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One beautiful summer morning, about fifteen years ago, the inhabitants of the little town of New Madrid, on the Mississippi river, beheld a gorgeous pageant moving up that magnificent stream, which in so many respects has the appearance of an immense inland arm of the ocean. The spectacle to which I allude was a steamboat on her first trip—one of those wast floating. on her first trip—one of those vast floating palaces just then beginning to adorn the western waters, like visions of enchantment —in grace, airy and symmetrical as the gliding moon—in speed, swift as the antelope in its native wilds—in action, obedient to the hand at the helm as anything possessed of life and will. This record is speed, when you do that " action boots when you do that" essed of life and will. This vessel stopped but a few minutes at the wharf of the town previously mentioned, and two persons went on broad, with trunks, bandboxes, and other equipments, which plainly indicated that they were starting on a journey of some distance or duration.

One of these was a youth who could scarcely have passed his minority; and yet he might, obviously, and without presump-tion, lay claim to all the essential elements of developed manhood, in form, in features, in activity and strength, and, more than all, in the cool self-possession and calm bra-very of his bearing. All his gestures deno-ted confidence in himself, and courage in relation to the whole universe besides. As he walked, his feet struck the earth boldly and proudly, seeming to say, "This belongs to me!"—not like those men whose soft, almost shrinking, steps appear to be a sort of timid apology for daring to touch the world. Every flashing glance of his bright blue eye was a revelation of mental and moral power and noble heroism of heart, while his countenance evinced, at the same time,

not rather a rose dropped down out of heaven by the angels as a sample of the blooms in Paradise. She was, indeed, lovely beyond all description, so that no words can give any idea of her conquering charms. Nor could her likeness be adequately limuinfluence, did not consist so much in the exquisite finish of any one special part, as in the blended, unspeakable beauty of her whole countenance, bradiated by eyes dark as night, yet luminous as the evening star, and withal inexpressibly sad, as if foresee ing in the dim distance some horrible fate that could not be shunned.

Who were these two young travellers thus commencing their journey, and whith-er were they bound? As this is a narrative of facts, without the intervention of fictitous incidents, no coloring of mystery is necessary, and the answer may as well be given here as in the sequel. The youth was the son of General Thornton, a planter of impi, not far from New Madrid; and the girl, who had previously answered to the name of Eva Sims, had been governess of the young misses in the family, baving come from St. Louis for that purpose. She had no other riches save an excellent education. a stainless character, the rarest virtues of the heart, and her marvellous and match-Jess beauty. Then followed almost as a smatter of course the old story. Alfred Thornton, with all the volcanic violence of his nature, and without consulting parental taste or judgment, fell suddenly in love with the charming instructress of his sisters. The general, his father, chided, reasoned. stormed, threatened, and finally turned the innocent object of the son's passion out of doors, but all in vain-for the infatuated Upper Mississippi.

At the time the newly-married pair came on board the Reindeer, as the splendid steamer before noticed was called, the vessel had been already crowded to such a degree that they would not have obtained a room, but for the voluntary courtesy of a gentleman who resigned his own for their

restless countenance, a squealing, disagreea-ble voice, and the profile of a hawk, ad-dressed the other: "Well, Captain Turner, what do you think of our new lady passen-

ger? Is she a wife or a sister?"

dryly. "Why not?" inquired Turner, with a

sudden look of anger.

"Because, if my judgment is worth anything, I regard the youth as the most dangerous person to meddle with that I revol-

lect ever to have seen before," answered the out a candle at twenty paces, or split a bul doctor. 'Did you observe what fierce fire shot from his eyes as he challenged, with haughty and fearless looks, the gazing crowd that shrunk before him and opened a wide passage for the two the whole length of the hall!'

which I intend to humble!"

"You had better not try it," urged French, "for I warn you, it will be no child's play." "I am not used to child's play," returned conically; and his countenance writhed again with that strange smile of murderous meaning. desperate men on the western waters, and, although without a sear myself, I have each ton advanced towards the bar, with his

limited admiration.

The red whiskers bowed with royal dig-

infinite self-complacency-"Most persons

human being could be so far brutalized, or, mortal enemy.

In more properly, demonized, as to delight in the shedding of blood for its own sake, and without reference to any ulterior end. And without reference to any ulterior end. And there is the deadliest of all issues—this lone pearl of heavenly dew from the brilliancy of ber dark bearing eyes might in ruthless barbarity the very savages of the which it is unable to meet: the state of the wilderness. Whence emanated this strange ray of feeling? What profound did not show a sy indications of a mind diseased, unless the unnatural and wild diseased, unless the unnatural and wild diseased, unless the unnatural and yet we propose to adjourn, leaving the this indeed true that such characters of unalloyed infernal ferocity, such terrible tiger-hearts, are rare, and owe their existence to habits rather than nature. They are the inevitable products of a long and unrestricted indulgence of the vindictive passions. The desperado of this ultra, red-based on the inevitable products of the deadliest of all issues—this lone pearl of heavenly dew from the paradise of life's golden dawn? Was the solemn thought aroused by the flashing reminiscence of some angel, with dove's eyes and sunny hair, that he had once called mother, in the radiant years when he stream where the duel had occurred, she disappeared from the boat, and solemn thought aroused by the flashing reminiscence of some angel, with dove's eyes and sunny hair, that he had once called mother, in the radiant years when he down they passed over that portion of the stream where the duel had occurred, she disappeared from the boat, and solemn thought aroused by the flashing reminiscence of some angel, with dove's eyes and sunny hair, that he had once called mother, in the radiant years when he down? Was the paradise of life's golden dawn? Was the paradise of life's golden dawn? Was the solemn thought aroused by the flashing reminiscence of some angel, with dove's eyes and sunny hair, that he had once called mother, in the radiant years when he down? Was the paradise of life's golden dawn? Was the paradise of life's golden dawn? Was the solemn thought aroused by the flashing reminiscence of some angel, with dove's eyes and sunny hair, that he had once called the solemn thought aroused by the flashing reminiscence of some angel, with dove's eyes and sunny hair, that he had once called the solemn thought aroused by the flashing reminiscence of some angel, with dove's eyes and sunny hair, that he had once called the solemn thought aroused by the flashing reminiscence of some angel, with dove's eyes and sunny hair, that he had once called the solemn thought aroused by the flashing reminiscence of some angel, with dove's handed type, becomes so by almost imper- magnanimity as well as courage, and alto- ter of sweet affections!-or was it a mo- less thrown herself into the water, for the justifiable defence of his own life. Out of ish rays, such as flash from the glittering harled from its house of clay, whisper in ern States, that soon must be nations; but that homicide arose a duel, in which he orbs of the enraged rattlesnake; and his his ear the warning of a doom which was never shall even the wide regions of the was forced to slay another. These com- whole aspect seemed such as a fiend might drawing near? But whatever may have dew-dropping west produce a being more purest character, and the most brilliant more. promise. Then followed applause and flat- Turner was the first to speak, and he in tery from the multitude, smiles from the quired in sarcastic tones—"My dear sir, ladies, and courteons respect from the gen- will you be so good as to inform me whethyouth went forth with her, and the same day they were wedded and sailed for the is an eternal instinct in the souls of both your mistress?" male and female, but especially of the fe-

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"I will ask the gentleman, her companied becomes a sort of cannibat. At his thoughts and reveries are tinged with crimson, and his very dreams at night are clouded with the smoke of battle and smell of the charnel house! He sleeps with loaded weapons beneath his pillow; he wears thom in his bosom and near as possible to his heart; he talks to them as friends in terms of unspeakable fondness; he calls own mind, as to whether you will, or will them beloved names, he sometimes kisses them, and often swears by them. Such was the affection of Captain Turner for the "I only desired to know if you were a duelling pistols which he had used in his earliest combat. He had also practiced

> "Yes," said Turner, in ferocious tones;
> "and it is that lofty air of his which I hate
> —it is that proud, defiant countenance agraph, when his companion of the hawk's profile said, in a tremulous whisper-"Hush! he is coming this way."

"Let him come," answered Turner, la-

powar and notibe heroism of heart, while bis commence evinced, at the same time, maganismity, mercy, and the choicest are cital virtues. He was dressed in a suit of the matter, and still is, usually worn by the wealthy class of planters in the southewest. His companion was a young girl, not more than sixteen years of age, and never with that sweet spring time of life produced more beautiful flower—if, indeed, she could be called a terrestrial creation, and were more beautiful flower—if, indeed, she could not produced a treasure of the counternace of the produced to a strict of the pr

Turner in the meantime became impatient, and exclaimed, scornfully-"I hope that you and your friend will be as quick as you can conveniently in deciding what seems to be a difficult question in your

gentleman," answered Thornton, calmly.

"And what is the conclusion at which with them so effectually that he could bring you have arrived on a subject so inte down the swiftest bird on the wing, snuff to both of us?" sneered the duellist. you have arrived on a subject so interesting | did the arch-duellist Turner fare much bet-

"That I will give you the interview you

this lone pearl of heavenly dew from the brilliancy of her dark bearing eyes might and yet we propose to adjourn, leaving the bitual look of fierce, sneering ferocity.

It is impossible to paint the parting scene Terrific Comean Berween Houses,

to the sides, so as to keep as far as practicable out of the line of fire, provided the weapons should be discharged by skilful marksmen. All was ready. And never urging her way rapidly up the great river under a powerful pressure of steam, without delay, without pausing for the consummation of the dreadful deed about to be performed. The sunshine was glorious, the blue sky of summer, without even a wisp of snowy cloud, and the very air seemed an ocean of perfume from the musk of wild flowers that grew in nature's unfenced gardens on either side of that magnificent stream. Birds of brilliant plumage warbled their gay minstrelsg from a thousand.

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> The fatal word was at length given, and, with the word, the two pistols cracked together. At the report, young Thornton fell backwards and rolled into the river beneath, where he disappeared under the rushing water. The bullet from his enemy's weapon had penetrated his right eye, and gone directly through the brain. Nor ter. The lead of his adversary passed through his lungs; and with the wild, wailing cry, "My mother! Oh! my mother!"

again with that strange smile of murderous is not probable that the captain will land anger, but which learned afterwards to of the Compromise act, and the positive here in the woods and wait till we have play with the horrible dice of death, until finished our sport."

"Very well," replied the other, in accents as careless as if he were not at all interest-

then, if for no other reason, in order to keep by the care of a lady. He had approached pression of ineffable tenderness came over low, so mournful, so despairing, so full of plorable condition. Every substitute promurderous smile; "and, besides, it is now was in the act of passing out on the boiler like tremulous drops of dew gathered about lost soul, that all those who heard it dreammurdereds smile; "and, besides, it is now almost a year since I shot anybody; and as there is no chance for a combat where I am known, I must get up one with a stranger, and this youth looks like the right sort of stuff to serve my purpose."

"Captain, I am sure that you must either be the devil or one of his imps." declared by impossible that any other measure can deek, when he caught the fierce eyes of the duellist fixed upon him with an expression that, for the instant, caused him to shudder in spite of his reckless bravery. The feeling, however, vanished immediately, with out even displaying any token of its existing the devil or one of his imps." declared the first smiled scornfully at the supposed by the total was in the act of passing out on the boiler deek, when he caught the fierce eyes of the dabout it for months, and never could forget it till their dying day! Alasl beau that, for the instant, caused him to shudder in spite of his reckless bravery. The feeling, however, vanished immediately, with out even displaying any token of its existing the first smiled scornfully at the supposed because on his features; and he passed and weakness of his adversary and then a con-Nor could her likeness be adequately minded and purpose,"

ed on paper or canvass, except in pictures drawn by sunbeams fresh from a cloudless be the devil or one of his imps," declared be the devil or one of his imps," declared to St. Louis, remained on the boat of the country! why, sir, many or me ence on his features; and he paused and weakness of his adversary, and then a control the devil or one of his imps," declared weakness of his adversary, and then a control the devil or one of his imps," declared weakness of his adversary, and then a control the devil or one of his imps," declared weakness of his adversary, and then a control the devil or one of his imps," declared weakness of his adversary, and then a control the devil or one of his imps," declared weakness of his adversary, and then a control the devil or one of his imps," declared weakness of his adversary, and then a control the devil or one of his imps," declared weakness of his adversary, and then a control the devil or one of his imps," declared weakness of his adversary, and then a control the devil or one of his imps," declared weakness of his adversary, and then a control to St. Louis, remained on the downward well as a large majority in both Houses of healt the control to St. Louis, remained on the downward well as a large majority in both Houses of healt the control to St. Louis, remained on the downward well as a large majority in both Houses of healt the control to St. Louis, remained on the downward well as a large majority in both Houses of healt the control to St. Louis, remained on the boat of the country? lofty and cool daring, which would have so to arise from the lowest depth of his soul, trip. Her conduct evinced the clearest done credit to one of the world's great and he marmared in a low, sad tone, which sense of propriety. She gave brief but cornow no law in existence under which any nity to the compliment, remarking with generals in the crisis of victory or defeat. resembled a sigh of infinite sorrow - "And I, rect answers to any one who chose to quest revenue can be collected. This is the almost It said as plainly as the countenance alas!-I have no one to bid farewell! I tion her, and then relapsed into a continuwho are acquainted with me think so, and could speak in the mute language of natu- have not a friend on earth to shed a tear our silence, which she never broke, save in it is also the opinion of my friend from would rather face a thousand fiends than the muzzle of my single pistol!"

There was something indescribed by thouching in the utterance of such sol!"—for an unerring instinct, such as be bably thouching in the utterance of such sol."

South Carolina, (Mr. Calhoun.) on whose bably thouching in the utterance of such sol."—for an unerring instinct, such as be Some readers may find it difficult to be- longs to all animals in similar situations, words by the hardened duellist—the mur fallen upon her, as it were from some far-off Some readers may find it difficult to be-lieve that the above dialogue cortains any-thing but fanciful exaggeration, or that any-assured him that, although the other was thing but fanciful exaggeration, or that any-

gentlemm who resigned his own for their use. The passengers were of the most lied regences, not to say contradictory description, consisting of merchants and mechanics, planters from the burging plains of the all the candidates for similar honor, somethy, and pediers from the forces moved of which all the accordance of the filled on the second with the second of the contradictory description of viver life, and perfumed beaux, the children of viver life, and perfumed beaux, the children of viver life, and perfumed beaux, the smell of labor, whether on land or water, between that newly weedled pair, as the second of the same of the second with the second of the contradictory of the second with the print indeed of the contradictory description of the same of the second with the second of the contradictory description of the second with the second of the contradictory description of the second with the second of the contradictory description of the second with the second of the contradictory description of the second with the second the contradictory description of the second with the second the most leads and such that the present second, the combination of the second with the second the contradictory description of the second with the second the most life bull-deep, struck out with their force of the second with their force of the second with the contradiction. Fight the second the contradiction of the second with the second with the second with the second the second with the second the second with th these sharpers literally live on the western steamboats, changing from one to another at savages shift their hunting grounds, and that they have no other home; but it is very seldom that so many of the same law-less profession must together in one cabin

Hon. James Buchanan.

Mr. Buchanan's course upon the Tarift of 1842 has been made the subject of much comment, and his voting for that bill is claimed as conclusive proof of his being an

It will be remembered that, by the terms of the Compromise act of 1833, the Tariff was to undergo periodical reductions until 1842, when it was then to be placed upon The condition of the Treasury also ren

dered such a step necessary. The whole country was suffering, in all its interests. from severe pecuniary embarrassments, and universal bankruptcy prostrated public as well as private credit. When Congress assembled in 1842, the Treasury was empbrothers of the same exalted species, that so often mars the beauty of the universe of which it proudly claims to be monarch, prepared and eager to shed each other's blood!

assembled in 1842, the Treasury was empty, the estimates exceeded the resenue, and an increase of the Tariff, to meet the wants of the Government, was absolutely demanded. The advocates of high Tariff and December 1842, the Pressury was empty. Protection hailed the misfortunes of the Government as an auspicious opportunity for carrying out their plans. Distribution of the proceeds arising from the sale of pub-lic land, was a favorite measure with the Whigs, and they determined, if possible, to rotain this policy, and, at the same time, to increase the Tariff; although, if these proceeds had been appropriated to the series of the seri ceeds had been appropriated to the wants of the Government, that increase might have been more moderate. Two separate "That I will give you the interview you ask."

"When?"

"Whenever you please."

"Let it be now, within the present hour," cried Turner, with eager impatience for the coming revenge.

"I am content," was the brave response.

"What weapons do you choose?" inquired the matter at once," cried the duellist, joyfully; "for we can light on the upper deck of the boat, as it is not probable that the captain will land.

"That I will give you the interview you ask."

"When?"

"When?"

"And did he, too, this man of cruelty and blood, once have a mother? Was this head of iron obstinacy ever cradled to sleep upon a bosom that beat with undying fond-trees, and she sung for his infant ears the luliably tender as the melting love of her own heart, and soft as sighs of the evening wind? Did she kiss with many prayers these sheering lips, which have since grown black with curses? Did she toy with these left bankrupt, and they calculated upon this necessity to force the Democratic party into the measure of a high lack with curses? Did she toy with these left bankrupt, and they calculated upon this necessity to force the Democratic party into the measure of a high lack with curses? Did she toy with these hands, that then had never given a blow in anger, but which learned afterwards to of the Compromise act, and the positive necessities of the Government, constituted his arm grew red to the elbow? But the circumstances under which the Tariff

Congress, hold the opinion, that there is

Without the passage of this very bill-for

the picture; and now let me hasten to another. I admit, most cheerfully, that the bats happened in the State of Arkansas, where he had before been a youth of the who lies to light and life forever which darkened his brow, it lasted only an buried under the waves of that mightiest do not approve, and for which I would not instant, and was replaced by his old had river ever illumined by the light of sun or role, were it not for the present unparalleled condition of the existing law, the treasury and the country. I had earnestly hoped ladies, and courteons respect from the gen-tlemen. Look not grave, O philosopheri er that pretty girl, that you appear inclined that it might be modified and amended by the Senatue in such a manner as to render Frown not, compassionate fair one!—for it to monopolize, is your sister, your wife, or human hearts, which no pen or pencil ever two horses in the streets of Portsmouth, inyour mistress?"

Wielded by mortal hands should presume mediately opposite the George Hotel. It to approach. They are too deep for even seems that as the dragoons stationed there ties whatever has been made upon any of male, to detest the coward and admire the powerful. It consisted of a sudden and tears, unless the brain itself could turn to were walking their horses to the different the protected articles, with the exception of brave. We will do homage to the highest terrible kick from the boot-heel of young liquid fire and weep itself away, like drops billeting houses, a black stallion attacked a iron—an article in which Pennsylvania is courage, to the wondrous daring which Thoraton in the mouth of the rude quesscorns and defies death, that arch-enemy
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half-way, and compromising this vexed question. I was disposed to yield much, believing that less incidental protection would be sufficient for the manufacturers, when they knew it was to be permanent. This spirit of conciliation was that which gave birth to our institutione; and this alone can preserve them. In such a spirit, I advised a valued friend in the House (Mr. Ingersoll) to introduce a bill restoring the duties as they stood in 1839. This bill would have searcely produced sufficient revenue to supply the wants of the treasury, and it would have reduced all the duties under the act of 1832 in equal proportion. I regretted to find that this measure of conciliation received no support from my Southern political friends, with whom it has ever been my pride and pleasure to act in harmony. Even a proposition to restore the duties to what they were in 1840 met with a similar fate; and such was my anxiety to manifest my friendly disposition on the subject, that I would have voted on yesterday for a similar proposition, introduced by the Senator from Virginia, (Mr. Rives,) although I knew it then came too late, had it not contained the to me odious tax upon tea and coffee. If the present extravagant bill should be forced upon the country, I feel conscious that I have done everything to avert it, in the only manner possible, by most earnestly and sincerely endeavoring to unite our political friends in favor of a moderate and conciliatory measure."

Such were Mr. Buchanan's own forcible reasons for voting for the tariff of 1842. Mr. Silas Wright, of New York, an opponent of protection, voted for the bill on the same Buchanan's vote on that occasion was not given to sustain protection, nor the principles of a high tariff; for, in the same speech, he said: "I am willing to unite with my political friends from the North, the South, the East and the West, in reducing the expenditures of the Government to the lowest point." His vote on that occasion was the result of a possessity which are not as est point." His vote on that occasion was the result of a necessity, which no one deplored more than himself, as it compelled him to sanction a measure which he entirely and emphatically condemned. Is it just to quote against him a vote given under these circumstances?—Charleston Marcury.

SHARP PRACTICE.—Some five years since, two well known Albanians left this city to seek their fortunes at Washington. We will call them Mr. A. and Mr. B. Mr. A. got a contract from the government, and made a snug little pile, some forty thousand dollars worth of real estate. While acquiring this property, Mr. A. contracted about \$700 worth of debts, two thousand five hundred of which belonged to Mr. B. Mr. A. is not any more honest than the law allows. So he thought he would get rid of "those cussed bores," his creditors, by making over his property to his nicee, a fine looking young lady, aged about eighteen. He accordingly went to a lawyer, made out the papers, and assigned the whole of his real estate to his nicce, the interesting young lady already spoken of. Having concluded his arrangements, he thought he would go South and look at the country. This took place last summer. During his absence in pursuit of quietness and cotton fields, Mr. B. ascertains all about the assignment, and goes in for making things square. He commenced operations by courting the niece aforesaid, and finished up by marrying her. When Mr. A returns from Georgia, he finds that he has been done-that B. has not only got thirty-seven thousand, but five hundred dollars worth of real estate in addition. Mr. A. is now swearing in eight syllables, and insists that it is a conspiracy. He talks of writs, law and red tape, but as the statutes will not allow a man to take advantage of his own wrong, we fear he will have to "grin and bear it." It is not necessary for us to say that Mr. B. feels first rate over the achievement, while the niece cannot understand why her uncle should give her forty thousand dollars worth of real estate, and then fly into a passion just because she bestowed it on her husband. If we are not mistaken, this is the best piece of sharp practice that has turned up this

A physician living in Hennepin, Putnam county, states that a few weeks ago he was called professionally to attend upon a lady in that vicinity, in the hour of parturition. The sufferings of the mother were unusually brief and light. When the child was born it presented a degree of deformity ancoiled up not unlike a large scrpent. The paralleled in human malformation. bottom of the feet were planted square up-on the forehead, and the arms were so coiled within the folds of the lower extremities as not to be visible. When the child was unceiled, it was discovered that the joints, of the wrists, clbows, shoulders, ankles knees, and hips, were all dislocated. These the physicians restored to their natural po-sition, and, when thus restored, the child measured three feet in length, and only three inches in girth around the chest; the arms were eighteen inches long, and not over one in eircumference. It lived only the short space of eight hours.

THE APRICOT .- This fruit ought to be in every garden, however small, and may ea-