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THE DUEL.

BY DR. WILLIAM ELDER.

From the commencement of our Revolution till the year 1815, a period of forty years, England was engaged in war without any intermission. These wars were with the thirtcen colonies, or United States, France, Spain, Holland, the French Republic, Bonaparte, and again with the United States; sometimes singly, sometimes with several of these nations at once.

sible. To say not a hundred thou worthiese sand soldiers, to have four or five thousand Poor fellow

ment we have passed upon this class, or him.

not, he certainly suffered it in full measure. He had obtained by patronage, of the regiment, "let no man leave the themselves toward each other. I see no I will sustain you, but I do not advise it, the appointment of Ensign, after the es-tablishment of peace, and was quartered, concerns every man present to fix the lenger will be ap upon you such personal "I have gone too far," replied the Enwith some dozen or twenty officers of Wellington's army, in one of the cities of search be instantly made, and let it begin able or drive you into violence, which will principle, to recover it now. I cannot Ireland. An ensign is the lowest comwith me." missioned officer, and the salary, or pay,

is so small that it is a saying "if an Enis capable of such an act. A hundred watches are not worth the impeachment of one gentleman's honor. Say no more about it. It has no special value above sign has wine for dinner, he must go without supper." . Our Ensign was very poor -he was friendless, very young and constitutionally shy. On the other hand, the officers of the

station were generally well supplied with money, and had nothing to do but to spend it; they lived fast and high, and have it," looking sternly at the young for I understand them; but you cannot shown to-day. If your pistol matches spend it; they fived fast and high, and were, by all their habits and tastes, un-pleasant companions for such as he. . e-sides his retiring manners, there was something else which disinclined him to their society, and exposed him to their disike. This was a certain air of self-

and a strict propriety of language and now, and be done with him." manners, which quietly, but all the more severely, rebuked their general looseness pale as death. Every eye was fixed up- cepted. and rudeness of conduct. They hated on him, and in every eye the signs of

and still worse for his personal character and demeanor among them. All this had its effect upon him also and so the breach search on this account, but he was over. search on this account, but he was over-come, and submitted. A few minutes "Does the moth know that he is flut-and the spectators held their breath, hushbetween them widened every day. A certain amount and kind of courtesy he was entitled to by the rules of the ser-vice; this they gave him, but so sharply measured out, that every salute was an affront, and every look an insult, and he might have had cause of quarrel at any moment that he pleased. It was in fact the settled numbers of several of these was left purposely to the last. "Now, young man," said the Colonel, turning and advancing toward him, "now, sir, it is your turn," his face looking per-fectly savage with scorn and hate. "The watch sit with several of these sufficed for the examination of every one tering into the flame?" A certain amount and kind of courtesy

the settled purpose of several of these watch, sir, without a word; or a moment's men to drive him out of the army by their delay?" men to drive him out of the army by their | delay ?"-But a terrific change had passed over is so limbor, and yet so elastic and met- taken, he cried out:

THE EDGEFIELD ADVERTISER | tion, and whether he deserves the judg- | there was as little pity as respect felt for | Colonel's challenge, is, under the most | seconds, " and there is nothing left for it favorable construction, an attack upon but a fatal issue. You have the right to "Shut the door," shouted the Colonel the code by which military men govern refuse, having already spared his life, and

guilt where it belongs. I propose that a indignities as will make your life intolerwith me." "By no means," interposed the Gene-al. "It shall not be so. No gentleman

its price, and I care nothing about that." soon enough for year purposes, and you terposed the second; "you must be a must submit to its rules or be driven from good shot, with such an eye and hand, watch is in the room. One of us must it in disgrace. I honor your principles, and such self-possession as you have

respect, showing refinement and culture pected place. We must finish the fellow 10 the utmost, with the world and their given. One-two-three. The Colonel's pistol was discharged at the instant, and own necessities against them.

The Ensign sat steady, motionless, but In the morning the challenge was ac- and the Ensign stood untouched. He had reserved his fire, and had the right now to Having the right to choose the wea-pons, he named a small sword. When the deadly weapon, till it bore point blank

ed as the death they waited for. But

the 18th of June, 1815. That year the army of England amounted to three hundred thousand men; and in 1845, al-though she had engined to three hundred thousand s and the standing are hundred thousand s and the standing are hundred thousand s and hundred thousand thousand the hundred thous

Poetry.

FORBEAR THAT UNKIND WORD. BY HELEN C. CAGE.

Forbear, breathe not that unkind word, That trembles on thy thoughtless tongue : Know'st thou how many a faithful heart To sudden anger it hath stung? Hast thou a care save for thyself, Hast thou a thought of pity born ? Then check thy own rebellious heart-Plant thou the rose and stay the thorn.

Talk not of woman's destined lot, As though 'twas her's alone to bear, The measure of earth's common woes It will become thyself to share ; Talk not of her submissive grace, As tho' she were thy servile slave, Remember she is frail-there lies But one step 'twixt her and the grave.

If thou couldst know, if thou couldst feel One half her suffering, pain and care, Where would thy Job-like patience be? Thy boasted resignation where ? O, then forbear that unkind word, Withhold that look so harshly stern, The heart that feels so much for thee, Needs only kindness in return.

GIVE ME A FAITHFUL HEART. BY ELIZABETH A. BLINN. I do not erave bright gems of carth,

Nor gold of dazzling hue, But ask for something of more worth-A heart that's pure and true.

Though earth may yield her costly gems, That look so fair to view ; I ask not for such diadenis, But for a heart that's true.

A heart that glows with noble deeds, For this I e'er will sue ; ... A guiltless heart from envy freed-A heart that's pure and true. A heart like this is real worth, It nothing can outshine; Il I . k for here on earth

that share pull kind. ----

glides through my lattice, and breathes in my ear, "Remember me;" and as its echoes die away, the impression it has left on my memory grows brighter and brighter.—Youth's Friend.

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England and the Slave Trade. We owe to a Georgia correspondent. of the New York Courier the following interesting summary of the share which, England had in establishing, the institution of slavery in this country: "England, down to near the begin-

ning of the present century, was ever foremost in prosecuting the slave traffic. A royal charter was granted by James I. conferring an exclusive privilege upon a joint stock company of London, to carry on the trade with Africa, another by Charles I., and another by Charles II. In 1792, twenty-six acts of Parliament encouraging and sanctioning the traffic could be enumerated. By the treaty of Utrecht (1713,) England obtained the exclusive privilege of importing into the Spanish West Indies 4,800 negroes annually for 30 years. British merchants finally engrossed two-thirds of the whole. African slave trade, and became the carriers of the European world. Anderson in his history of trade and commerce; states that England transported annually from Africa to America 100,000 slaves. The entire number she carried over the ocean, during the two centuries in which she prosecuted the trade, has been estimated to be from six to ten millions." The traffic excited no condemnation in England until near the close of the last cen-tury. Until 1786, no society or association of any kind existed against it. The question of its abolition came before Parliament in 1787, for the first time. The suspension of the trade was earnestly advocated by Pitt, Fox, Wilberforce, and others; but for year after year in vain." The Pitt administration had a majority of three-fourths in Parliament, and yet ministerial influence upon this subject was. almost powerless. The spirit in which the proposition was met is best indicated

that it is not

wormess. Poor fellow! He was alone, friendless, and without a dollar in the world but his with him in furious combat. Wormessed works Poor fellow! He was alone, friendless, and without a dollar in the world but his with him in furious combat. Wormessed works Poor fellow! He was alone, friendless, and without a dollar in the world but his Wormessed works Poor fellow! He was alone, friendless, and without a dollar in the world but his Wormessed works Poor fellow! He was alone, friendless, and without a dollar in the world but his Wormessed works Poor fellow! He was alone, friendless, and without a dollar in the world but his Wormessed works Poor fellow! He was alone, friendless, and without a dollar in the world but his Wormessed works Poor fellow! He was alone, friendless, and without a dollar in the world but his Wormessed works Poor fellow! He was alone, friendless, and without a dollar in the world but his Wormessed works Poor fellow! 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For a time it bears him nobly after all, the bill would have probably apologized frankly for his misconduct; acon ; but at last darkness thickens around failed, had it not passed and received the knowledged his misconception of the him; his life is in danger, but he forgets royal assent before the dissolution of the character which he had put to so severe a not the last injunctions of his mother, Grenville ministry, during which party trial, and added that he was willing to which appear to him as a Star of Bethpower and discipline were unusually effimerely. I do not consent to this practice. owe his life to "the bravest man he had lehem, to illuminate his bewildered pathcient. The trade was abolished in 1807, To me it is as absurd as it is wicked. It ever met, either friend or foe." way. but for many years afterwards it was ear-"Brave!" said the young man, with the "Oh, my mother," he cries in the hour ried on by British subjects and British color mounting to his cheek and brow. of peril, I'll still remember thee." As he capital under the flags of Spain and Por-"Brave! Colonel, pardon me, pardon me. uttered these words the sea parted as a I have by a hasty word or act, justly of-fended you, I am willing to retract it. What is your complaint?" Draver Colouct, parton me, parton me tugal to a very large extent." ONLY ONCE .- Ah! that has destroyed the bright hopes of many a parent. One "Young man, I came here not to preach than life. I have risked my life, not for his daily course, or with the gentle moon taste of the intoxicating cap has sent run but to fight. I came here not to confer that principle, but to satisfy a caprice; I to hold his nightly converse. and death to many a household. One am the miserable hero of a miserable These words may have been the la profane word has filled the heart with but to punish your impudence; but if falsehood, instead of the martyr of a of a loved and loving sister, ere she bic sorrow and gloom. One penny from the you have no relish for that, I will spare greater truth. I have lost confidence in adieu to those on earth, or of a tender master's drawer has sent the once happy myself, and men's praises only mock me." and affectionate friend, when about to youth to the penitentiary and the gallows. leave the cares and troubles of this world "He's DEAD."-When we meet a When tempted to break the law of God, for a happier home prepared for all. The Ensign's answer was prompt and will you stretch forth the guilty hand and friend, and ask after the health of an as-When but a child I well remember say: "This once, and once only, will I sociate, or one we have been accustomed standing by the bedside of my dearest "You will have it so-I am guiltless." sin ?" Stop where you are. It is the to meet in our daily walk, and received earthly friend, " My Mother." Mournfor an answer, "he is dead," it awakens first act of transgression that will play The seconds and witnesses had never ing friends gathered around to witness the ruin with you. Step but an inch over a flood of thought and feelings, and dead ! the departure of one so dearly loved. It the forbidden ground to-day, and to-morcomes unvoluntarily from our lips .-was at the hour of twilight; all nature Death is the lot of every son of Adam. row a foot will not seem to be so dangeseemed hushed into a pensive quietness; rous, and next mouth you may be beyond but when it overtakes our companions, in the laborer, wearied with the toils of the the reach of love and affection, and the prime of life as well as the old man day, wended his way homeward; the Christian influence. Resist the first sug-gestion to do evil. Tear yourself away "weary with the weight of years," we birds sought their nests in the trees; the Heated by the struggle, and excited by can but feel melancholy. Suddenly are soft beams of the young moon stealing from the first grasp of sin. There is litour friends and associates called away by through the window fell on the pale and tle honor in saying I have fallen but once; the grim baliff of the grave-called to angelic countenance of " My Mother,' lie down in the narrow tomb, and we but a glory attaches itself to the characwreathing her brow as with a crown of ter of him who never for once over-stepwould not be human could we stand unheavenly light. I clasped her hand-it ped the bounds of virtue. moved, and not startle at the announcewas cold ! A seraphic smile rested upon ment. We remember that we too, in a her features. It seemed as though the ' GEOGRAPHY,-"How many poles are. few fleeting years at most, must go to the pure spirit had freed itself from the mor-The Colonel's mortification and rage there ?" silent city of the dead, and render our "Three." tal tenement of clay, but yet lingered account at the bar of God. We remem-"I accept no favors from such a cannear the objects it had so dearly loved, "Name them:" ber that our tenure is at the command of ere it plumed its wings for its heavenly " The North Pole, the South Pole, and an invisible and secret Power, and that flight. For a short time it tarried thus: the pole which knocked down the Persimwe cannot know the day nor the hour. then casting a smile on the encircling mons." We may be the next-we know it must "Right. Next. Which is the principal friends, that no pen can portray, it whisbe. Life is uncertain, but death is cerpered, "Remember me," and winged its sea in Europe ?" tain, and let each be warned as his neigh-"The see of Rome." way to a brighter, world. bor is called. "Very good. Which are the principal Years have passed since then, yet capes in the United States ?" TO MEASURE AN ACRE OF GROUND .--time with his wasting scothe, nor age "The capes of fashion." "Good. What kind of fish are most pistols. I tell you, this quarrel is not In measuring land, 30 1.4 square yards with his many cares, can ever blot from made up. I will not have my life as your make one square rod, and 40 square rods my memory the saddest event of my make one square rood, four of which, or common ?" whole life. Sweet words.! Methinks I " Cod-fish aristocracy." 160 rods make one acre. It is evident hear them even now echoing in soft there is a blow to clinch it," striking at therefore that 40 rods long by 4 rods whispers through the room. Years may A MAN with a red face, and looking wide will make an acre. The same repass away nor can I forget them. The rather shabby, called, at a house in the sult may be arrived at by measuring 229 thousands tinged leaves of the forest country on Sunday and asked for a drink feet in length and 198 feet in width, or murmur them to the wind, and the evenof cider. The good lady of the house by measuring 73 1.2 yards in length, by ing breeze sighs them gently in my ear. refused, telling that she would not. He 66 yards in breadth. To lay out an acre In the hour of meditation I listen with urged, telling her that she had better, for square, 209 feet on each side is the near- rapture to the reverberation of these soul some persons had entertained angels unaest foot that will make an acre, being thrilling words. They are united by a wares. "Yes," said she, "I know that; less than an inch each way over the exact golden chain of love to all the fond as-The Ensign's sedond, carried away by but angels don't go about drinking cider distance, 43,560 superficial feet, or sociations of my youthful days. By on Sunday." 208,95-100 feet on each side constitutes memory's magic art the present is conan acre of ground. nected with the unforgotten past. I can-It is an excellent rule to be observed in all disputes, that men should give soft EBBING says, that women are a good not forget all the dear companions of my "Will nothing satisfy this madman but deal like French watches-very pretty to childhood. Oft as I sit musing on the words and hard arguments-that they look at, but devlish difficult to regulate happiness of these blessed days, the should not so much strive to vex as to "You have made him mad." said the when once they get to going wrong. sweet silvery toned voice of the past convince an enemy.

commissioned officers, who generally belong to the class of gentlemen-a class that is found to furnish the most useful, because, being well born, well educated, and well connected, they are very capable in themselves, and very influential with others; and more submissive because they are so well paid, and have no other service than public office which it suits them to accept. The army of England is crowded with

officers, who enter it merely as a trade or profession, by which they may get a living. A horrid business it is, indeed, to undertake to do any killing of men anywhere that the government may command without asking any questions, or knowing or caring whether it is right or wrong ! But so it is, when rightly understood; and yet we must not be surprised if we find, once in a while, a man too good for such a trade engaged in it, for it is generally thought honorable, of all professions, and few stop to inquire if it be right or wong.

My story will introduce the sort of man that is an exception to the rule.

To be perfectly candid with my readders, I must inform them that I have forgotten the names of the persons that I am to tell about. The precise place where it happened has also escaped me, but I am sure it was somewhere in Ireland; and the exact date is gone too-but I know that it was after the year 1831, and before the year 1835, for that was the time when I heard it.

The general peace of Europe which followed the fall of Napoleon, released the army of England from foreign service, and after reduction to about one-third of its former number, it was distributed among the military stations within the kingdom and provinces. A large numher of the surviving officers of the field of Waterloo were garrisoned in Ireland. They were generally men who had seen hard service, and had earned their honors and their offices in the battle field : but a considerable number of new men received appointments through favor of their wealthy and powerful friends, and came among the veterans with commissions in their pockets which gave them high rank in the army. The old soldiers, naturally enough, looked upon these raw recruits as mere upstarts and intruders. They despised them for their inexperience, and hated them for the injustice suffered by their promotion. In a profession where honor is gained by killing the country's enemies, it will searcely be thought immoral to hate the individual's rivals and supplanters. The Apostle John says that murder and hating one's brother go together. And, taking the military sentiment for the standard of judgment, it is mean to beg or buy promotion where other people have to fight for it. But this is done elsewhere as well as in the British means the most dishonorable.

brought him into notice.

is gone !"

The General suddenly cried out:

had it in my hand ten minutes ago, but it

and without a dollar in the world but his monthly pay. With these beggarly cir-"Hold! peace! arrest them !" cried cumstances, he was a scholar and a gen-

to prevent the affray. At the first step, tleman, with feelings rendered over-sensitive by high culture and recent misforthe watch rolled on the floor. He had missed his fob, and now the watch fell tunes. But his chief impediment was a from its concealment in the violence of conscience-a religious sense of right, his movements. The company was elecwhich left him no liberty to relieve himtrified. The conduct of the Ensign was self or mend his prospects by any means inexplicable. He had braved destruction, which the highest morality forbade. He risked his reputation, and periled his life. suffered much every way and most of it all he endured for "righteousness sake." on a point of honor too nice for his supe-Of course he bad strength and nobleness riors to feel; and he had insulted and dewhich such sentiment bestows; but it is fied them all in one breath, and there he stood justified, and victorious before them. easier to do great things than to bear little ones. There are more heroes than It was too much to bear, for they were saints in the world. St. Peter was not too much excited to understand it. Their determination was taken, and the comafraid of the soldiers in the garden, but he was ashamed of his master in the pany dispersed with resolutions set and Judgment Hall. To bear disgrace, and purposes inflexible. The General seized shame, and scorn-to stand quiet under the opportunity to apologize to the Ensuspicions that drive one out of society, sign for the unhappy mistake which led for the sake of a principle which nobody to the quarrel, and requested him to call believes or respects-this is cross bearing. upon him that evening at a late hour. Our hero was scarcely in his own room, Our young hero occupied the position of a soldier and a gentleman, with the before the Colonel's challenge was pre-

character of a coward and a slave ! It sented to him. Without a moment's dewas a bitter cup, and his enemies kept it lay, he answered the second who brought

constantly to his lips. One day he received an invitation, as a "I will not accept this challenge to matter of course, to dine with the General mortal combat. I am opposed to duelin command, who had just arrived at the ling in principle, and I will not be driven station. A meeting with his brother offi- from my sense of duty. You all know cers promised him no pleasure, and he was what I have already endured rather than personally a stranger to the General, who revenge or defend myself by taking life. knew nothing of him but by report of I think you have done your most, but if those who despised him. He managed to not, I am prepared for it. I am my own arrive at the latest allowable moment, and master, and will not allow any man to he contrived to procure a seat at the ta dictate my opinions as a matter of right, or compel me to a course of conduct ble next to the General, who both as his which my heart and head condemn." host and superior officer, was bound to "Sir," replied the second, "you have afford him protection from the insolence

seen fit to include me among the men of the company. I need not say how the dinner hour who despise you, and you are right in that opinion. Let me tell you that cowardice passed with him. Totally silent and neglected, except for the necessary notice of the General, the time, so full of plea. sure to the company, wore away heavy and paiuful to him ; but he was contented to escape rudeness, and made indifference enough before, and you must either give comparatively welcome.

honor approves, or you must leave the After the cloth was removed, the wine army. Be assured of that." circulated, the company drank freely, the When he met the General that night. mirth grew loud, and the presence of our young friend was nearly forgotten, until a

and informed him of the challenge, and his refusal, that officer shook his head, circumstance of a startling character and looked at him sadly and earnestly, if not doubtfully. "My dear young friend," said he, " "Gentlemen I have lost my watch-I

am afraid it won't do. These men will not be satisfied with an argument, and it

is plain that you are not the man to make A painful suspense instantly followed; every man exchanged glances with his an apology while you are convinced that neighbor, until at last every eye settled vou are right, nor do I believe they would with suspicion upon the young Ensign. accept anything short of your resigna-Who but he, of all the company could be tion. You have, somehow, got the illguilty of such a crime? Besides, he will of the whole corps, and to-night you new challenge or change of conditions, was perhaps the only man near enough have affronted them mortally. I am sure wrmy; for the offices which are thought to the General to effect the theft. Such you cannot know how sharply your conthe most honorable are often obtained by thoughts as these were in every mind, duct and language touched them, and

they left not a shade of doubt. The your triumph only aggravated the offence. The hero of my story was in this situa- miserable wretch was caught at last, and And now, your refusal to accept the

The next morning at early sunrise, they

When the ground was prepared and the champions stood armed and ready, the Ensign suddenly lowered his sword point, and addressing his antagonist, said :

"Sir; I am here, under compulsion, settles no right, and it redresses no wrong. Let me say, then, that if my patience has given way under my persecutions, and

with you about nice points in casuistry, your life, on condition that you leave the army-fake your choice."

firm:

and the fencing began.

seen such a display of skill, and they never dreamed of such a result. In five minutes the Colonel was disarmed and at the mercy of the insulted and outraged

the imminent peril, and the bloody bitterness and fury of his enemy, he turned from him somewhat haughtily with-"I have taught you a lesson in swordplay, and now I will set you another, which you need even more-an example of moderation in success."

seemed to know no bound.

ting, phrase-making sentimentalist-such and conceit, covered with preaching and a mere fencing-master-such a trickster canting, will not protect you. You have grossly insulted every gentleman in the the Colonel burst out through his grindgarrison, to whom, you were odious ing teeth. "You knew weil what you were about when you chose these toys to them the satisfaction which the code of play tricks with. If you have a sentiment of honor left in you, let me have gift. You shall take it, or I will take yours. The quarrel is to the death, and the Ensign in a transport of passion, which he avoided with equal coolness and dexterity.

> The seconds interfered and the spectators cried shame : but it was clear enough that blood must flow before the parties should quit the ground.

the excitement, urged him to accept the for he despaired of any other adjustment.

my life ?" said the young officer, deeply agitated.