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IDA'S BIRTHDAY.

By Mrs. M. J. Tucker.

When the golden sun this morning

From the royal tent

Shone down on the happy

With a smile that seemed to say:

How glad I am that you are here!

THE PAUPER LIEUTENANT.

A TALE OF RIM.

By Mrs. M. J. Tucker.

I did not like to see him there.

He was too young and handsome.

His physiognomy

Developments were decidedly good.

He had a

frank expression, blue eyes,

light curly hair,

but lack of decision

characterized his countenance.

Want of firmness was apparent in his

man-

ner.

He was reading a newspaper.

"I am sorry to say that he is, sir,"

he replied.

"Do you mean promising in appearance—

I can't understand it," was my reply.

"Nor could any one acquainted with his

character. By and by, however, he will

enter into a conversation with you; he is not

backward about it. I don't know what to

make of the man."

"How old is he?"

"Twenty years, he looks even younger.

I have had him in my employ, and it may

be well to let you see him."

We wandered along from one room to

another. The establishment was perfect; most

of the paupers were old and infirm; many

of them looked as if they had been

beaten about the head and ears. Poor old

men! I suppose they had no children to

care for them.

In one of the rooms was a model of a

slap. It was a specimen of the work done

there was no fault in it. The girls were

fully clothed. Officers stood on their

quarters, and every one was as quiet as

the mouse. The boys were secured, and

the girls were secured. Truly, she was a

real object of admiration. I was

representing the

My natural question was, "Who did that?"

"The poor fellow is dead," was the reply.

"He was a genius and a scholar. The noblest

looking man, sir, that you ever laid eyes on.

You have seen that one on Sedgwick

street? Well, sir, he built that house

years ago, and paid thirty thousand dollars

for it, and five years after, he was in the

poor house."

"What did it do?"

"That was the brief reply. Expressive, was it

not?"

"Yes, sir, very much. The last time he went

out (his eyes were very much inflamed), the

doctor of the institution handed him a

dollar, saying, 'Bob, if you think any more,

you will lose your

eyes."

"Then farewell the eyes!"

"Horrible, wasn't it? In a month's time

they were digging his grave. It was in the

corner of the churchyard. Nobody follows

the miserable body. I laid in a pine coffin, and

that's all the epitaph a drunkard gets, sir."

"Fifteen minutes after I was banished up

the personage who had interested me so much

I found him in the garden, hoeing potatoes.

We talked together on agriculture. His fine

language astonished me. I felt that he had an

intimate acquaintance with books, with men,

with nature.

"We walked along, he showing me the pro-

ducts of the soil. Presently we came to an

arbor overhung with grapes, and sat down to

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