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Together! together! Oh, why should we part! Together in hand, and together in heart!

Oh, well may we bleed, as our fathers' blood, For Liberty dies when the Union is dead,

Then, still let us cling to our Union of old! It is better than all of our lives and our gold!

Northern, Southern, still you are one, Spite of the fool deeds that traitors have done -

Living or dead, you are joined in your fate; As one you have risen, as one you must fall!

No counting of cost! for the Union is worth All the lives of the South, and the lives of the North!

For what is of value to ye or to me, If the stars shall be torn from the flag of the free!

IN THE COUNTRY.

By GEORGE W. BUNGA.

I love to sit, Where grey hills fit, Or nest in song above me;

And flowers bloom, And friends are near that love me.

Here Nature speaks, From buds and beams, The lesson God has taught her;

Like silver stars, Beyond the bars, Are lilies on the water.

Through meadows green, The swallows pass, And perch on tasks of duty;

On every bush, The berries blush, Red as the lips of beauty.

In smoke and dust, Let miners rust, And perch with their money;

The vixen lead, On which I stand, O'erflows with milk and honey.

Here hope will be, Green as the trees, Which nod upon the mountain;

And love will gush, Like streams that rush, Fresh from the sparkling fountain.

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General Grant in Action.

You cannot read in General Grant's countenance how a battle is going.

Whether the enemy is driving him, or he is driving the enemy, he wears the same placid features.

The general is, in fact, addicted to the "use of the word" to a moderate extent;

but on the battle-field he indulges more than usual in the more desperate use of Cuban and Pringles.

When his men are pushing forward, and the enemy giving way, the blue smoke ascends at regular intervals in small and scarce perceptible clouds.

When the ground is being contested his face is lost in Cuban exclamations.

When there is a prospect that the day will go against him, he ceases to smoke, and commences to punish his innocent exotics by vigorously biting the end of a cigar.

General Sherman is also an inveterate smoker on the battle-field.

When he was wounded at the battle of Shiloh, he wrapped his pockets, handkerchiefs and round his head, a cigar, and became more earnest than ever.

A MOTHER'S GRAVE.—Earth has some sacred spots where we feel like loosening the shoes from our feet, and treading with holy reverence; places where friendships, hands have tingled in each other's, where vows have been pledged, prayers offered, and tears of parting shed.

But of all the spots on the great earth, none is so sacred as that where rests, waiting the restrictive, these are ones loved and cherished. Hence, if I'll give the better portion of mankind for the easier the loved spots for they have loved to dwell in it, even to moderate and weep. But among all the charmed-houses of the dead, if there is a nobler more sacred than all the rest, it is a mother's grave.

A sweet temper in a wife is worth more to a husband than a sugar plantation.

How a Little Boy can Die.

Little Dawson was just completing his ninth year, when God took him to dwell with himself in heaven.

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A Bit of Pathos in Real Life.

There are queer histories in the world. Walking home a few nights ago, in a depressing rain, up South street, we overtook two females, comically moving upward under the shelter of a wide-spread umbrella.

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Abolitionism.

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Mines Plus vs. Trucks.

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A Curbstone Retort.

A local minister in England, who was distinguished for disinterested labor and ready wit, devoted several years of the last part of his life to gratuitous labor in a new cause.

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