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THE JACKET OF GREY.

BY MES. C. A. BALL.

Fold it up carefully, lay it aside, Tenderly touch it, look on it with pride-For dear must it be to our hearts evermore, The jacket of grey, our loved soldier boy

Can we ever forget, when he joined the brave band Who rose in defence of our dear Southern

land, And, in his bright youth, hurried on to the fray.

How proudly he donned it, the jacket of grey !

s fond mother blessed him, and looked up Above. Commending to Heaven the child of her

What an zuish was hers, mortal fongue may

not say... When he passed from her sight, in the jacket of grey.

But her country had called, and she would not repine. Though costly the sacrifice placed on the

shrine: Her heart's dearest hopes on the altar she

When she sent out her boy in the jacket of grey.

Months passed, and war's thunder rolled

over the land, Unsheathed was the sword, and lighted the We heard in the distance the sound of the

And prayed for her boy in the jacket of grey.

Ah! vain all, all in vain, were our prayers

and our tears : The glad shout of victory rang in our ears But our trensured one on the red battle-field

lay, While the life-blood oozed out on the jacket of grey.

. His young comrades found him and tenderly bore The cold, lifeless form, to his home, by the

shore; Oh! dark were our hearts on that terrible, day, when we saw our dead boy, in the jacket of

Ah! spotted and tattered, and stained now

with gore Was the garment which once so proudly he

wore And bitterly wept, as we placed it away, And replaced, with death's white roles, his jacket of grey.

We laid him to rest in his cold navrow bed, And engraved on the marble we placed o'er

* As the proudest of tributes our sad hearts He never disgraced the jacket of grey."

Then fold it up carefully, lay it aside.
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For dear must it be to our hearts evermore, The jacket of grey our soldier doy wore.

THE END .- The Rev. Dr. Cumming, of London is still preaching his favorite theme of the second advent, and in a recent discourse placed the time in the year 1867, at the autumnal equinox. An American gentlemen who heard him, writes to one of our religious pa-pers that "he cited a large number of buthorities, which seemed to confirm his view." There is one "authority" which the preacher evidently forgot; "But of that day and that hour knowith no man, no, not even the angels which are in heaven."-Mark xiii, 32.

and Meets His Frend Big John.

Editur Metterpolitun Record :

Mr. Enirun, Sun.-I hav not up to this time made any remarks in publik about the trials and tribulations, the losses and crosses, the buzzards and dead hosses seen on our journey home Ordinary advertisements, occupying not more than ten lines, (one square,), will be inserted in "The News," at \$1.00 for the first insertion and seventy live cents for each to the eternal citty. I shall not allood snow and through sleet, over creeks without bridges and bridges without floors, through a deserted and desolate land where no rooster was left to crow, no pig to squeal, no dog to bark ; where the ruins of happy homes adorned the way, and ghostly chimneys stood up like Sherman's sentinels a guardin the ruins he had made. A little one hos consum contained the highth of my wordly possessions, consistin of my numerous and lovely wife and children, and a shuck basket full of some second there was about ten of us in and around that wagin, thus illustratin what the poet has sed, "One glorious hour of crowded life is worth an age without a name," though the glory were hard to perseeve on steh okkashuns. Mrs. Arp are of the opinyoun that her posterity never as hungry before in their life as on that distressin journey, and she once remarked that there want nary rod of the road that dident hear, some of om a hollerin for vittels. My 'wife's husband is troobled bekaus they aim broke of it yit, and it do seem that the poorer I git the more devourin they bekum, all of which will send in sum-

We finally arrived within the presinkts of our levely home. The doors creaked welcome on their hinges, the hoppin-bug cherraped on the hearth, and the whistlin wind was singin the same old type around the bed-room car-We were about as happy as we had been miserable, and when I remarked that General Vandiver, who okkupied our house, must be a gentleman tor not burnin it, Mrs. Arp replied-

"I wonder what he done with my so ing mash en."
"He dident cut down our shade trees,"

sed I. "My buroes and carpets and crokery

are all gone," sed she.
"It may be possibul," sed I, "that the

General-

"And my barrel of soap," sed she.
"It may be possibul," sed I, "that
the General moved off our things to take keer of em for us. I reckon we'll git em all back atter while."

"Atter while," said Mrs. Arp like an ekko, and ever since then when I allood to our Northern brethren she only

replies, "atter while." By and by the skattered wanderers begun to drop in under the welcome stades of our sorrowful citty. It wer a delightful enjoyment to greet em home, and listen to the history of their suffrings and misfortunes. Misery loves company, and after the misery is past there's a power of comfort in talkin it. over and fixin up as big a tale as any body, I were standin one day upon the banks of the injun river, a wonderin swinny or the rumatis or the blind stagin my mind who would come next to gladden our hearts, when I saw the shadder of an objek a darknin the sun-lit bank. It were not a load of hay nor an elefant, but shore enuf it were my frend Big John, a moving slowly, but surely, to the dag out landing on the opposite side. His big round face as-soomed more lattitood when he saw me, and without waitin for remarks he sung out in a voice some two staves deeper than the Southern Harmony.

"There came to the beech a poor exile Erm."

"Make him fat," sed I, "and you'l fill the bill." Prouder to see him than a monkey show, I paddled the dug out over in double quick and bid welcum in the name of the eternal citty and its humble inhabitants. I soon got him affoat in the little canoo, and before I was aware of it the water was sleaning over the gunnels at every wabble. "Lay down, my frend," sed I, and he laid, which was all that saved us from a watry grave, and the nabonin firms from inundation. When safely landed I found him wedged in so tight that he couldent rise, so I relieved him by a prize with the end of the paddle. As his foot toochd the sakred soil he gently nets and daugerous weepins, ontill one combined against them.

separated his countenance and sung with feelin melody,

"Home again-home again-from a furrin shore, The Yanks may cam and the devil too

but I'll not run any more."

Recolektin some skraps of blank verse myself, I said with much aksent, Tell me thou swift of foot-thou modern of Asahel-Oh tell me where is thy chariot and steer T Where didst thou go when I did see thee driving like Jehn

as we did flee for lite,"

"I'll tell you all," sed he, "I want my frends to know it. I'm now a man of war, Bill, and I'm glad of it. I've done the state some servis and she knows it. I've handled guas-yes, guas-weepins of deth. I've slept on my arms since I seed you-night after night hav I slept on my arms, with hundreds of deadly weepins all around me. Ah Bill, Patriotism is a big thing. When you once break the ice, great shiees of glory as big as your arm will jest spring up like mushrooms in your buzzum; and make class vittels. Countin our offspring you feel like throwin yourself clean away for your country. Let me set down and I'll tell you all I know, Bill, but as the feller raid in the theater, "when you in your letters these unlucky deeds relate, speak of me as I amnothing expatinte nor set down hot in malice.

"Jest so," sed I, "exacetly—exactly
. Proposed my hero."

"Well you see night after you passed me, my steer got away. Hang the de-seevin beast! I hunted smartly for him the next morn a, and I hunted more forrerds than backwards. Leavin my wagin with a widder woman, I took it afoot across the country by a settlement road they called the 'cut off. Devil of a cut off was it to me. I broke down in sight of a little log cabin, and never moved a foot further that day. The old man had a mag that work in a slide, I perswa-ded him to baul me to the cend of the cut off, and be now he done it for fear Ld cat up his smoke-house. Every I'd cat up his smoke-house. Every now and then he'd look at the old oman, and she'd look at the smoke house and then at me. But that slidin bisness were the most orfullest 'ravellin that I ever hav had. Every time the pony'd look back he'd stop, and when he'd start agın he giv such a jerk that my contents were in danger. My holt broke on one okkashun,a going down a hill full of gullies. I rolled some twenty feet into the edge of the woods, and cotch up agin an old pine stump that was full of valler jackets. Three of the dingd things stung me before I could rise, but I got through the cut off and fell in with empty wagins that was stamped in my

"Gittin on to Alanty, a fool Irishman stopd me right at the edge of the town and demanded my papers. I didn't hav no papers. Nobody had ever axed me for papers, but he wouldn't hear an argument. As Quarles would say, he woudent jine isshue, but marched me to an offis, and I dident stay there ten minets. I wer sent off to Decatar with some fifty conscripts who were all in mournin, exceptin their clothes. I never seed such a pittiful set in my life. I talked with em all, and thar was nary one but what had the dyspersey or the gers or the heaves or the mumps or sumthin. Well, there want none of us discharged for there was bran new orders callin for everybody for thirty days to go to the ditches. As I couldn't walk that far, I was ordered to Andersonville to guard prisoners. At Makon I met an old ackwairtauce, who was a powerful big officer, and he had me transferred to his department and put me in charge of his ordnance. There's where I handled guns, Bill, and slept on my arms .--Whole boxes of muskets was round me, and I dident not more mind taken a snooze on a gunbox than if it had been a couch of foothery down. Its all in gitting used to it, Bill,-all m the use."

"Jest so," sed I, "thats the way I see

it—exaktly so, my friend, Prosecd."
"It's blam'd lucky, Bill, that I dident go to Andersonville. They would have had me alongside of Wirz, either as principal or witness or sumthin, and some lyin Yank would hav had a swear or two at me about shootin him on the dead line. Before this my carcass would have been eat up by worms or cut up by Doktors, and my pikter spread all over a whole side of Harper's Weekly as

day I got a furlo to go to Rome. Sherman was playin base around about Atlanty, and so I had to circumference around by the way of Selma, and the very day I got there, everlastin blast em, the Wilson raiders got there tob. I was ent no more lookin for them Yankees in Selma than I was for old, Beelzebub, and both of em was all the to me. Blamed if they wasent shooting at me before I knowd they was in the State. How in the dickens they missed me I dont know, for their minute balls sung yanky doodle all around me and over me and nader me and betweet me.

"I tell you, Bill. I ran like a mud turkel, lookin ahead of me at every step to find an easy place to fall when I was plugged. 'An old woman overtook me, and I axd ner to take my watch and my money. Sice took em, in a harry and put em in her boozum. Well I found a gully at last, and rolled in kersplosh, for it was about two feet deep in mad and water. The infernals found me there jest at night, and got me out at the pint of the baynet. They marched me to the wolf pen and there I stayed

till the fifss was over.
"Right here, Bill, I want to make an observation. There was a feller with me when I was cotch'd, and I seed him' ninke a sorter of a sign to the captain, and they turned him loose in two min ets, and he jest went about anywhere as natural as a king, while I had a crossey dutchman standin over me with a bayonet grinnin from mornin till night .-There was some Free Masonary about that, Bill, and if another one of these fool wars comes along. I'll jine er, if they'l let me.

"But I'm at home now, for good. I'm gwine to stay here like a sine die I'm agin all wars and fightins, I'm opposed to all rows and rumpusses and riots. ways see the cend of a thing 'n advance, and the cend was all right, I wouldent mind a big first, but then you know a man's foresights aint as good as his hind sights. If they was, this war wouldent have broke out, and I wouldent hav lost my'steer, nor watch. I never seed that woman before nor since, and I wouldent know her from any other woman that walks the yearth-blam'd if I'm certain whether she were white or black. Bill,

how is your offspring?"
"Hungry as usual, I thank you my frend," sed I.

"How's Mr. Arp?"

"Rebellious, John, very; but I think she'l be harmonized-atterwhile-at-ierwhile."

Mr. Editur, I will not relate further of these trying adventures at this time. Big John are now entirely harmonious, and I suppose his future career will be all sereen.

Yours as ever, BILL ARP. P. S .- Mrs. Arp wants you to git back the letters I writ her when she were sweet sixteen. Them offisers hav got em and I suppose, have laughed all the funny part away by this time. They contained some fool things that boys will write when they fall in love, and my wife sometimes used em upon me as reminders of broken promises.

She says, if they'l send cm, she'l try and forgive cm—allerwhile.

Dont trouble yourself much, Mr. Editur, and it will be all the same to me.

B. A.

The Cincinnati Gozetta published the following extract of a private letter from the distinguished Ex-Confederate General Longdistinguished Ex. Confederate General Long-street: I see that some of the public men of the North are still inclined to doubt our loyalt; at the South, and to hold us in our present condition for further guarantees. What can we do to satisfy them? We are willing and anxious to do anything that is wanted of us, provided weare allowed to get on some constitutional platform. I do not suppose that there are a thousand men in the South who think differently from myself on this subject, and I have some doubts whether there are as many as that who would leave the Union to day, if they were offered the choice to go one or return upon terms of equity."

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