heroic fortitude and energy which they

display in rebuilding their desolated

country laid waste by war, the battles

having mostly been frught on Southern

men can here be seen, men with their

forms bending to the tomb, that could

once command their thousands of dillars.

with now scarcely the necessary means

for a scanty subsistence and in this

struggle for constitutional liberty it

should be remembered distinctly, that

the South did only what the North

would have done had they been similar

that this war was o be. It was fortun-

ate for a few, unfortunate for thousands.

Among the former you can truly be

and South, should now be to become

reconciled. Let the past be buried in

oblivion, and let disinterested truth be

the basis from which all should now

calmly reason. The South has been

impoverished and the North enriched

int-uded visit, and that I will have the

your true friend for the Cause of Truck

McCutchenville, Wyondo Co., Ohio

o His Excellency, President Grant.

THE SACHEM'S SECRET.

Begone you miserable little beggar,

told plainly that he wanted the strength.

and not the will to, -ataliate. And

once out of the house of the physician

he threw himself down ben ath the first

sheltering tree and brooded over his

The Doctor returned with an angry

face indoors, flung himself savagely in

his arm chair and gave passionate and

audible utterance to his thoughts: 'The

young scamp, to keep coming here day

quiet his tongue, or at last it may raise

a wasp's nest over my cars, and I shall

not e-cape without a sting. He knows

too much, and lucky for me that he is

only a child. Yes, something must be

me see. He has no relatives to be in-

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A true course marked out for the Presi dent to follow if the South are recon

EXCHANGE HOTEL. MONTGOMERY, ALA., Feb. 22, 1873.

To His Excellency, President Grant: KIND FRIEND :- The pleasing re

flection of the sympathy shown me when I last met you at Gallona, Ill., in 1868 prompts me to address you this note.

I see by the associated press dispatches hat you have in contemplation a tour over the Southern States. Having traveled in the South for the last few months and knowing the feelings of the Southern people towards you as the Chief Executive of this nation, I can assure you that a cordial reception await you and that your presence here will have a beneficial effect towards reconsiling the prejudices which has been en gendered during the war. I have dur ing my present tour, made a great many appointments to address the people of of this section on my principles of Truth and Reconcillation, but re lizing that views which do justice to the motives and patriotism of the Southern people must resist the general prejudices of the North I prefer to more fully explain them there before I ask a full recognition by the Press of the South. T + South rn people have truly been misunderstood in the late conflict and they cannot be re conciled whilst their true motives are spurned with contemps, their patriotism by this war. Honor and patriotism is

They accept, philosphically, the situa tion in which the fortunes of war have placed them, and entertain no idea of contending for what they sincerely thought was right. They have been econstructed from a basis of preju dice, they should now be reconciled by the influence of Truth. Their views of right must be held sacred, or a union of feeling cannot be effected. The triumph of the Federal Army over the Confeder ate Army established no principal of Truth. The soldiers of both armier were fighting for vashington's principles, as pure patriots with a total dis regard of each other's stand point. Hencthey will have to change stand points, and come to the truthful conclusion that they were both right, the way they viewed it wrong. And on no other basis can a reconcillation now he effected but the of equal honor and glory meted out to Federal and Confederate al ke. Had the Confederate army triumphed over the Federal, (which would have been cer tain had they held the resources of the latter,) the North would not have changed and would have thought any less of their noble dead, and you and the gallant Comunder of that army, would have contendent for the sincerity of your principles the same as the South do now for their Lost Cause.

The act of secession placed you in the Presidential chair; without it, you after day. Something must be done to would now be an humble citizen in the private walks of life. I sincerely trust you will, in this hour of your triumph and exultations, feel toward the South as the lamented President Lincoln did: with charity for all and malice for

done; and the sooner the better. Let Without secession three millions of quiring into the matter and if he should blacks would now be slaves, and by the fail to turn up some day, there will be sanction of a government which neither no hue and cry. Let me see. If his body was found in the river no one thought of their abolition on philosophi ral principles, that of purchase, but could say that he had not been acciheld the union of the States, with slavery recognized as a constitutional right paramount to their liberty Their doubtful. Then the law and its officers freedon was thus compromised, and are very lax on the frontier, and-but they have achieved it by the blood of good beaven! I am thinking of mur both armies, hence their sympathies der !' and he started at the sound of the must be equal in respect to the dead who word, although it was netered by his fell as martyrs to a principle of a mist own lips. But nerving himself from a understanding by which they became | bottle that stood near, he continued : 'If free. I have tried for the last twelve his father did die, nothing can be said

"J N." to the President! struggle, and I trust you will, be next practice of every one of my profession, and if he chose to leave me his hair, December, recommend such measures to Congress that will secure the same that was his own business. The fact is, pensious to the Confederate soldiers as the brat was always a curre to him, and is now awarded to the Federal, and as he will be to me, unless I can get him Time alone fully lifts the veil of preout of the way. Let me see."

judice which has enshrouded the South. While he was pondering thus the boy was thinking of the same subject but in Chief Executive of the nation, I think a very different strain. Young as he it would be philanthropic for you to say was he became satisfied at the death of his father that he had not been fairly you deserve pay or a portion, at least, dealt with, but could prove tothing. if not all, of our slaves, which they Doctor Monroe Skinner was the only physician of any note in that part of the would now held had they listened to the demands of the North. However great country. His word was law in al this may resist the prejudices of the questions of medicine, and it would Northern people at present, I truly have been a bold man indeed, who deem it a truthful and unprejudiced would have dired to accuse him of mal view of the claims of the South, and practice. But, had such a charge been stand ready to assume all the responsibi made, ! w could it have been proven? lity of prejudice which it may engender There was no chemist to analyze the by self martyrdom loving truth for contents of the stomach of the dead truth sake. No one can imimagine man-no one sufficiently skilled in without seeing the poverty of a great poison to apply the proper tests, and the portion of the Southern people, truily standing of the doctor would have outthousands once wealthy are now penuiweighed a score of witnesses before the less, and the kinduess and generosity of uneducated juries common upon the the great mass of the people of the frontier at that time. Southern States is only equaled by the

But the poor orphan boy had his own opinion of the matter. He remembered the last and fatal sickness of his father -his last kind words-the tenderness with which he had always been treated and he could not understand why he soil. Thousands of old grey headed should have been left a beggar,

Perhaps others thought the same, but hey were wise in not expressing it, and making an enemy of the nabob of the frontier village. They knew little of the final sickness of John Manning. He only son and the physician, and the account the latter had given of it could not well be questioned. But he was a rich man-that is, he was the owner of many acres of wild land that would rapidly increase in price, and when it was found that he had willed it all to looked in a manner that would have Mouroe cknauer, they saids their peaks made a denial somewhat dangerous. classed. The ain of all, both North doubtfully. However, there were none

he firmly believed was his right.

public, talking loudly of what he in- finished?" tended to do, and never doing it; pro- The pale will go on foot when the keeping his pockets closed, and at last thing like a smile. resolving to remove the boy from his 'To morrow? So soon? Why, how tasted of the bloody cup.

proved upon earth-no, not until his edge of any oue.' trembling soul awaited judgment before higher tribunal.

and never dare to show your face here Rising from his chair-taking again, or I will kick you out of doors, nother draught of his favorite pre- it?" and Doctor Skinner rose, as if to put scription (for himself!)-Monroe Skinner waiked to the window and grew still The boy whom he had addressed remore angry, as his eyes rested upon the treat d before the great, burly man, pallid face of the boy, who was still though his black eyes flashed vindictive lying at a little distance, with his head gone. fire-his little hands were elenched, his resting against the trunk of a true. dark face flushed, and his whole manner

Repeating his favorite expression, he retreated beyond the eyes of the boy, Elk.' that even oppeared to him to be reading his guilty soul, communed with himself for a long time, and then finding that John Manning (he bore the same name as his dead father) had disappea ed, he started forth, mounted his horse, and it.' rode out of town, with his customary dignified bearing and not to be read ace, when he choose to conceal his

But "it was no patient that had called im from his comfortable office, as soon became apparent; for, turning aside from the vicinity of the sparse settlements, he struck into a wooded path, and went on until he reached a little group of wigwams of the Indians one of whom-a sachem, by the eagle plumes wined with his scalp lock-he familiarly ddressed and motioned aside, so that he ould converse with him unbeard.

'The medicine of the pale faces want more of the root that grows in the deep swamps?' said the Indian questioning

'Yes, though not to-day. You know the boy that is constantly following and tensing me. I want you to take him out of my sight. Do you under-

'Yes " and the savage drew his scalp ng knife from his belt sufficiently to show the shinning blade and the keep

the hurried answer.

Then the trail is dark. The pale 'Your people are soon going off on

your annual buffalo hunt, I presume? The Indian bowed in affirmation, crossed his arms upon his breast, stood like a brouzed stature and waited to hear what more would be said.

Could you not take the boy with you? don't see any difficulty in it, and w Il, you need not bring him back againcan manage to trade him off with some distant tribe I believe you often do such things with your captives.'

the trail,' replied the Indian though scarcely moveing a muscle of his face. 'That's well. Now we understand

each other. When will you break your encampment!' When the moon is dark again. 'Let me see, That will be in about

two weeks. Well, I suppose I shall have to get along with the troublesome brat somehow until that time.' 'The warriors and hunters go first

very soon, and the squaws and papooses

'Ah! How soon?' 'All are ready but me.' 'What keeps you?'

The rest are mounted. My pony died last night. The trail is very long, and my moccasins would wear out ond my feet become sore should I seek to keep up with them.' And he turned his eyes to where the horse of the physician was had died suddenly, with no one save his standing. 'Yes, yes, I see. If I give you the horse, you will take care that the boy pesters me no more—that he never returns?'

'The word of Big Elk has never been broken. His tongue never lies. Does the pale medicine not know this? and he

'Yes, you have dealt squarely with me to look after the interests of or take the I own, and if you still continue to do so part of the boy, and he drifted from will not be the loser. You want the place to place, though often visiting the horse-he is a good one and will carry doctor and cudeavering to obtain what you fast sud far-and I want to be clear He had been coldly received, brutally of the boy. That's a fair trade. So if But again and again he had been re. I happen to find the stable door open able, thisving Indian dog, when he in a moment the ugly monsters were dirsegarded and their gallant dead ie in all the South have left, and this should pulsed, even though the physician made and the steel g me I shall ask no quesa great show of tenderness to him in tions. But when shall the matter be

> North, I with pleasure subscribe myself cursing-playing the saint and living replied the Indian, permitting the stern the sinner-vaunting his liberality and lines about his mouth to relax into some

> > path, though shuddering at even the you do iump at conclusions. No matter. name muider like one who had already It shall be as you wish, and the fact is, that the thing shall be done quietly, If he had done so it could never be without noise, or coming to the knowl-'The footsteps of Maple Leaf are soft

as the falling of a snow flake.' 'What has your daughter to do with

'The boy of the pale faces and the child of the red men are friends. She will lure him into the forest and none of his people shall know that he has

'A capital plan. You well deserve your reputation for wisdom; Big

'Is there anything, asked the Indian. entirely ignoring the compliment, the pale medicine would like to have from the country where the ground trembles as the herds of buffalo pass over

'I don't know. Let me see?" 'He who cures the sick of his people love to study the nature of serpents and test their poisions,'

'So I do. Are there any different ones where you are going from what we have about here!. 'Some. But the rattlesnakes of the

nountains are as kings to those that live in the prairie.' 'That I have heard. Yes bring me

the largest you can find. Mind, how. ever that you knock its teeth out.' 'It shall be so harmless that a papoose

could play with it in safety. 'That settles the matter. Mind you

make sure that the boy don't come back and when you return I'll find means to further satisfy you for all your trouble

With a few words more the physician departed fully satisfied with the result of his mission, except that he begrudged the valuable horse he had been forced to yart with, not daring to onestion the terms so plantly implied by his. savage confederate.

avage confederate.

The Indian watched until he had

'No, no! Not in that marner,' was his daughter and whispered a few words brought him from year to year, in her car. To hear a command was to ebey; and that afternoon the obnoxious medicine must clear it so that the red boy was tempted to the forest-tempt.d | knows that-and the Indian dropped his to pass the night there and to join the Indians upon their distant journey. Abused and homeless as he was, this did not prove a difficult task, especially with the prospect of a great buffalo the usually stearn lines about his me kunt before him.

Provided with a peny by the Indian, and constantly influenced by the young squaw, he came to lose, in a great degree, his rememberance of wrongs and his love for civilized life; and after wandering with the tribe for several years, was adopted into it-adopted 'The light is beginning to break upon their manners and customs and dress, and, when disguised by paint it would have been very difficult to tell the real from the counterfeit. This his natuarally swarthy complexion and black eyes and hair favored, and still the more so as he

But the chances had been as a thousand to one against such a consumus. tion. It had been the intention of Big Elk to carry out his contract to the letter, and he would have done so had the boy not displayed great brayery and outning-had not been the means of saving his life, and had he not been swayed far more than he would have or going. been willing to acknowledge by his favorite daughter. Of what had become of the detested

boy, Dr. Skinner never knew. The wily Indian effectually blinded his eyes when he visited, and as years passed even permitted the physician to see him (among others of his age,) and rejoiced when he found that his disguise was not penetrated. Yet the counterfeit Indian knew him well enough, and all the old hatred awoke within his bosom, was intensified by the life he had led and it was lucky that the opportunity of revenge did not offer. And yet it was the largest rattlesnake I ever saw. Na coming-was very near. When Big Elk returned from one of his annual visits to the physician, his brow was clouded and his heart filled with anger. treated bidden to be gone for a miserhinted that he should receive a present (as h.d always been the custom) for removing the boy out of the way of the pondered long upon the he should follow.

He saw clearly that the physician would have nothing more to do with him. He had become very rich-the power of the red man had been steadily failing-the great white one could trample him under his feet like dust, and there would be none to forbid. Everything was for the one and against the other, and Big Elk knew it would not answer for him to attempt any open revenge. Such a thing, however, was foreign to his nature. Like all of his race, he loved to lie iu ambush until he could crush his enemy without danger

For many hours he bitterly brooded over the insults he had received, then sought John Mauning (who had grown to the stature and almost years of a man,) took him beyond the hearing of ail and poured venom into his ears, and awoke again, in all the pristing fresh ness the devilish fire that had long slumbered within his breast.

'My son,' said the Sachem, speaking ofter the manner of the elders of this race, 'have you forgotten the home of your childhood, and he who drove you from it as the fierce wolfe drives the 'Never !' was the curt reply.

'Then listen to me. The pale medicine bribed me to lure you away, that you might no longer trouble him with

your demands.' 'For my right!' 'Aye, I did so, and you have grown

into my heart like a son.'

The boy shook with anger, and as the Sachem paused, he laid his hand in a meaning manner upon his hatchet, and asked ?

'No. Let your ears be open-your

heart soft as the soil of the prairie in the Spring time to receive, and hard a it, is in Winter to retain. He of whom we are speaking loves to study the serpents that most men dread and shun In a little box in the room where he entirely disappeared and then sought | keeps his medicines he has those I have

handles them as fearlessly and safel he could the stingless fishing worm. He voice into a whisper and finished the sentence in ever VIX sirol spensi

The pov started at the secret that had been revealed to him, and a joy broke -stern, for the sorrows of his rate youth and the habits of reticence be had inbibed made him much more so them was usually the case with one of his are. "I will go,' he said at length, "It will not bring back to me the broad lands I

know belong to me, but it will give me-'Revenge!' interrupted the Indian. breathing the word that was most dear to his savage heart. I desarre ton class and

Their consultation was continued for some time. Then they separated, and the boy stole away from the encamponer and hastened towards the village, gre invariably used the language of the red | so now that he sould scarcely find his way to the place he sought amid the me houses. But he did no found the abude of Monroe Skinner, watched his opportunity, and, creeping within the office, deposited an open vestel of water behind the branches of feathers asparagus that decorated the fire place. Then like a shadow he again departs and no one knew either of his con

'The next morning Doctor Skinner was busy as usual in his office -cven more so. He had a professional friend visiting him from the East-one whom he had not seen since they were stuffed ents together and was showing him the curiosities he had collected, preadly se he had done his landed property and

'By the way,' said he, after the said vey of the room was finished, do yes take any interest in serpente? I have some rare specimens that I have collected from time to time, and among them you need not start; there is not the slightest danger. I have handled them for years without the chance of being poisoned, knowing what I do, mir sings

He opened the box in which they were confined, dragged them forth, and wriggling about the floor.

This," he continue to taking we the largest, 'is King. An Indian brought great man. That he, a Sachem of his it to me from the Rocky Mountains? pleasure of seeing you before I go fessing to pity and at the same time sun shines again, or get another horse, tribe, should be spoken to in this man-

ner, rankled within his soul, and he friend, who shuddered and drew away at the sight. 'It is never safe to handle such things." states state ads no manage 40, pshaw ! I have done so a thou-

sand times, and he continued termenting it for a time. Then his attention was called to other matters. He put it lown, and it crawled swiftly away to join its companion behind the bushes in the chimney-the Doctor mutterior that it was a favorite place with thom when at large. to merindes hen decision The conversation flowed on with the

olden times for a theme, and the serpent was forgotten until a pattent demanded the presence of Doctor Skinner. Then he looked about him and found them coiled upon the floor. One often another he took up and threw them intotheir box, and receiving a bite from several and especially the largest. But he only laughed at the fears of his com-

"Their bite is harmless,' he said saw have tested it again and again . No serrent can-O heaven! how came this there?' and be pointed to a little stream of water that trickled from the fire-place -dashed thither, tore away the bushes, discovered the vessel the boy had placed there, and sinking upon the floor exclaimed:

'Great God! I am lost!' An hour later he was a bloated disfigured horrid corpse. From many wounds the poison had spread with startling rapidity, and every effort to save him was in vain. The very thing. he had most guarded against had been his death. He had learned that serpents cannot produce poison unless they have access to water-that kept from it, they are entirely safe. le signaling add mag

That was the secret that had been whispered by the angrey Sachem and the wrenged boy had made use of it for a terrible revenge.

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