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The Death of the Flowers.

melancholy days have come, the saddest of wailing winds and naked woods, and meadows brown and sere, 'd in the hollows of the grove, the wither'd

her rustle in the eddying gust, and to the rabis robin and the wren are flown, and from the

and from the tree-top call the crow, through all

here are the flowers, the fair young flowers, that lately sprang and stood

las! they all are in their graves, the gentle race

alls not from out the gloomy earth, the lovely

and the wild rise and the orchis died amid the But on the hill the golden rod, and the aster in the wood. And the vellow sun flower by the brook in autumn beauty stood :

falls the plague on men. al the hightness of their smile was gone from upland, glade and glen.

nd now, when comes the calm, mild day, as still

such days will come. all the squirrel and the bee frem out their hen the sound of dropping nuts is heard,

I twinkle in the smoky light the waters of south wind searches for the flowers whose fragrance late be bore,

sighs to find them in the wood and by the Stream no more. then I think of one who in her youthful

beauty died, by my side : he cold moist earth we laid her when the forest cast the leaf.

we wept that one so lovely should have a doot unmeet it was, that one, like that young

entle and so beautiful, should perish with

THE SURPRISE.

A TALE OF THE REVOLUTION.

DY WALTER CLARENCE.

One morning, at the beginning of summer a eship named the Lidian Chief, from the Meanean, bound to New York, was drawing the American coast. It was shortly after period when the oppressions of the mother dry, long patiently endured. had driven the nists into open rebellion, and though the war commenced since the Indian Chief had sailed home, her captain, whose name was Amos man, had heard sufficient, before he left Maris, to put him on his guard lest his vessel deck. d be captured by the British cruisers.

the chief mate and a passenger, a man named you make of her?" flett, from South Carolina, who had been ing in Europe-were pacing the quarter together, when the cry of "land ho!" was from the mast head. The shout speedily well over the stern." nght Captain Lyman on deck.

Where away? Where do you make the ad?" he asked of the mate.

About two points on the weather bow, sir," fied the mate, at the same time pointing out hat would; to an unaccustomed eye, have apared more like a bank of low, dark cloud resapon the horizon than anything else.

heep her a point off, Mr. Grant, We're the nor'ard. I'll go down and take a did all be true that we heard at Marseills, the war ships are blockading all our ports, I mean to give 'em the slip, and I'll do it, my name isn't Amos Lyman."

mate obeyed the orders of his superior, ed as we shouldn't get into port without coming guns at the captain's beck.

and, after having trimmed the sails to suit the across some on 'em. Well, if so be, he don't slight change made in the vessel's course, contin- mean to harm us. I'm willin' to be friends; but addressing the crew, had been pacing the quarter away from the swivel gun. The match was ap-DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS per annum, ued the conversation with the youthful passenger | he don't play none of his pranks with me for | deck in a state of great perturbation, now de- plied, and before the horrified officers and crew which had been interrupted by the cry from the naught. I ain't brought the old bark safe to

masthead. he, and 'tis only nat'ral how I should know more for King George himself. Clear away the tarod than six months, and no subscriber will be about things as belong to a sea-faring life nor to paulins from that ere long barker amidships, Mr. shore-going matters, more 'specially matters as Grant; if he stops us he shan't play his tricks relates to government; but if I understands right it seems to me how if a people be taxed it mighter be with their own consent-leastways they aught

to hev a vice in the matter. Now, as I takes it" "Mr. Grant," interrupted the young man, somewhat warmly, " what would become of the dis ipline on board the Indian Chief if the seamen insisted upon knowing the why and wherefore before they obeyed the officer's orders?"

"That, sir, I take it, is quite another affair. The men sign articles to obey orders, and know beforehand it is their duty to do so."

"Well, my brother Tom is a lieutenant on b ard a British cruiser. The colonies are in rebellion, and he is a colonist. Is it not his duty to take up arms for the British government, to which he has sworn allegiance, even though the rebels be his own countremen ?"

"Why, sir, I can't exactly answer that question; but seems to me I'd resign my commission sooner than fight agin my own kith and kin, and my own native land "

" Are you not, are not all of us lawful subjects of Great Britain?"

"Why, Mr. Bartlett, in a sense I s'pose we be or at least we were; but this here country of ours is a broad and fair land. Many of our forefathers quitted it for conscience sake, or through persecution. Now wer'e willin' to be friends suppose we're treated with justice; but it don't appear to be just the thing for the people or the government of a little island, away across the sea. nilly, without asking whether we're agreeable or for King George himself, and I ain't a going to see as there is any call to heave to. Can't ye were atl that remained of the twelve men, beno. We helped ourselves-most on us-to the be took for nothin', if I swing for it."

that ain't no reason why we should be slaves." said the young man, half in jest, half in earnest. king," he rin is falling where they lie; but the cold "For my part," he continued, "I'm what is "You can protest as much as you have a mind that? What do ye want with us?" ly, " of being connected by the ties of blood with | the advice of a passenger Pll ax it." some of the oldest and proudest families in Eng- It was very evident that it was the purpose to which portions of the colonies my ancestors uncertain. Captain Lyman made no further atfell the frost from the clear, cold heaven, as Dominion, who have become tainted with the Chief were all loaded, and a slow match lighted generally speaking, to have taken; but, mark or engaged in the usual occupations of a sailor's my words, you'll live to repent it."

The young man turned away as he spoke, and playing cards and checquers in the forecastle. walking to the weather bulwark, stood gazing The cruiser was still nearly a mile distant when listlessly towards the distant land, his face flush- the captain of the ship stepped forward to the ed, and his haughty upper lip curling with a con forecastle, and thus addressed the idlers. temptuous sneer. The honest but plain spoken mate glanced towards him for a moment, and v'yge, and I dessay most of ye's glad to get near

old Virginy. Guess there's as good as any on 'em to be found in old Massachusetts, any bow! southerners if they weren't so almighty proud." "Sail ho!" shouted the man from aloft.

" Where away ?"

"Close under the land, sir." " What does she look like?"

"She's a brig, sir. I can make out her two masts. She's under the shadow of the land, and seems to be standing this way."

the direction pointed out by the man aloft. At serve aboard their own men-o'-war. Now, lads, this moment a tright gleam of sunshine burst there's a vessel in sight, bearing down upon us. right over the spot, and showed the vessel to be She'll be within hail in half an hour at most, much nearer than the lookout man had thought, and I suspeck she's a king's cruiser, bound to the shadow of the land causing her to appear | warn us off-p'haps to seize us as a prize, and to

the mate. "She's a long, low craft; looks sum'at | if we take 'em by surprise, and the question is,

The mate waved his hand in reply, signifying that he could discern the vessel from the deck, the colonies of North America, or will ye go and then stepped to the companion way and cown on your knees afore the sarvants of King called to the captain, who presently appeared on George, give up the ship and cargo, and your I tell ye fur sartain I'm bound teu see Martha

" A sail, Mr. Grant ?" said he. " What do

"I can't well say as yet, sir; but she looks like a revenue cruiser. She's too long and low

the land, and the stranger coming down right your wages doubled, and a jolly good spree on before it, soon became more distinctly visible, especially as the ship was close hauled and hedg- ceive ye. If the luck goes agin us we shall swing ing in towards the land.

"She's heading right for us," said the skipper as he lowered the telescope. Keep her off a Chief, the colonies, and independence." couple of points more, Mr. Grant. We shall soon know his intentions. If he be an outward voice. "We'll stand by ye, Captain Lyman, and boat. as for the space of a minute, and then lower- bound coaster he'll keep on his course, if not, why, if he don't meddle with us, we'll let him

The character of the stranger was quickly asthe chart. Let me know if you see any certained, and his intention to overhal the ship I do not want to get too near the land apparent, inasmuch as he hauled up a point as de dust, or we may, perhaps, get trapped; the latter changed her course, and, as he drew nearer, the pennant flying from his main royal mast head proclaimed him to be a king's cruiser.

hum, after a two year's cruise, to be stopped "I am but a plain seaman, Mr. Bartlett, said from going into port to see the old woman, not for naught."

The ship carried two short six-pound cannonades on each side, and Captain Lyman, anticipating difficulties, as he neared the land, had provided him with a long nine, swivel gun at Marseilles, so that the Indian Chief carried no trifling ornament; and although ill adapted to contend with a regular armed vessel, she was likely to prove an ugly customer, especially as any defensive action on her part would probably be unsuspected, and consequently unprepared for.

The young South Carolinian had been examining the strange vessel through his own spyglass; but he lowered the telescope as he saw the mate and crew apparently preparing for a hostile meeting; and when the long gun amidships was cleared from the tarpaulin and loaded, and pointed in the direction of the cruiser, the astonishment depicted on his countenance found vent in "Captain Lyman," said he, "is not that ves-

sel a king's cruiser ?" "'Pears somethin' like one, young gentleman," said the captain

"Then surely you are not going to offer resistance?"

"That depends upon sarcumstances, young man. If so be his majesty's officers is civil, I'll be civil, as in duty bound. If so be as he's every way kantankerous it'll be 'tother way."

"You'll be guilty of treason." "Wa'll, some folks may call it treason, and I guess the owners want to see the cargo of the

position we now occupy, and if we be colonists "I protest against your conduct. Captain Lyman. I protest in the presence of the officers "I see you are a down right rebel, Grant." and crew. I, at least, am no traitor to my

termed a tory, and I boast of the soubriquet. I to, Mr. Bartlett. It don't make no odds. I'm can boast," he added, drawing himself up proud- captain of this here ole barky, and when I want

land, and I reverence the father land. There are of the cruiser to intercept the merchant ship : many such as I in South Carolina and Virginia, but whether or not with hostile intent was still originally emigrated. True, there are many oth- tempt to avoid the rencountre, but kept steadily ers, even amongst the first families in the Old on his course; and though the gues of the Indian leaven of disaffection, and I blush for them. As in the cook's gallery, the crew of the merchantfor you Yankees of the North, most of you being man continued at their ordinary duties-the the descendants of a different class of people, I | watch on deck being chiefly employed in the rigdon't so much wonder at the course you appear, | ging, while the watch below were either sleeping leisure hours-mending their old garments, or

"Now, my men, you've been on a two years' to hum to see your dear sweethearts, and to spend "It makes me laugh to hear them southern your hard earned mouey, like fools, as sailors alchaps allers a boastin' about the first families of ways do. I suppose you know how the government folks in the old country have been picking a fuss with us colonists because we don't choose there do be some right good fellows among the to pay every sixpenny tax they think proper to impose upon us. They've got into a way of dealing with us as if we were an inferior sorter feller creatures and Christians. Ye heard that at Marseilles; and how our folk has been driven at last, arter putting up with a good deal, to take up arms in our defence. Americans for Ameriky! that's the watchword, my hearties. They've put an embargo on our ports, and they have ta-The mate took up the spyglass and peered in ken to seize our ships and compel our men to compel us to serve his majesty. Now I calculate "I can see her hull now, sir," he shouted to we've got arms and men enough to beat her off, will ye stand by me, the old barky, that has do to keep up with the ship. brought us safely here, the owner's cargo, and hard-earned money, and be content to sarve the king for a year or two longer, and fight your native land, and the homes of them ye love best on earth? If so be ye be cravens, say the word: but if ye be good men and true, stick to the ship. in the water for a coaster, and her masts rake and I'll promise ye, in the name of the owners, that if the cruisers cums to the tussle, and we The captain took the glass. The wind was off beat her off, and get safe into port, ye shall have shore. But mind ye, lads, I don't want to defor it. So now make your choice between King George and tyranny and slavery, or the Indian

"Bravo! bravo!" shouted the men, with one by the good old ship, and our native land until

" Nuff said, my lads," answered the old skiptill I give the word. Maybe all will go off quiet | suns useless. and peaceable after all."

The watch still remained in the forecastle, ready, however, to make their appearance on deck at a moment's warning, while the cook kept

Young Bartlett, who, while the captain was diated the action of the captain and all on board. ous position there came a flash and a loud, ringand had an evident advantage of the cruiser in their prize. the long shrivel gun amidships, if she could only keep at a distance beyond the range of the brig's tain Lyman, as, with a sudden revulsion of feel smaller guas. In a hand-to-hand conflict the ing, he witnessed the destruction and loss of life odds against the ship would have been desperate: caused by his fire. "The brig'll give us a chase and under any circumstances it was a daring and now, lads," he continued; " and the Lord have offer resistance to such a superior force, still more the yards; watch her; keep the sails full. A strengthened by the fact that the man-of-war stern chase is a long chase; we're in for it now. had the law on her side.

"Ship aboy! What ship's that ?" shouted an officer in naval uniform from the brig.

"The Indian Chief of New York." "Where are you from, and whither bound?" Steer close, my man." "Last from Marseilles, and bound to New

"How long have you been absent?'. "Two years come next month."

"Why don't you hoist your colors?"

The captain ordered the English ensign-this of course the flag of the colonies-to be hoisted. "So-well," shouted the officer. "Heave to.

and we'll send a boat on board." "Wa'll-" replied Captain Lyman. "Seein' as the wind's sorter fair, and I've been a long and it behooved them to render them all the aswhile away from hum, and it's as much as we to rule over us and regulate our conduct, willy Indian Chief. I ain't going to be kept out to sea | can do to get to Sandy Hook afore dark, I don't | three seamen, all wounded more or less severely, | such bets as that.

> "Perhaps you are not aware that for the last few minutes before had quitted the brig-of-war's twelve months the colonies have been in open re- side flushed with excitement and confident of suc

"The port of New York is under blockade, and you are a tawful prize of His Majesty, King | carefully trimmed and two of the best steersmen George the Third. However, we'll see when we placed at the helm, and away they went in full last?' get on board. Perhaps we may let you enter, chase-one unanimous desire for vengeance upon and probably some of your fine fellows may wish the andacions rebel merchantman filling the to serve His Majesty."

captain. "Ye see they've been a long while chase was continued, without any action on eith away from hum, and they're sorter eager to get | er side, both vessels being afraid to use their guns ashore to see their wives and sweethearts. I has in consequence of the delay which would occur a great desire to see my old woman : so if it's all should either round to for such purpose, which the same to you, we'll just say good day, and go would result in the advantage of the other.

while his companions could not refrain from who united with her in the chase, which thus be laughing aloud at the simplicity of the Yankee came doubly exciting. The object of the second skipper. "Heave to, I say! heave to at your cruiser was to head off the Indian Chief, and

The crew of the Indian Chief had quietly descended from the rigging during this parley, and be well nigh hopeless, a pilot boat hove in sight, stood lounging carelessly about the deck, while, and one of the pilots boarding the hunted merin obedience to Captain Lyman's secret orders, chantman, conducted her in safety through a the helmsman had kept the ship away before the narrow channel, where the men-of-war, ignorant wind, thus increasing the distance between the of the nature of the shoals and quicksands, dared two vesse's, and rendering the stationary guns not follow; and before daylight the next morning on board the brig of-war useless.

As yet the ports of the merchantman had been kept shut, and the shrivel gun being concealed by lumber, the captain and officers had no idea of the somewhat formidable armament of the seemingly peaceable merchant ship. But exasperated at what he considered the stupidity or disrespectful behavour of the latter, the captain of the brig now ordered a boat to be lowered and an armed crew to go and board the ship. By the time that this order was effected the distance between the vessels had greatly increased, while, before the wind, the superior height out of the water of the merchantman gave her the advantage over the cruiser, built to lie close to the water's edge, and to show her speed close hauled. "Ship ahoy! Curse ye, heave to, you stupid fool," shouted the lieutenant in command of the privateer, irritated at the hard tugging of the men at the cars who had as much as the could

"We don't intend teu," answered Captain Lyman, "and if you'll jist turn tail and go back on board the cruiser afore ye cum teu grief, 'cause Lyman to night, and if you come atune me and she, sure's there's hyster's in Cape Cod bay I'll

"Give away, men. cried the lieutenant. By heaven I'll not leave you a man on board the ship, and you may get into port how you may.

Give away, men-pull like the d-l." " Now take care. Keep off, or else, by thun der, I'll shute," shouted Captain Lyman. " I ain't gassin! There aint no pokin' fun about me. My men and me's of one mind; we're bound tew see our missesses and gals tew night, please God the wind holds; and if you won't take warnin', by Jupiter I'll shute."

A few vigorous strokes lessened the distance between the boat and the ship; but the brig of per. "Now be ready, but don't make any fuss fuil chase, rendering, as I have said, her side ready.

"You wont? Well, then, your blood be on your own heads. 'Taint none o' my bringin' on. I only want tew be let alone, to go inter port and see my old 'eman and report proceedings tew "One o' King George's fire eaters, an I'm a the match burning, and the men in the rigging the owners. Now, look out! One-you wont the Lord have mercy on your souls!"

The next moment the taupaulin was hauled scended to the cabin, as if to show that he repu- of the boat had time fully to realize their hazard-Meanwhile the cruiser had approached within ing report. A shower of grape-shot rattled like hailing distance. She was what was technically hailstones upon the water. Above the din of the called, at that period, a " Jackass brig," of about report were heard the loud screams of agony two hundred tons burthen, manned with a crew from the helpless boat's crew; a shower of black including officers, of a hundred men, and carrying splinters flew up in the air, and when the smoke ten short nine-pound cannonades. In weight of cleared away only a few broken timbers, and one metal, and in the number of men, and probably or two of the wounded men swimming for life in the matter of training she had much the ad- amid the wreck, remained of the boat's crew vantage of the ship; but the latter was much the | who, but a moment before, had been full of life larger vessel, stood much higher out of water, and energy, and confident of success in securing

"They brought it npon themselves," said Cap hazardous act on the part of Captain Lyman to marcy upon us if she overhauls us, Square away and the d-l take the hindmost. Howsomever, I'd just as soon we were safe in New York har-

bor. I'd like tew help them poor fellows; but I guess we'll have to leave them to their chums.

senses when they perceived the utter destruction of the boat and the slaughter of the men by the Yankees, who they had imagined would prove so easy a prize. The first thoughts were those of revenge, and they would have immediately made full sail after the audacious merchantman, but sides the lieutenant and midshipman, who but a

ess. These wounded men were taken on board "Lor sakes, no. What be the meaning of and tenderly cared for, and then the brig's vards were squarred, the sails wetted, the side guns taken forward and pointed from the bows, the ship | menced before they entered the store: breast of every one on board, to the exclusion of "Wa'll, I gues not just now," replied the every other sentiment. Throughout the day the Towards nightfall Captain Lyman passed Sandy "Cursed old blockhead," muttered the officers | Hook, and here the brig was joined by a consort thus drive her into the clutches of the brig; but at the critical moment, when escape appeared to the Indian Chief was safe at anchor in the stream opposite the Battery.

[To be continued.] -Jean, Jester to Charles the IX, once tried his master's nerve by rushing into his room one morning exclaiming :

"Oh, sire, such news !- four thousand men have risen in tha city." What!' cried the startled king, 'with what intention have they risen ?"

'Well,' said Jean his finger on his nose. probably with the intention of laying down again at bed time

-Here is a Dutchman's receipt for making a Zouave, suggested by the experience of some of the troops in Virginia and Mis-

'Take a recruit, keep him forty eight hours -nothing to eat : den march forty eight hours -nothing to eat ; den let him fight likeforty eight hours-nothing to eat; by dam he be one Zouave.'

-If the President were to draft every man into the army, who is lying about home denouncing his neighbor as a 'secessionist,' he would soon have force numerically strong enough to over run the entire south. What is the patriotism of a man worth who spends his time impeaching the loyality of his neigh-

the ranks bimself. -Why is a young lady like a lobster? Because the lobster has anteone and she

bors and as yet very careful to keep out of

-Truth itself becomes falsehood if presented in any other than its right relations There is no truth but the 'whole truth.'

-He who thinks he can do without others "Give way, men!" cried the officers of the is mistaken; he who thinks others cannot do guished without him, is still more mistaken.

-Grapple ever with opportunity. And as you don't know when opportunity will happen war was now at least half a mile distant, and in along. keep your grappling-irons always

> -A gardener is described as being requested to set his master's watch by his sun-dial, close to it.

-Only one box of candles in Galveston of coal, is the last report.

WISHES.

How many sick ones Wish they were healthy; How many beggar men Wish they were wealthy; How many ugly ones Wish they were pretty; How many stupid ones Wish they were witty; How many bachelors Wish they were married; How many Benedicts Wish they had tarried; Single or double, Life's full of trouble;

The Man Who Knows Everything.

Riches are stubble.

Pleasure's a bubble.

A mighty knowing man was Caleb Page, who kept the grocery at the fork of the road, Woodchuck creek, Sprang Hollow, in the village of Hornville No occurrence had taken place, of all the particulars of which Caleb did not possess a thorough knowledge in the minutest detail. All matters in the prospective were anticipated, discussed, arranged, and satisfactorily disposed of by Caleb, long On board the brig-of-war the consternation of before they took place. If a neighbor rushed the officers and crew was only equalled by their into the store to communicate what he beastonishment. They could scarcely credit their lieved to be a very recent piece of news, he would have the conceit taken out of him by being told by Caleb that he 'had beard it a week ago.' Events of the past, present and future were all the same to him; his ubiquitious knowledge grasped and covered them all -to him they were all 'stale news.'

A small bet was made one evening between their wounded shipmates were calling for succor, Si Stevens and Joe Stubbins Si bet Joe couldn't nonplus Caleb with any piece of insistance in their power. A midshipman and telligence-real or imaginary. Joe took all

panied by two or three more of the 'boys' of the village, who were to belp the thing along, and 'fill in' proceeded to Caleb's store. After being comfortably scated here and there, on barrels, boxes, ect., Si opened the evening's amusement by asking, in a monner that indieated he was continuing a conversation com-'So you say, Joe, that they caught him at

'Yes, sir, about seventeen minutes past eight.'

Well, Joe, how far up the creek was it?" 'On a careful consideration, I should say it was about three miles, or three miles and a quarter, or perhaps a half up the creek.'

Caleb who had not lost a word of the con versation dropped his sugar scoop with astonishment, and opened his ears, for the boys were talking about a matter in which he was not 'posted,' The conversation continued: 'Well!' says Si, 'that couldn't a been far

from Deacon Hunt's?" 'Jest so,' answered Joe, it was about eight rods from the Deacon's hog pen, in a slanchwise direction.'

'Did you hear, Joe,' with a face as solid as gravestone, 'how much ile they got?' 'Yes I did,' replied Joe, with another face as solemn as two gravestones; 'I hearn that

they got nearly sixty barrels of it ' 'The wags observed that Caleb was getting exceedingly uneasy, and 'piled it on.

'Well, Joseph, how long was the reptile?' 'Well, Silas, the insect was about eightytwo feet long, and twenty eight feet odd inches broad -- thick in proportion ' 'I thought. Joe, that there was two on

'That's a fact; there was a pair on 'em but

they only caught the he one.' At this point of the dialogus Caleb became so desperately excited that he could contain himself no longer, and snappishly demanded to know 'what'n thunder they were talking

'Why,' said Joe, with a well-feigned astonishment, 'don't you know about their catch ing that are-

'That are what?' peevishly snarled Caleb. 'That are whale!' seriously answered Joe. 'A whale!' exclaimed the bewildered Caleb have they caught a whale up the creek?" 'They haven't caught anything else,' said

the imperturable Joe. 'And how much ile did they get?' inquired Caleb as he recovered his wits. 'Ninety-two bar'ls replied Joe forgetting

the amount he had previously mentioned. 'Well,' said Caleb, with slow deliberation. and a satisfied look, 'I'm glad they caught that whale, I heard they were arter him.'

-The best throw at dice is-to throw

-What word may be pronounced quicker by adding a syllable to it?-Quick.

-A good many men are in the best health when they are out of spirits.

-Of all kinds of property, money leut on good security is the most interesting. -The soldier's great risk is that of becoming extinguished before he comes distin-

-Material evil tends to self-applibilation. good to increase.

.- Fancy runs most furiously when a guilty conscience drives it.

-If you want to have a man for your friend, never get the ill-will of his wife. when he forthwith planted it in the ground Public opinion is made up of the average prejudices of womankind.

-Good temper is like a sunny day, it Yankee!" exclaimed the old skipper. "I guess stood prepared to spring to their stations at the stoy! Tew-now take warnin'! Three-and Texas, and the gas works stopped for want sheds a brightness over everything; it is the sweetner of toil, and the soother of disquietude,