the [illegible] fastened upon this part of the town, [illegible] affording to [illegible] the more diver[illegible] of plunder, the noble mansions of private [illegible] on [illegible] other squares were undergoing the horrors, at the hands of these [illegible], moving in gangs and [illegible] at the work of plunder and destruction as those who beset the central thoroughfares. [illegible] timated that, at an early hour [illegible] almost every house—[illegible], we think, that there could not have been found a single [illegible] was visited by groups averaging in number from two to six persons. Some of [illegible] tered [illegible] enough, but [illegible] cautiously entered, in [illegible], begging for milk, [illegible] and [illegible]—in [illegible], demanding them. [illegible] visitors [illegible] frequently by a party [illegible] penetrated the [illegible] was [illegible] by the [illegible] by which the [illegible], for [illegible] from [illegible] to [illegible] of the [illegible]. In [illegible] persons were [illegible] their [illegible] as they were confronted [illegible] pistol [illegible] at the head [illegible] of the owner, whether [illegible].

"[illegible] your watch [illegible]" was the demand [illegible] frequently, [illegible] was [illegible] rarely, indeed, was [illegible] watch or chain, or [illegible], presented itself conspicuously [illegible] was [illegible] plucked away from [illegible] breast or bosom, and, in some cases, the [illegible] were [illegible] without remorse from the [illegible] of the women. Hundreds of [illegible], and [illegible] numbers of [illegible], were thus [illegible] [illegible] to the person. [illegible] Huger was thus [illegible] presence of his family, [illegible] [illegible] the ruffians [illegible] them the degrading [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] had been [illegible] to his dwelling [illegible] those who [illegible] [illegible] in gold [illegible] dwellings. In the open streets, the pick[illegible], the experts in robbery, were mostly [illegible] frequent mode of operating was by [illegible] If [illegible] of its possession, it was quietly taken from [illegible] or pocket, and transferred to the pocket of a thief, with some such remark as this: "[illegible] pretty little watch that. I'll take it my[illegible] [illegible]." And the [illegible] followed; and if you hinted any dislike to the [illegible], a grasp was taken of your collar and the muzzle of a revolver put to your ear. [illegible] of the incidents connected with this wholesale system were rather amusing.

[illegible] Templeton, a well known and highly esteemed citizen, passing along the street, was accosted by a couple of these experts, who stopped and asked him, pointing to the arsenal building, on the hill opposite, "What building is that?" "The state arsenal," was his reply, [illegible] extending his arm, as he pointed, in [illegible] to the building, and revealing between the folds of his coat the [illegible] of a [illegible] gold chain. Before he could recover himself, the chain and watch were in the grasp of the thief, who was preparing to transfer it to his own pocket, [illegible] remarking, "A very [illegible] watch, just to my [illegible]." "That [illegible] cool," said Templeton. "[illegible]," and the fellow, walking off, "[illegible]," said Templeton, [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] will [illegible] to use to you without the [illegible] [illegible] replied the [illegible], returning and [illegible].

The question, "What [illegible]" [illegible] by a Yankee, was [illegible] an attempt [illegible] Some [illegible] their [illegible], an [illegible] to be made known. One [illegible] replied to the question, "[illegible] here. I [illegible] one of your [illegible]." He [illegible] that the watch was already gone, and they [illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible] day [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] reply, "[illegible] a watch." "Well, [illegible] at home—[illegible] house." "Where's [illegible] house? We'll go and see." He took them [illegible] his house, [illegible] called his guard and said, "These [illegible] pursuing me; I know not what they want." The guard drove out the party, with successive thrusts at them of the bayonet, and from the street, defrauded of their spoils, they [illegible] house, guard and owner with all manner of horrid execrations.

Hundreds of like anecdotes are told, not [illegible] of loss in watches, but of every other [illegible] property. Hats and boots, overcoat[illegible] [illegible] when new and attractive, [illegible] were [illegible] commodity was [illegible] [illegible].

The Fire—Concluded.

LAUREL.

Between Richardson and Sumter—North.

H E and H C Nichols. Dwelling

South.

Estate C Beck. [illegible] shop, occupied by H Brooks

Between Sumter and Marion—North.

Dr H R Edmonds. Dwelling

S S McCully. "

Est E B Hort. " oc by Mrs Holmes.

Dwelling oc by Martin and Co

" " " Mrs Fealey and others

South.

Mrs Quigley. Dwelling oc by T A Jackson

Thos Davis. " " by Thomas Davis and C Marshall

Between Marion and Bull—South.

Benj Evans. Dwelling.

Bull to Pickens—South.

Jacob Bell. Residence oc by Jos Manigault

Est C Beck. " " by Mrs C Beck and E Anderson.

North.

S Ramsay. Dwelling oc by W J Laval

Richardson to Assembly—North.

G W Wright. Blacksmith shop

R Lewis. Office oc by Dr A W Kennedy

" " Rooms oc by Dr Kennedy, R Lewis and others

South.

Keatinge & Ball. Stables

Gates to Lincoln—North.

Glaze & Shield's Foundry

BLANDING.

Assembly to Richardson—South.

R Bryce. Warehouses

North.

M Comerford. Warehouse, etc

Richardson to Sumter.

Palmetto Engine House

Mrs Ann Marshall. Dwelling

" Dwelling oc by G M Johnson

B Mordecai. " " by F G DeFontaine, Dr Baker and others

Sumter to Marion—North.

Dr A J Green. Dwelling oc Mrs Dr Ross.

Mrs Z P Herndon. " " B Mordecai

South.

Mrs John Bryce. Dwelling

C A Bedell. "

E H Heinitsh. "

Marion to Bull—North.

James L Clark. Residence, etc

T B Clarkson. "

South.

Christ (Episcopal) Church

Mrs K Brevard. Residence oc W E Martin

Bull to Pickens—North.

C R Bryce Dwelling oc Mrs McKay

" " " Harris Simons

Est C Beck. " " Jas P Adams