the side of a more lad, who was reduced to the verge of death by chronic diarrhoea. She was a plain, honest-hearted farm wife, her face all aglow with maternal love, and who, to judge from appearance, had likely never before traveled beyond the limits of her neighborhood, but now had come many a long mile to do what might be done for her boy. In the course of a conversation she informed her questioner that "if she could only get something that tasted like home—some good tea, for instance, which she could make herself, and which would be better than that of the hospital—she thought it might save her son's life."

Of course it was sent to her, and on a subsequent visit she expressed her thanks in a simple, hearty way, quite in keeping with her appearance. Still she seemed sad; something was on her mind that evidently troubled her, and like Gannop's ghost, "would not down." At length it came out, in a confidential, innocent sort of a way—more evidently because it was uppermost in her thoughts than for the purpose of receiving sympathy—that her means were about exhausted. "I didn't think it would take so much money; it is so much farther away from home than I thought, and board is so very high, that I have hardly enough left to take me back; and by another week I will have to leave him. I have been around to the stores to buy some little things that he could eat—for he can't eat this strong food—the prices are so high that I am afraid that I go away and he doesn't get anything better than that, that may be," and the tears trickled down her cheeks, "he won't—no so well."

Her listener thought that difficulty might be overcome, and if she would put on her bonnet they would go to a store where articles were cheap. Accordingly they arrived in front of a large three-story building which government has assigned to the Commission, and the old lady was soon running her eyes over the long rows of boxes, tables, and barrels that stretched for a hundred feet down the room, but was most fascinated by the boxes and cases on the shelves. He ordered a supply of sugar, tea, soft crackers, and canned fruit, then jelly and wine, bread, milk, and under clothing, till the basket was full. As the earlier articles nestled under its lid, her face was glowing with satisfaction; but as the latter lay untried, she would draw him aside to whisper it was too much—"really she had no money!"—and when the more expensive items came from the shelves, the shadow of earnestness which glomed her countenance grew into one of perplexity, her soul wandered between motherly yearning for the lad on his bed and the agent purse in her pocket, till, slowly and with great reluctance, she began to return the cashier.

"Hain't you better ad the price?" said her guide. "If so much is it?" "Nathing," replied the storekeeper. "Sir," queried she, in the utmost amazement, "nothing for all this?" "My good woman," asked the guide, "have you a Soldiers' Aid Society in your neighborhood?" "Yes—she belonged to it herself."

"Well, what do you suppose becomes of the garments you make and the fruit you put up?" "She hadn't thought—she supposed they went to the army"—but was evidently bothered to know what connection there could be between their Aid Society and that basket.

"These garments that you see come from your society, or other societies just like yours; so did these boxes and barrels; that milk came from New York; those fruits from Boston; that wine was likely purchased with gold from California; and it is all for sick soldiers, your son as much as any one else. This is the United States Sanitary Commission Storehouse; you must come here whenever you wish, and call for anything you want; and you must stay with your son until he is able to go home; never mind the money's giving out; you shall have more, which, when you get back, you can refund for the use of other mothers and sons; when you are ready to go I will put him in a berth where he can lie down, and you shall save his life!"

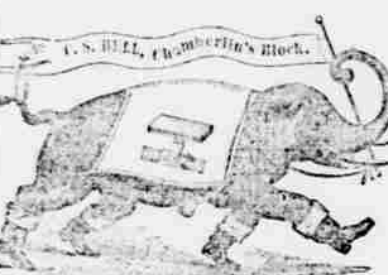
She did—God bless her innocent, motherly heart!—when nothing but motherly care could have achieved it; and when last seen, on a dismal, drizzly morning, with her face beaming out the radiance of hope, making a cup of tea on the stove of a cabbage cur for the convalescent who was snugly tucked away in the cozy berth, awaiting the final whistle of the locomotive that would speed them both homeward.

The President spoke at the Sanitary Fair in Washington, on Friday last, and among other things uttered the following: "This war falls heavily upon all classes of the people, but the most so upon the soldiers. All that a man hath will be given for his life, and though all have contributed of their substance, yet the soldier perils and often yields up his life for his country's cause."

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His Stock is complete, consisting in part of Sugars, Coffees, Teas, Spices, Coal Oil, Tobacco, Cigars, Flour, Feed, Fish, Salt, Hams, Shoulders, Cheese, Fruit, Glass and Queensware, Hardware, Lamps, &c. &c.

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BEST AND LAST NEWS! WE have just received from Philadelphia and New York, a very large and well selected stock of WINTER GOODS,

which we offer at very reduced prices. We have paid particular attention to the selection of this stock of Goods—a very large assortment of DRY GOODS of every description.

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We would inform the public that we have for sale, in our newly established Nurseries, near the Lewisburg Station, a larger assortment than last year of Fruit and Ornamental Trees, Shrubs, &c.

GREAT FIRE AND SMOKE! At Hamman's Tobacco Shop. THE undersigned has opened a Tobacco and Cigar shop in the rooms recently occupied by N. K. Zimmerman, in Beaver's building Market St. (adj. to the Telegraph and Chronicle offices) where he is ready to wait on all who may wish to smoke or chew.

DR. WISHART'S PINE TREE TAR CORDIAL. IS the vital principle of the Pine Tree—obtained by a peculiar process in the distillation of the Tar by which its highest medicinal properties are retained.

THE undersigned, having leased his furniture, fixtures, and tools to Mr. H. L. MAMMON for the period of one year, and is about to remove temporarily from Lewisburg, takes this method of returning his thanks to the people of Lewisburg and vicinity for their uniform kindness and the liberal support they have given him during his residence among them.

THE undersigned, having obtained the use of the furniture, fixtures, and tools of Mr. RICHARD M. COOPER, Baker, Confectionery and Nut business, at the old stand, on Market street, for the period of one year, he hopes by strict attention to business to merit the patronage heretofore extended to this establishment.

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