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THE CHILD CAPTIVE OF W-Y- with Lord Butler, a grandson of the well." OMING.

[Copyrighted, 1888, by Funk- & Wagnalls. At 3 o'clock on a cool September morning in 1848 I left Easton, Pa., on a stage-coach for the Wyoming Valley, sixty miles distant. Although there were only three passengers in the coach-two women and a baby-I took a seat with the driver, for there were promises of a pleasant day dawn and magnificent scenery. But when we had ascended to Nazareth, chilling vapors that came up from the river and valleys caused me to seek comfort within the coach. We passed through the Wind Gap and breakfasted at the Roscommon Tavern. Then I resumed my seat with the driver. At noon we reached the gently undulating summit to the Pocono Mountains, and dined at John Smith's two thousand feet above the tide-level.

For about twenty miles we rode over that dreary waste where, here and there, a lotty pine, a tamarack, or a less ambitious cedar rose from a green sea of shrub oaks. Here the gray eagle wheeled undisturbed, the bear made his lair, and wild deer roamed in abundance. The wind blew cold from the northwest, and I was happy when we reached the brow of the Wilkes-Barre Mountain, Mrs. Slocum to the door. A Indian fifty-nine-years after her ca a little before sunset, and began to descend into the warmer atmosphere of the charming Wyoming Valley that spread out in enchanting beauty far below us. I can never forget the right royal supper at the Phoenix Hotel, by the side of the beautiful Susquehanna, that appeased a voracious appetite after a sixty-mile ride in healthful mountain air-vensien steak and cranberry sauce, warm biscuits and honey!

Early the next morning 1 started on a pilgrimage to place and persons identified with the stirring scenes en. up Joseph (my informant), who acted in the Wyoming Valley in the was two and a half years old, and summer of 1778. I first visited Mr. fled in safety to the fort, when an Charles Miner, the early historian of alarm was given, but the barbarians the valley, who, with his blind were beyond successful pursuit. memory, heare the fearful and path- seventeen years of age. · ston, a living witness of the woes of the house. The savages escaped of the Vale of Wyoming.

teen years old at the time of the They traversed the wilderness to ery minute occurrence there with per- that the child was dead. But the fect clearness. She remained two mother's heart was still the shrine of weeks in the valley after the surren- hope, and she felt assured that Frander. The Indians kept her face ces was not in the grave. Her empainted black and a white fillet bodied spirit seemed to hold comaround her head as a protection munion with that of her child, and against the tomahawks of strange she often said, savages, and she was treated very "I know Frances is living. Somekindly by them. After the barba- thing tells me that she is alive and rians, white and red, had left the valley, she returned with her family and had enjoyed for seventy years the sweets of peace and domestic happi- Valley. When I was in Hamilton, more than half a century were

flower hath fallen," seid the venera-

"I have not even heard of him," I

not far from the hotel." I passed several hours of that day was Showers.

Frances by the barbarians, and the aved still. final discovery of her.

his kindness to the Indians. He re- The foundling felt no filial yearn- ble enemies of the Indians, whom I mained unharmed at the time of the ings, and both being convinced that loved. My husband died, and my invasion and his dwelling was un. no consanguinty existed the orphan pe touched by incindiary fire. But his returned to her Indian friends. From son Giles was in the battle. This, time to time the hope of the r doubtless excited the ire of the would be refreshed, and Indians, and they resolved on ven- were made to distant India geance. Late in autumn they were ments in search of the seen prowling about the house, which but in vain. The mother was not far from Wilkes-Barre Fort. laid in the grave, and litt A neighbor had been made, a prison. was almost forgotten. er, and his wife and two sons found | The brothers of the chi a welcome home in the Slocum fami- had become aged men, y. One morning the two boys were grandchildren were playing grinding a knife near the house, very spot from whence Fra when a rifle-shot and a shriek brought taken. In the summer was scalping the eldest boy, a lad of telligence of Frances was fourteen. The barbarians rushed Colonel Ewing, and India into the house and seized a little son and trader, in a letter wi of Mrs. Slocum. The frightened Logansport, Indiana, to the mother exclaime,

"See! he can do thee no good; he such information that, all

The Indian released the boy, and taking her daugher Frances gently in his arms, seized the younger of the two boys outside and hastened to the mountains. Mrs. Slocum's little daughter, nine years old, caught

etic story from the lips of more than About six weeks after this event forty intelligent survivors of the Mr. Slocum and his father-in-law work of desolation. I then called on were shot and scalped by prowling the venerable Mrs. Myers, near King- Indians while foddering cattle near Wyoming, who was then eighty. with their horrid trophies. Mrs seven years of age, totally blind, but Slocum, bereft of father, husband, exceedingly cheerful and kindly and child, and stripped of all possescommunicative. She was the last sions except the house that sheltered survivor of the inmates of Forty her, could not leave the valley, for Fort, when it was besieged and cap- nine helpless children were yet in tured by the Tory leader Col. But. her honsehold. She trusted in the ler and his Indian allies. She pos- God of Elijah, and if she was not fed sessed the little round table on which by the ravens she was spared from the treaty, at the time of the surren- the vultures. She mourned not for der, was signed. I found the vener- the dead, for they were at rest; but able woman seated in an easy-chair, little Frances, her lost darling, where peeling apples. She received me was she? The lamp of hope was with great dignity and kind courte. kept burning, but years rolled by sy, and entertained me for an hour and no tidings of the little one came. with reminiscences of her girlhood When peace returned and friendly experience amid the exciting scenes intercourse with Canada was established, two of the little captive's Mrs. Myers nee Bennett was six- brothers started in quest of her. memorable invasion of the valley, Fort Niagara, on the border, offering and was in Forty Fort when it was rewards for her discovery, but in surrendered. She remembered ev. vain. They returned, convinced

* "Wintermoot Fort" was the barin Canada, in 1860, I saw Mrs. Han- aroused, and she made earnest in-"I am like a withered stalk whose nah Aikman, mother of Mr. Michael Aikman, a small, delicate woman, but of clear mind, and ninetypleasant smile, "the fragrant still among the Tory refugees who set history of her life. the time of the invasion. She gave from the Wyoming Valley, after the were Delawares. The next morning Hyde Park Journal. "You ought not to leave the valley battle there, and their sufferings in they departed for the Indian country. without seeing him, "for he can give their forest journey to Niagara. I That first night was the unhappiest you a more interesting story about Valley, and when I described Winthe events I have been relating to termoot's home as she remembered and was carried tenderly in their savory reputation. you than any other living person-it, and spoke of the Bennetts, the arms when I was weary. I was the story of the captivity of his lit- Hallenbacks, the Slocums and the adopted in an Indian family and tle sister, and the discovery of her Donovans, whon she knew, her eyes brought up as their daughter. I brightened, and she said it seemed

leader of the band of patriots who At length the mother's heart was pert as a hunter and in all out ofgallantly opposed the Tory and In- cheered. A woman (many years door exercises. When I was grown The White House career. Hayes made The Hopeful Outlook of the Did'an invader of the valley. He had now passed, and Frances, if hy- to womanhood both of my Indian kindly accompanied me to the most ing, must be a full-grown woman) parents died and I soon afterward interesting localities in the neigh- was found among the Indians who married a young chief of the nation borhood Forty Fort, the Monument, answered the description of the lost and removed to the Ohio country. the chief battle-ground, Mocacy Is- one. She only remembered being I was treated with more respect than land, Wintermoot's Fort, * etc., and carried away from the Susquebanna. even the Indian women generally. I spent the evening pleasantly and Mrs. Slocum took her home and I was taught to ride on horseback profitably with the venerable Joseph cherished her with a mother's ten- and was not required to cultivate the Slocum, whose family was among derness. Yet the mysterious link of soil or bear burdens. I always rethe sufferers in the Wyoming Val- sympathy that binds the material membered my carrying off; and so ley. He gave me a minute account | unture to its offspring was unfelt, happy was I in my domestic relations the capture of his little sister and the bereaved mother was bere- that the chance of being discovered

the Lancaster Intelligences about her identity were recould not speak a word of English), mitted to make a pencil copy of and she listened seriously to what her at. The costume was very simple—an brothers had to say. She answered under dress of scarlet and a mantle but little, and at sunset departed for black cloth, with a large flowing her home, promising to return the sleeve on one side. next morning. The brothers and Frances Slocum-Ma-con-a-qua- salaries during his lifetime, and he sister were quite sure it was Frances, the Child Captive of the Wyoming possessed the Yankee thrift. The though in her face nothing but In- Valley, died in 1844, and was bu-

fail. When I mentioned it the good visit in the Valley of Wyoming. woman was greatly agitated and while tears filled the furrows of her aged face she held out the disfigured finger, but said nothing. There was no longer any doubt that we had

sixty years afterwards. He lives as if some of her old neighbors had soon almost forgot my mother. that I never intended to say such a thing,

the bow and arrow, and became ex- PRESIDENTIAL POVERTY. ed \$30,000 to gen Swaim, and Grant and compelled to return among the "It may be Frances, yet it does white people was the greatest evil Mr. Sloeum's father was a Friend not seem so. Yet the comer shall that I feared. For I had been or Quaker, and was distinguished for be welcome," said Mrs. Slocum. taught that they were the implacahaving joined the Miamis, I m, and married one of have children and Sam very happy tal concluded her

an free right hand

ries fed said:

grue as that there the heavens!" band had beer the was entirely language. She to of Ma-con-apar," and was a Christian spirit. At to the home of Ege heard of cattle and She had told Mr. Ewing the will kiele, howeverthing betokened plenname was Slocum; that he stands that he is fort, for she was wealwas a Quaker, and that she was ta- thy when her wants and her means ken from near the Susquehanna Riv- were compared. Her annuity from er when she was very young. The the Government, which she reletter came to the knowledge of ceived as one of the Miami tribe, \$150,000, including Polk place at Joseph Slocum, when he and her had been saved, and she had about sister who carried him to the fort one thousand dollars in specie. Her journeyed to Ohio, where they were white friends tarried with her sevjoined by their younger brother, eral days, and not long after their Isaac. They proceeded to Logans- return home, Joseph and his daughdaughter, blessed with a remarkable They also carried off a black girl, port, where they saw Mr. Ewing and ter, the wife of Hon. Ziba Benascertained that the woman he had nett of Wyoming, again visited her written about lived twelve miles from and bade her the last farewell. On the villiage. She was immediately that occasion she was induced to sent for, and toward evening the sit for her portrait to an artist made money in real estate as well as be gauged, the doctor further says, by incorporating in it his Beaufort next day she came into the town, named Winter, residing at Logans- in the law. Both of the Adamses by asking them to make a circle on tax bill, which, of course, would be riding a spirited young horse, ac- port, whom I met at Lafayette, were money savers, if not money paper with a pencil and noting in especially beneficial to the people of dressed in full Indian costume, and length life size. At the time of the husband of one of them. An my visit it was hanging in Mr. interpreter was procured (for she Slocum's parlor, and I was per-

> dian lineaments were seen, her color ried with considerable pomp, for was told at Kansas City that Charles bers' Journal. she was regarded as a queen among Francis Adams has more than \$1,-"True to her appointment," said her tribe. When the Miamis were 000,000 invested in real estate there. Interesting Relics of Lincoln. Mr. Slocum, "she appeared the next removed from Indiana, the "lost morning, accompanied as before. I sister" and her Indian relatives were mentioned a mark of recognition exempted. The affecting story of her which my mother had said would be life was laid before Congress, and a sure test. One day, while playing so eloquently did John Quincy Adwith a hammer in a blacksmith shop ams plead her cause that he drew House, and he had to borrow money from Ford's theatre on the night that when I was about two and a haif tears from the eyes of many memyears old, I gave Frances a blow bers. Congress gave her a tract of upon the middle finger of her left land a mile square, to be held in hand which crushed the bone and perpetuity by her descendants, and Johnson, though he entertained con- kee. However, they were the bet-

> > Benson J. Lossing, LL. D.

The Patent Bed Spring.

Our patent spring bed has been remodeled. The one for two in a bed found our lost sister, and a scene of is so arranged that the part the wife from his expenses in charity. He the martyred president breathed his takes to state what has been his exricaded home of Wintermoot, a Tory deep interest ensued. He affections lies on can be set by the husband in the upper part of the Wyoming for her kindred which had slumbered unknown to the former, and it springs he died, and his estate of Wheat- held for the surgeon as he was dress tell the truth is an erroneous one: the floor at any hour for which it is quiries after her father, mother, one edge so she can't get back again, years he was engaged to his sweet- many of the little things that were shown that the detailed report rebrothers and sisters. She opened at least on her side of the bed, and ble lady; "but," she added, with a one years of age. Her family were her full heart to us and gave as a she won't come back on his side, for pay the expenses of 150 miles which were used on the fatal night, were hngers. Have you seen Joseph tled in the Canadian peninsula. "The Indians when they took me compelled to dress and go down stairs from the house, she said, went to a to see to breakfast, and the old man first years of their marriage his wife -Chicago Mail. me a graphic account of their flight rocky cave in the mountains. They will get a rest. Oh, it's a daisy!-

An Unfortunate Habit.

Brown-It has been reported to me,

Robinson (surprised)-Why, I never said anything of the kind, Brown.

Brown-I get the information straight Robinson-Well, I assure you, Brown, come to see her. Her maiden name For years I lived a roving life, and and if I did, I attribute it to my unfortunate habit of thinking aloud.—New York liked it. I was taught the use of Sun

For Money Making.

Most of the presidents have died poor, and few of them have made dency, but the same abilities which nuch out of office-holding. Just be- made them presidents would, if they pect for the passage of the bill to reore Jefferson died he was so much n debt that a lettery scheme was gotten up to sell his property and relieve his necessities. He left practically nothing to his children, and they received some two sums of \$10,-000 each from the legislatures of two of the southern states.

John Tyler left some property, but vas in the White House, and who was then called the handsomest man eased her declining years.

PRESIDENT MONROE'S FOVERTY. Monroe was so poor that his latter Samuel L. Governeur, in New York, and there he died. Harrison left Nashville, where his widow now between the little and great things. Territory, and of the total about fiflives. It is a valuable block of To acertain the qualities of an appli- ty-five millions were collected in ground in the center of the town, cant cook he says it is sufficient to Southern States. which has risen largely in value give her a plate to clean, a sauce to was contributed by California, Con-

since the president's death. out of politics. * He started life poor of the hands of a watch, you may Utah. and died well to do. One estimate trust her; if the other way, she is Mr. Elliott addressed the House in puts his estate at \$800,000, and he certain to be stupid and incapable. makers. The letters of John Adams, the second president, to his wife. Abigail, repeatedly urge her to cut down the household expenses and to practice economy. He lunched him- their drawing from right to left. Asy- of collections, and the unnecessary self on oat cake and lemonade, and lum patiens do the same. In a word, sacrifice of property by the tax comhe walked far oftener than he rode.

John Quincy Adams received nearly \$500,000 from the government in Adams family at present is one of He has railroad stocks and bonds in addition, and he makes his money breed like Australian rabbits.

ANDREW JACKSON'S EXPENSES.* his salary while he was in the White to whose house Lincoln was taken to get the cottou tax refunded. to keep up with his expenses. Thos, the president's life was taken by J. Jefferson borrowed the money that Wilkes Booth. The lady was at that carried him out of Washington when time a child. Her people were southhe left the presidency, and Andy erners, and hated everything Yanworth about \$100,000, and the most guests. When Mr. Lincoln's body leave. James Buchanan was making of the patient, and vore deeply months and of 7,136 in 10 years. about \$7,000 a year at the law when grieved at the misfortune, as they he entered congress, and he spent subsequently showed. The lady in asserts that the impression that when during his presidency what was left question has the pillow upon which the proprietor of a newspaper underwas not, however, a rich man when last. The piece of candle which was act circulation, he does not generally

set. It then remains turned up on as a wool carder. During the three was thrown across the sufferer, and book for this year, where it can be she's too allfired mad to come near ay between her home in Saratoga all preserved, and are in the keephim. So the result is that she is county, N. Y., and where he had be- ing and the ownership of Mrs. Chas. gun to practice law. During the Rector, a north side lady of Chicago. did the housework and taught school, and still he died one of the richest of his fortune, however, came from his second marriage to a rich woman of

first wife died. Garfield shortly before his death ow- subscriptions.

did not add to his fortune by his money out of the presidency, and is rich through inheritance and economy. The presidents, as a rule, have and been used in the field of money fund the direct tax is very encouragmaking and money saving, have giv- ing in the opinion of its friends. In en them fortunes .- Frank G. Car penter in New York World.

Wofford on a Boom.

the faculty of Wofford College, was the annual pension appropriation bill. in the city vesterday. The object of his visit was to arrange for the pub. It appeared strange at first sight to t all went to his second wife. One lication of the annual catalouge of see the Republicans voting almost of his sons, Gen. John Tyler, who the College. The Walker, Evans & solidly against taking up the pension drove a four-in-hand while his father Cogswell Company have secured the bill first, but this is readily explaincontract and will get out an artistic ed by the fact that the greater part of

Prof. Gramewell says that Spar-Washington, lives off a position tanburg is entering upon a period of osed to be refunded will go into the in the treasury department, and one great business activity and that the treasuries of Northern and Western of Tyler's most accomplished daugh. faith of the business men in the city States, while some of the Southern of Tyler's most accomplished daughters, a lady who presided over the Wofford College, he says, is enjoying the tax, will receive proportionately executive mansion after her mother's a session of unusual encouragement death and until her father married The students are doing good, work, less benefit from the Refunding Act Julia Gardner, is a guest of Corco. and the faculty are pleased at the re- Besides, the Republicans knew that ran's Old Ladies' Home here. A sult of their labors. The Fitting the pension appropriations would man who claims to be one of the Senooi, a newly established to be a this session, while the bill to refund School, a newly established adjunct certainly pass at some time during way, has a face strikingly like that dance and the boys show great desire the direct tax might not have a of the president, peddles trinkets in to be thoroughly fitted for college chance. The opposition so far dea little booth in the pension building. It has proved or very great assistance to the College proper, as it enables known to exist, comes from Southern was, during a part of her last days, with scholars prepared for the Col. wen who are convinced of the unfurnished food by a colored man who lege classes. Preparations are being constitutionality of the refunding had been in President Madison's ser. made for the approaching commen- scheme. They say that if this tax is cement in June, when the Hon. refunded the cotton tax, which was vice. She got, however, a large sum | cement in June, will | Giles J. Patterson, of Chester, will | Her dwelling was a of money from congress for Madi-deliver the annual address before the son's papers, and it was this that literary societies and the Rev. J. H. tax, should also be refunded. They, Vincent, D. D., of New York, will therefore demand that the bill be and Courier.

days were spent with his son-in-law, A Cook with a Centrifugal Mo- possible that this amendment will be tion.

make, and watch how she moves her necticut, Illinois, Kansas, Massachuhand in either act. If she moves it setts, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Martin Van Buren made money from left to right, or in the direction Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and which direction the hand is moved. his district, who suffered so severely The good students in a mathe natical by the manner in which the collecclass draw circles from left to right. tion of the tax was enforced. He The inferiority of the foftest sex, as took occasion to give an interesting well as the male dunces, is shown by account of the vigorous enforcement says the doctor, centrifugal move- missioners, and supported his statements are characteristic of intelli- ments by reference to official docugence and higher development; cen- ments. tripetal are a mark of incomplete evolution. A person, as his faculties are developed, may even come to the time allotted for the discussion is draw circles in a different way from limited, and he has so far contented the richest in New England, and I what he did in his youth.—Cham- himself with the exercise of his per-

The talk about the removal of Libby prison to Chicago starts afresh re- ton tax be included. He says that miniscences of the war. There is if it is not provided for in this bill; Andrew Jackson spent more than living in Chicago to-day a lady this will probably be the last chance lands was sold a year or two ago. | ing the wound is preserved and in and they conspiciously offer a reward President Filmore began his life her possession. The coverlet which of \$100 for every instance in their

the presidents. The greater part of says that a practical revivalist re- promoting health and vigor by intel-Buffalo, whom he courted after his paid their debts to rise. The rising developing literary taste or artistic was general. After they had taken skill by appropriate culture. The President Cleveland is supposed to their seats a call was made for those effect of this change is already seen be worth about \$100,000, and he who didn't pay their debts, and one in the growing strength of young owns, I am told, real estate in Buffa- solitary individual arose who ex- women and their satisfaction in the lo which is rapidly advancing in val-ue. President Arthur left much less could not because the rest of the than he was supposed to be worth. congregation were owing him their crushed the belle of twenty years ago.

REFUNDING A ROBBERY.

rect Tax Bill.

Washington, April 3. - The pros-

(News and Courier.)

the contest to-day as to whether the bill should be immediately considered it was supported by a very large majority, although the measure com Prof. J. A. Gamewell, secretary of peting with it for precedence was the seventeen millions of dollars propunquestionably an unconstitutional preach to annual sermon.—News amended so as to provide for refunding the cotton tax. It is not thought the treasury sixty-eight million dol lars, in addition to the seventeen mil-A well known Paris scientist, Dr. lions on account of collections of the Delauney, has made some curious dis- direct tax. The cotton tax was colcoveries which show the connection elected in twenty-five States and one

Mr. Dibble intended to have made a speech in support of the bill, but sonal influence in its behalf. whole of the South Carolina delegation will support the bill as it now stands, but Mr. Tillman will not be satisfied unless the refund of the cot-

Newspapers in 1888.

From edition of Geo. P. Rowell & deprived the finger of its nail. The there her chilrdren and grandchil- siderably, is supposed to have saved ter class utherners, who never tory," published April 2d (its twens test I withheld until others should dren were living at the time of my at least \$50,000 during his White permittee p House career. He died, I am told, roof to be ted otherwise than as papers and Periodicals of all kinds issued in the United States and of this came from economy. It was was carried into this house the fami- Canada, now number 16,310, showa pretty good estate for a tailor o ly yielded everything to the comfort ing a gain of 890 during the last 12

The publishers of the Directory ceived from a publisher was untrue.

During the past 5 years a great ad vance has been made by women of this country in the direction of physical culture. It is no longer counted One of our Western exchanges unwomanly to use the same care in -Scientific American.