

# THE CARLETTA.

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## UNCLE SAM'S TREATMENT OF HIS SERVAANTS.

[Continued.]

"What is it to be President?" I once asked of a gentleman who had filled the office; "what is the principle thing that a President does?" The reply was, "To make appointments." A more laconic answer could not be given. It is true, and it is manifest to all who look over such documents as the Corvick Committee in 1890. The reader of that choice volume perceives that Mr. Buchanan wrote long letters, and spent laborious hours in forcing upon the Philadelphia Navy Yard, an incompetent head carpenter. The authorities of the yard sent back word that the man could not pass his examination. No matter; the President of the United States would have him appointed, and he was appointed; for he had rendered his services to the President in a election which a Buchanan could not overlook. The following is a portion of the man's sworn testimony:

Question. "Do you mean to say that you gave (naturalization) papers to those who subsequently were before a court, without any examination before a court, make the necessary proof (five years residence)?"

Answer. "I have given a few."

Question. "Well, how many did you distribute yourself?"

Answer. "Two or three thousand."

This was the case with Patrick Laflerty and a large number of the President of the United States put over the heads of American mechanics. I do not adduce the fact to illustrate the corrupting tendency of rotation, but to show the nature of the employment of the government. I am not sure that Mr. Buchanan was aware of the kind of service which his Irish friend had rendered him; but the astounded Laflerty swore that when he failed to pass his examination he went to Washington and conversed with the President upon the subject for an hour and a half. We also find the President, upon the pages of this huge volume, meddling in the petty details of the petty ward elections, and superintending the division of the vulgarst of the spoils. He arranged the division of the spoils, and he parceled out among three of his Pennsylvania neighbors the percentage allowed on the price of the coal purchased for the government. Do we elect a President for such work as this? Mr. Lincoln, too, was not a man to neglect the duties of administration. I think he must have spent more than half his time, and a full third of his strength, in arranging affairs of which, in a properly constituted public service, he would never have heard, and the existence of the nation at stake.

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## SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF MR. RICHARDSON.

Albert D. Richardson was born in Franklin, Mass., in the year 1831. He was the son of a farmer of that vicinity, and received his early education at the village school. After having like many New England boys, followed the avocation of teacher for awhile, he went to Boston to improve his fortunes. He had formed a taste for journalism some years before, and sought in that city an engagement upon one of the daily papers.

He was never collected until "the combined and active hostility of all those against whom the law is enforced shall be insignificant for the removal of any officer appointed to their plundering." He says further: "The evil is inherent in the nature of the office, and it is better that it should be abolished than that it should be retained by a man who is not a member of the party."

When the war was fully under way, Mr. Richardson went to the Southwest as a Tribune special correspondent. He was captured with two other journalists at Vicksburg, and sent by the Confederates to Libby's prison, where he remained for a period of six months.

He was removed to Salisbury Prison, North Carolina. From that institution he succeeded in making his escape in December, 1864, and with one of his companions, travelled four hundred miles on foot, until he reached the Union lines.

Upon his return to New York, Mr. Richardson wrote an account of his adventures for a book which was published in New York, and which was a considerable success. Another literary venture, "Beyond the Mississippi," which gave a revealing of his observations while traveling over the Plains, was almost equally successful.

When he resided in Cincinnati, Mr. Richardson married a young lady of that city. She died in Boston, during his incarceration in Salisbury Prison. By her he had three children: Lawrence, aged 18; Maud, aged 10; and Albert, aged 5.

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## A MISERABLE REBEL USE.

The following particulars of the death of the singular Jersey City miser, the fact of which has been already announced, will be read with interest. We find the account in the New York Times of a late date:

On Wednesday evening last, Lyman Allen, an aged boarder at Taylor's Hotel, in Jersey City, was found dead, sitting in his chair in his room. His death was only reported on the following morning, but there were circumstances developed yesterday which surround his life and death with peculiar interest.

His brother, Thomas Allen, of Groton, Conn., in company with a sister, the only relative of the deceased, arrived yesterday, and, with the permission of Coroner Burns, who is to hold an inquest, took charge of the corpse. They examined, also, the two dilapidated trunks that stood in the corner of their brother's bed room, and in one of them were found various articles of clothing and securities of various descriptions, representing a fortune of \$600,000.

His life, during the last five years, had been most remarkable. He was a man of over 70, and so infirm that he could scarcely walk. He was pursuing the study of the Bible and a medical volume, and was never known when upon the streets to use a horse cart, saying that they had the effect to make people lazy, and he would not patronize them. He came from his room, to the street, to get his mail, and to purchase the smallest quantity of the cheapest food. He sought no society, and would permit no person to enter his room but the chambermaid, and she but once a week.

While she arranged his room, he invariably watched her. "Why," he would say, "you are not doing your duty." He was worth nothing, and he was not worth anything. He was not worth anything, and he was not worth anything.

His brother and sister, who took charge of his effects, yesterday gave our reporter a brief sketch of his life. He was born in Groton, Conn., in 1827, and was sent at an early age by his father to work in a grocery store in New London. Finding that his employer was dishonest, and that he used false weights and measures, Allen ran away and returned to his home. He soon procured a situation in another store, and in 1850, he came to Jersey City, and engaged in business as a commission merchant. He became interested in stock speculation, and in partnership with Mr. Jacob Little, Mr. Allen amassed a large fortune.

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## THE OROIDE WAZOIRS.

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## THE OROIDE WAZOIRS.

A New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Telegraph says: "If I were an oroid watch seller, I might wear diamonds in my shirt, drive horses as large as Lima beans, and broom horses that Mr. Bonner would not disdain to sit behind; for the oroid watch business in this city is an immense swindle, and brings in enormous returns to those who have sufficient genius to engage in it. These returns are so great as to entirely overshadow the incomes derived from the legitimate pursuits of the genuine impostors. About one hundred thousand oroid watches are annually sold in this country, amounting to the trunk of the proverb that one fool makes many. The demand, so far from dying out, is on the increase, and the nasty, little smelling, out-of-the-way shops of those chronological swindlers, situated generally at the tops of large buildings, where various kinds of oroid watches are sold, are more sought after than ever. A number of them are found upon Broadway, which is spotted more or less with swindling inquiries of all kinds, but their favorite haunts are in Fulton and in Nassau streets. There the bogus dealers, who are not to be trusted, all-day, a cross between the gambler and the ruffian, invested with the diamonds and the dissoluteness of the one, and the surface plugginess and lurking poison of the other. It is this kind of person who makes fortunes out of the eyes of honest men, and who, by his loves against reason, that a watch worth hundreds of dollars can be obtained for two or four dollars. Such gaudy confidence is always discoverable, ready waiting to be duped. Like those figurative pipes which run about rostrally, with their elaborate and intricate machinery to be seen, the simple countryman invites the swindler and assists his own seduction by his very gullibility. It is thus that the most successful of these swindlers manages to make, occasionally, between thirty and forty thousand dollars per month, and to be connected with 'store' which the oroid watch disposed of, is usually a little lottery office, where the fool who has been gullied into committing one 'indiscretion' is speedily helped to another. Many of the 'full-jeweled' oroids, which are sold at an equally regular rate in the extreme of heat and cold, sell for \$25 apiece, when their real value is not more than \$55 per dozen. The pieces which constitute the movement of the watch are enclosed in brass cases, which cost scarcely 75 cents each; and the Waltham watches, which are made by the credit of the inventor, are limited to perfection by the adoption of the genuine trade marks, substituting merely a 'd' for a 'c', and changing Waltham into Waltham."

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