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TWILIGHT

Slowly, slowly falls night's curtain Over all the widespred land; And the angels of the twilight At the gates of heaven stand.

O, they come a band of angels, Clad in robes of tender gray; And before their gracious presence Shades the sun's last lingering ray

In the west, a blaze of giory Turns the sky to molten gold; In the cast, the faint gray shadows Of the coming night unfold.

Twilight brings us loving, tender Thoughts of dear ones passed away Who have gone from out earth's twilight

Into everlasting day.

Twilight memories are saddest, Twill, ht hopes are grand and strong And the ships we long have waited Come to shore at even song

In the quiet hush of twilight We may rest both heart and hand; We may dream of gorgeous castles, Raised in Spain's far distant land.

Life has much of sunlight glory, Days whose spleador blinds our

It has much of sorrow's darkness, When all seems the blackest night

So, with loving hearts and trusting, Should we price the twilight time, When the stars in silvery beauty Up the heights of heaven climb. -New Orleans Picagana

THE FARMER'S SONG

I'm of the band that till the land. And draw from earth her store; While our days are passing o'er; Many they are, in riches far Surpassing the farmer's purse, While other pursuits may yield more

Yet often bring forth much worse.

We envy not the statesman's lot. Still clamoring for his class; Nor his that fights for glory's rights, At some rebounded pass. No risk have we on boisterous sea Nor fears lest tempest whelm All we possess, without redress, While laboring at the helm

The fruitful field in bounties yields A rich reward for toil: Be ours the trade to ply the spade, And deeply plow the soil, We walk abroad o'er carpet sod, And flow'rets kiss our feet, Whose orders rise to catch the skies-A tribute pure and meet.

To all we give the means to live. As brother shares with brother; And thus fulfill the holly will That bids us "love each other," Oh! Life secure from guile, and pure To thee my soul clings ever With all its might, in fond delight, To change from thee no never.

THE COURIER'S RIDE.

AN EVENT BORN OF THE AMERICAN WAR DAYS.

musketry and cannon.

At ten o'clock, General Hardee, a a mounted escort, was on an eleva- more of it. enemy. One of the escort was a for it is his pet theme each July

youth of sixteen, a courier. 224 While the General was noting the Others supplemented the daughreports of a civil engineer, a squad ter's request, and, responding to it, to the grounds from dinner, and the and rerlized that he was in posses- murdered the child and carried the of Union prisoners were marched up Captain Clancoy, in a narrative way, and halted. One of the number, a grown easy from frequent recitals, captain, sank upon the ground exs recounted the events already noted then the boy got in the first blow worth just as he had done, and that having been told how it came about hausted from loss of blood, a ball in the first chapter. He had told of by whispering : having entered his left face and, his wounds being dressed where the ranging upward, passed out through prisoners were halted, of the courier the right, shattering the cheek bone having had him placed in an am-The young courier, observing the bulance, and of his reaching the wounded man, asked that a surgeon Andersonville train, when Miss be directed to attend him. An ano- Clancey, who chanced to glauce at dyne was administered and the Harry Ross, observed an agitation wound dressed, when the prisoners of manner quite foreign to his na- Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt were ordered to resume their march. tive composure.

The Union captain endeavored to obey, but staggered in the effort, car," Captain Clancey was continu-At that moment an ambulance con- ing, when Herry Ross interrupted : taining wounded Confederate officers drew up. The young courier, observing that there was room for an- me. Did the conrier you speak of other, asked that the captain be hand you his own canteen?" placed therein, offering to see him "Yes, he did," responded Capt. delivered to the train guard in the Clancey. city, whither he had just been ordered. Following the ambulance on his horse, be paused at General Johnston's headquarters to deliver a dis-

Andersonville. After giving the Capt Clancy was on his feet. ed with water, he purchased from a how came you to know of all this?" store near by a narrow straw mat- "How came I to know! Why sir, trees, and obtained permission from I was that boy."

the young Confederate was lying in | For ecveral minutes there was a rand. ever meeting the other again.

The young lady was easily accorded speech of yours made a few minutes his carbine in case of necessity. the position of reigning belle at the since. You stated that, when three Sherman went away on horseback, little boy was in robust health and a DR J. W. SEIP. resort, and, her father owning a res- years old, you heard this story from It would take him the best part of a sound sleeper. She equipped heridence, she was enabled to hospita- your father, you had thrown your day to reach Ellsworth, as he had to self for the night walk, and then opping House Top A. M. from 12 to 2 P. M. and then opping House Top A. M. from 12 to 2 P. M. and then opping House Top A. M. from 12 to 2 P. M. bly receive her friends. There were arms about his neck, saying that you make a stop en-route, He would turned out the light and sat in the SPEAKS BOTH ENGLISH AND GERMAN a number of gallants whose frequent loved the Confederate courier, and be detained there a day, and would darkness. Both dogs came and lay calls indicated admiration for the that when you were a woman you reach home, leaving as he did on at her feet, but at intervals were fair entertainer; but it was apparent would be his wife, and expressed a Monday morning, on Wednesday nervous and nneasy. Their wonthat none were received with such desire to meet him now. You have morning. This was based on the derful powers of scent most have

married friends, he and Mrs. Clancy ex-Confederate courier ?" to be my bushand

such pleasantry as to call for cheery tain Clancey. - Cosmopolitan. exclamations, especially from the young gentlemen, surrounding her at the piano.

"I cannot give the name of my inquiry of Mr. Ross, "for I do not can't go to the circus." know it, and I have never seen him Yet I love him, and what would I though I was but three years old, my father's return home from the army, and of his telling how, on July 22, he was wounded, and how a young Confederate soldier, a mere boy, he said, had procured for him surgical treatment, and extended him kind-On July 22, 1864, the armies of ness which probably saved his life arms about his neck, and telling him spectable amusement." The sun's intense heat was inten- that I loved the young Confederate,

> I intended being his wife." Some one remarked this a roman-

tion, obseruing the position of the "No," said she, "but father shall

"and permit a question or two from 25 cents per box.

"And did he provide you a mattrees in the car ?"

"He did," was answered.

"And did you, being unable to patch, and then, when the Confeder- speak, make signs for a pencil, and three times as many doctors as two men sprang out and fired at main a year among her old friends ate wounded had been removed from did the train move just as he was England, and nearly four times as him, and she saw him fall to the at the capital.

prisoner his own canteen freshly fill- "Yes! yes!" be exclaimed; but

Right happy indeed's the life we lead, favor as the courtly Harry Ross. met him. Now, in the presence of calculation that he would leave Elis- warned them that some stranger On the evening of the 22d, Captain these other auditors of your speech, worth on Tuesday night and ride all was about the place. At midnight Clancey's parlors were well filled I claim the fulfillment of its prop- night. It was in the latter part of Mrs. Sherman attached a rope to with visitors, and, as these included osition. Will you be the wife of the June, with beautiful weather and the coller of either dog and passed

bean ideal," she said, answering an plied as he put on his but, "you the dogs generally kept near him, be assussins. The dogs were furi

"But why, father ?"

"And in the next place it is a rough crowd, the sentiment is un- Sherman gave the matter little wounded, and one of the doghealthy, and no respectable person thought, believing the noise to be guarded him. The strange man can countenance such things." "But fath---"

won't tell ma you was here."

agreement, and the ring began.

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became so swollen that he could not lors. But when, stepping quickly or five years of sge, and a half-breed she at once dressed berself, deterconrier was painfully wounded, and other hand in both her own, appear- over between him and his wife, but light of a cardle, and the stranger that night, while the captain was ed to be in that state of uncertainty ceither of them had the least idea was marked on the cheek as the woplaced within the prison stockads, her father's face had indicated, Jack suspected the nature of the er- man had dreamed. It was well that

Alabama, whose winning address mirthful look into her face, said : at hand to take care of strangers. She need not make any move for had made him a universal favorite. "Miss Claucey, I beg to recall a and Jack could be depended on with two or three hours yet.

good roads.

occasioned by a loose horse. "That's enough, sir. You can't bed at 9 o'clock, having seen that return for two hours and then his Generals Sherman and Johnston When he had spoken I believe I pre- go. I want you to enjoy yourself, everything was secure, and she had chops were red with blood, but it were confronting each other at At- voked laughter by throwing my but you must seek some more re- scarcely dozed off before she began was never definitely known whether dreaming. The dream began with his victim escaped or was pulled An hour later a curious thing the arrival of a letter from the cast down. sified by the sulphurous breath of and that when grown to be a woman, happened in the circus tent. A that money was coming. It was in The sudden attack of the dogs boy climed to the top flight of seats the evening, and husband and wife confused the men in hiding, and a and sat down beside a man who had talked the matter over as they sat shot meant for one of the brutes Confederate corps commander with tic story, and asked that she tell just finished a glass of lemonade near an open window. This was struck Jack in the chest. Knowing and was lighting a cigar. He had just what did occur in reality, but in that he had only a short time to live. his plug hat on the back of his her dream Mrs. Sherman saw the he confessed that the pair had pla head and seemed to be enjoying half-breed crouched down under ned to waylay, murder, and rob Sherhimself hugely. It was father and the window outside to listen. She man, and had they been successful son. The father had gone straight saw him creep away in the darkness, in this they would have afterward boy had run away. They looked at sion of the secret. She dreamed woman away with them. He died each other for half a minute, and that her husband rode away to Ells- in the thicket within half an hour. after he had gone a victous looking that the plot was discovered ; and "Say, dad, if you won't lick me I half-breed, with a scar on his left saying in answer to the explanacheek, came to the stables in the tions : The father nedded his head to the night and had a long talk with "Surely, there must be a God, Jack. She could not bear what and he sent an angel to give warns they said, but their looks and ac- ing " tions indicated evil. By-and-by they left the stables, and she saw that Jack had his carbine and the Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chap- other a revolver. They went down "When he assisted me into the ped Hands, Chilblains Corns, and the road toward Ellsworth, about baby, it looks about seven times as

> thickly on each side of the road. Then the dream changed and she saw her husband come riding up The "conscience fund" at Wash. She knew that the men were hiding voice would not come, and she land. hadn't the strength to lift her hand.

as she found herself wide awake one of the dogs attered a dismal howl About twelve years ago Mrs. It was only three-quarters of an George Sherman, living with her hour since the woman had got into the train goard for the wounded caps For a moment-a brief moment- busband on a farm in Western Kan- bed The dream had been so vivid tain to lie upon it. The latter's face there was utter stillness in the par- sas, was left with a little boy four and the impression so strong that

speak, he motioned with his hand forward, Captain Clancey grasped Indian known as Jack, while her mined to investigate at least the for a pencil-perhaps for writing Harry Ross by the hand, his face husband paid a business visit to point from which it started. Leavthanks to his benefactor. Before indicating uncertainty whether to Ellsworth, thirty-five miles away, ing her child asleep in bed and tak pencil was produced the train moved break into a laugh or cry, or a caress Jack bad been with the family two ing the revolver in hand, she softly and the young Confederate sprang there was an outbreak of hand-clap- years, and though at times morose left the house and proceeded to the from the car. The prisoners pro- pings and cheering more suggestive and sulky, he had always proved stables. She reached them to hear ceeded toward Andersonville, while of a theatre than a drawing-room. faithful. Sherman visited Ellsworth the low voices of men in conversathe courier returned to his com- Mrs Claucey advanced and without to get a large sum of money sent on tion, and as she put her eye to a a word of apology, threw her arms from the east by a brother, for crevice she saw that Jack had a That afterternoon the Confeder- about Harry's neck, and kissed him, whom he was to invest it. The companion. They were cleaning ates made a charge in which the "hile Emma, who had taken his subject had, of course, been talked and leading their firearms by the

she had the heart of a brave man an hospital. Possibly each gave buzz of congratulations, as the Mrs Sherman could use firearms Had she betrayed herself by any act some thought to the other, but it is guests pressed about the ex-Union and ride horseback, and was a brave- of womanly weakness, her death not likely that either anticipated captain and the ex-Confederate hearted, self-reliant woman. She would have followed. She retreated conries. But there was another bad a navy revolver for her protect as quietly as she had come, and In July, 1874, at a popular resort sensation in store for the delighted tion, though as a matter of fact she when again in the house, she tried on a western lakeside, society com- party. When Captain Clancey and would have smiled at the idea of to think what should be done. If mented on the marked attentions Harry Ross had managed to move a any danger coming to her. The her husband feft Ellsworth at say 7 paid to Miss Emma Clancy by Hen- little apart, the latter turned to country was clear of lawless charac- o'clock, he would be home by 2 in ry Ross, a gentleman from a city in Emma, and with a half-earnest, half- ters, two or three savage dogs were the morninge-by 3 at the latest

Fortunately for the woman the out of the house, locking the door were with their guests. There had Those who were present tell of Nothing out of the usual routine behind her. She walked down the been an hour of music and dancing, another spell of silence falling upon occurred until Tuesday night-that road about a mile, and then made a when some one casually remarking the parlors, of a blushing face and is, Mrs. Sherman observed nothing detour across the prairie and struck upon the pleasantness of the occa- lowncast eyes, and a response, in a to rouse her suspicions, although the creek half a mile below the ford. sion, Miss Clancey responded . "Yes, voice so soft and tremulous, however she afterword recalled several The waters were waist high and this is always an anniversay occasion, as to be inaudible to any other than strange incidents. For instance, very cold, but she was soon across, July 22, in our home. It celebrates the one nearest ber. But it must the husband had not been gone an She struck the highway half a mile the scar just above the beard on fa- bave been consenting, for the news- hour when one of the dogs howled from the ford, and walked on, but ther's face, and it reminds me of one paper report of arrivals at the same in the most dismal manner, and she had not gone above a mile when with whom I am in love, rnd who is resort in July, 1885, included the when the half-breed sought to quiet she discovered her husband. In a names of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Ross. it, the suimal showed his teeth and few minutes he was in possession of She had spoken with an air of on a visit to the latter's father, Cap- seemed revengeful. It was remems her story, and he was not long debered, too, that Jack appeared in- ciding on a plan of action. His wife dependent and defiant, and when mounted the horse and he led it the wife gave him orders he took antil they approached the creek. He his own time about obeying them, then left ber, called to the dogs, and "No, my con," a Detroit man re- the slept in the stables, and one of went forward to uncover the would but when night came on the first our for the bunt, and they had not both canines were determined to been gone from his side five minutes "Well, in the first place I can't sleep in the farm bonse, and both before they found and fiercely at not give to meet him. I remember, fool away my money on such things were admitted. It was the same on tacked the half-breed. Three or "Yes but I have enough of my the next night. On Monday night four shots were fired, and then came the brutes seemed to hear some one calls for help. Sherman advanced walking about outside, but Mrs. to and Jack on the ground, badly had taken to flight, hotly pursued ! y On Tuesday night she went to the other dog. This dog did not

Singular, isn't it, that whenever a man gives his wife a dime to buy a all Skin Eruptions, and positively two miles, and halted at a ford big as it does when he planks it cures Piles, or no pay required. It This was a lonesome spot, being in a down on the counter in exchange "Hold a moment, please," he said, faction, or money refunded. Price dip, with wild plum trees growing for a little bitters for the stomach's

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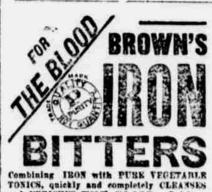
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