

## Historical Sketch.

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## EXECUTION OF ANDRE.

On Independence Day we took a steamer for the county of Rockland, determined to pass the Fourth in peace and quietness, and destined of refreshing our patriotism amidst scenes hallowed by the sacred memories of the Revolution. We visited Washington's head-quarters at the little village of Tappan, the Seventy-six House, where Andre was confined, the place where he was executed, the grave where he was buried, and whence he was exhumed. We conversed with a venerable lady who gave him four beautiful peaches on the morning he went forth to die. "He thanked me with a sweet smile," she said: "But, somehow or 'other, he didn't seem to have no appetite. He only bit into one of 'em."

Standing by his grave, we could see across the broad Hudson, the very place where he was arrested by Van Wert, Williams and Paulding, and the gleaming of the white monument erected to their memory; the place where Washington stood when Andre went forth to die, and the stone house from whence he was taken to die upon a gallows.

The following account of Andre's execution is one of the most minute and interesting that we have ever read. It was furnished by Mr. William G. Haselbarth, of Rockland county, the history of which he is engaged in writing. It was taken down from the lips of a soldier in Colonel Jethliah Baldwin's regiment, a part of which was stationed a short distance from where poor Andre suffered:

One of our men, whose name was Armstrong, being one of the oldest and best workmen of his trade in the regiment, was selected to make his coffin, which he did and painted it black, as was the custom at that period. At this time Andre was confined in what was called the Old Dutch Church—a small stone building with only one door, and closely guarded by six sentinels. When the hour appointed for his execution arrived, which was two o'clock in the afternoon, a guard of three hundred men were paraded at the place of his confinement. A kind of procession was formed by placing the guard in single file on each side of the road. In front were a large number of American officers of high rank on horseback. These were followed by the wagon containing Andre's coffin, then a large number of officers on foot with Andre in their midst.

The procession wound slowly up a moderately rising ground, about a quarter of a mile to the west. On the top, was a field without any enclosure, and on this was a very high gallows, made by setting up two poles or crutches, and laying a pole on the top. The wagon that contained the coffin was drawn directly under the gallows. In a short time Andre stepped into the hind end of the wagon, then on his coffin, took off his hat, and laid it down, then placed his hands upon his hips, and walked very upright back and forth as far as the length of the wagon would permit, at the same time casting his eyes up to the pole over his head, and the whole scene by which he was surrounded. He was dressed in a complete British uniform. His coat was of the brightest scarlet, laced and trimmed with the most beautiful green. His under clothes, vest and breeches were bright buff; he had a long and beautiful head of hair, which, agreeably to the fashion, was wound with a black ribbon, and hung down his back. Not many minutes after he took his stand upon the coffin, the executioner stepped into the wagon with a halter in his hand, on one end of which was what the soldiers in those days called a "hangman's knot," which he attempted to put over the head and around the neck of Andre; but by a sudden movement of his hand, this was prevented.

Andre now took off the handkerchief from his neck, unpinched his shirt collar, and deliberately took the cord of the halter, over his head, placed the knot directly under his right ear, and drew it very snugly to his neck. He then took from his coat pocket a handkerchief, and tied it before his eyes. This done, the officer who commanded spoke in a rather loud voice, and said:

"His arms must be tied."

Autor of once pulled down the handkerchief which he had just tied over his eyes, and drew from his pocket a second one, which he gave to the executioner, and then replaced his handkerchief. His arms, at this time, were tied just above the elbows, and behind the neck. The rope was then made fast to the pole overhead. The wagon was very suddenly drawn from under the gallows; which, together with the length of the rope, gave him a most tremendous swing back and forth; but in a few moments he hung entirely still. During the whole transaction he seemed as little daunted as John Rogers when he was about to be burnt at the stake, although his countenance was rather pale.

He remained hanging from twenty to thirty minutes, and during that time the chambers of death were never stiller than the multitude by whom he was surrounded. Orders were given to cut the rope, and take him

down without letting him fall. This was done, and the body carefully laid on the ground.

Shortly after the guard was withdrawn, and spectators were permitted to come forward to view the corpse, but the crowd was so great that it was sometime before I could get an opportunity. When I was able to do this, his coat, vest and breeches had been taken off, and his body laid in the coffin, covered by some under clothes. The top of the coffin was not put on.

I viewed the corpse more carefully than I had ever done that of any human being before. His head was very much on one side, in consequence of the manner in which the halter had drawn upon his neck. His face appeared to be greatly swollen and very black, resembling a high degree of mortification. It was indeed a most shocking sight to behold.

There were, at this time, standing at the foot of the coffin, two young men of uncommon short stature. They were not more than four feet high. Their dress was extremely gaudy. One of them had the clothes just taken from Andre hanging on his arm. I took particular pains to learn who they were, and was informed that they were his servants, sent up from New York to take care of his clothes—but what other business I did not learn.

I now turned to take a view of the executioner, who was still standing by one of the posts of the gallows. I walked near enough to lay my hand upon his shoulder, and looked him directly in the face. He appeared to be about twenty five years of age, and his whole face was covered with what appeared to me to have been taken from the outside of a greasy pot. A more frightful looking creature I never beheld. His whole countenance bespoke him a fit instrument for the business he had been doing.

I remained upon the spot until scarcely twenty persons were left; but the coffin was still beside the grave, which had previously been dug.

PUNCTUAL PAYING.—We commend the following thoughts to the attention of those—and their name is legion—who are not punctual in the payment of their debts. We find the extract in Blackwood's Magazine: "Those who give employment are utterly unconscious of a tenth part of the pain a master tradesman feels when Saturday arrives; his men anxious for their earnings—she not having one pound in his possession—his boys are out in all directions with unpaid accounts to three times the amount of what would set his mind at ease, by relieving all his wants. The messengers go out; his hopes are high. Alas! they return one by one. Mr. A. will call in a few days," says one. "Mr. B. pays all his accounts at the end of the year, you need not wait until then," says another. "Thus his spirits sink. At last the hour of payment advances—his men stand looking at him—he scarce knowing where to look. All other endeavors having failed, he goes humbly up to the pole over his head, and the whole scene by which he was surrounded. He was dressed in a complete British uniform. His coat was of the brightest scarlet, laced and trimmed with the most beautiful green. His under clothes, vest and breeches were bright buff; he had a long and beautiful head of hair, which, agreeably to the fashion, was wound with a black ribbon, and hung down his back.

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## Drug Stores.

B. KIEFFER, DRUGGIST,

has moved his store from the former stand to his new building immediately opposite, and adjoining Mr. T. Hobbs' Store. Having made every arrangement to preserve his Medicines, fresh and pure, and having replenished his assortment of carefully selected drugs, he is now again prepared to attend to business with care and prudence. He has a large and valuable assortment of prescriptions and dispensing of medicines. His assortment of Confectionary and Fancy Goods is very large, and will enable purchasers to suit themselves.

May 23, 1856.

## DRUGS AND CHEMICALS,

With a splendid variety of

## CONFECTIONARY AND FANCY GOODS;

The undersigned has just replenished his stock of

goods, and his friends may rely upon the genuineness

and purity of his articles.

His stock of CONFECTIONARY is large and selected

with special reference to the Holiday's. It will afford

every person may desire in that line. He has a

large assortment of French, German and domestic Fancy

Candies, all fresh and of the very best quality. His as

sortment of FANCY GOODS is large and embraces al-

most every thing necessary for the Toilet and Family.

He invites special attention to his Fancy Work Boxes,

Ladies' Bags, Cologne Bottles, Watch and Card Trays,

Port Folios, Portmanteaus, etc., etc.

Quick sales, small profits and strict consistency in

trade shall characterize our business.

S. ELLIOTT,

Main street, Carlisle.

## FRESH DRUGS, MEDICINES, &amp;c.

I have just received from Philadelphia and

New York very extensive additions to my

former stock, embracing nearly every article

of Medicine now in use, together with

Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Turpentine, Perfumery,

Medicinal Waters, etc., etc.

All Physicians, Country Merchants, Peddlars and others

are respectfully requested not to pass the OLD

STAND, as they may rest assured that every article will

be sold of a good quality, and upon reasonable terms.

S. ELLIOTT,

Main street, Carlisle.

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SUPPLY! I have just made up a fresh stock of

Medicines, Paints, Oils, Oil, &amp;c., which, having

been purchased with great care at the best city

houses, I confidently recommend to Families,

Physicians, Country Merchants and Dealers, as being

fresh and pure.

DRUGS—Patent Medicines, Fine Chemicals, Instruments,

group and whole, Essential Oils, Herbs and Extracts, Spices,

Cod Liver Oil—Warmed genuine.

DRUG-STUFFS—Indigos, Saffron, Camomile, Alum, Log

and Can Wood, etc., etc., etc., Lat. Lyc.

PAINT—Witham &amp; Brother's Pure Lead, Chalk,

Jewell and Yellow, Paint and Varnish Brushes, Jersey

Glass and Yellow, Linseed Oil, Turpentine, Copal and Coach

Varnish and Red Lead, All of which will be sold at the

very lowest market price.

Also a fresh and splendid assortment of FANCY

GOODS. Fruits, Confectionary, and innumerable

articles calculated for use, and ornament, all of which are

offered at the lowest cash prices at the drug store.

S. H. HAVERSTOCK,

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CARPENTER'S WOODWORKING CORNER OF HAN-

CUPBOARD AND CABINET.

The undersigned has always had a large stock of

articles, and those in great variety, of

those who are expert in their business.

He invites attention particularly to his

CABINET, which entirely obviates all objections.

The bottom can be attached to old bedsteads. They have

given entire satisfaction to all who have them in use.

S. COFFIN,

made to order at the shortest notice.

CHARLES OGILBY,

North Hanover street, next door to H. Glass's Hotel.

## EXTENSIVE FURNITURE ROOM.

JAMES R. WEAVER would respectfully call

the attention of Housekeepers and those in

the trade to his extensive assortment of FURNI-

TURE, consisting in part of Wardrobes, Card and oth-

er Tables, Sofas, Bureau, Bedsteads, plain and fancy

Seating, Stands, &amp;c., manufactured of the best material

and quality.

Also a general assortment of CHAIRS at the lowest

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