

TAKEN AT HIS WORD.

"Out of my sight! You are a calamity and distress to all your family. Away with you, join the army if you can do nothing else."...

"What a monster!" do you cry. Nay; he was a church member. He prayed morning and night, with his family. There is no doubt he intended, and sometimes tried, to be a good man.

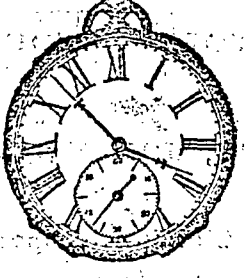
The night after the words which our sketch is commenced were uttered, Edgar was late home. When he came it was to announce that he had enlisted, and was to march at noon the next day.

"God protect my poor boy," her white lips murmured. Edgar knew that those tears were, though he could not hear them, tried to smile on her, but the woe in his great dark eyes would not be thus veiled, even for one moment.

The trouble, the bone of contention, the "calamity" was gone out of the home of poor Edgar. The father looked gloomy but said not a word of regret. He never seemed to reflect that his son had not come unbidden into life, nor that it is a crime in any man to erode a life that he does not try his best to render good and happy.

Edgar's mother sat at home thinking of her boy. Mothers can imagine how she felt. The telegraph reported that a battle was lost; that our men had fled; that everything was going wrong with the Northern Army.

Davy Crockett had a wonderful memory of which Col. —, whom he once run against for Congress, lately gave the following anecdote in proof: "When we began our electioneering campaign," said Col. A. —, "not being able to speak very well extempore, or rather not at all; I wrote out a speech with great care, and committed it to memory. I had always spoken first; but at the fourth which was a very numerous one, Crockett proposed that he should take the lead. He accordingly mounted the stand, and, to my utter astonishment, recited every word of my speech, only changing very slightly a sentence or two to suit his own case."



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