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BERKLEY HALL. moaned the agitated Mrs. D-

CHAPTER X.

"Yes, give me the land That hath story and song, To tell of the strife Of the right with the wrong,"

Original Story.

BY "LA CAROLINE."

More than ten years have passed away. and even now a throb of anguish thrills my heart as memory recalls that sad year of disaster which sealed the death-warrant of our short-lived nationality-the Southern Confederacy. The gallant Hood casting our all upon a hazardous venture had marched into Tennessee, and Gen. Sherman, the American Attilla, found it an easy matter to possess himself of the defenceless South from the mountains to the sea. His pathway through Georgia and Carolina was marked by devastation and suffering. Burning cities, plundered farms, defenceless, homeless, half-starved women and children were left behind him as monuments of victory! But either to blame or defend Gen. Sherman is not our object in these pages-to history we leave him. His soldiers were men with passions like our own, and oftimes the Federal and the Confederate were children of one mother. Then let us not judge our fellows, but examining our own hearts and marking all the evil of our sin-polluted souls, thank God that he raised up for us wise, humane, christian leaders, and it may be that in denying us the triumph of our cause, a triumph so ardently coveted, so earnestly prayed for, He has in love and mercy delivered us from a terrible temptation-the temptation to tram-

ple upon a fallen foe! But to return to our story. Although the Southerners had but too good cause to dread the approach of Sherman and his myriads, yet in that army, there were some whose names are to-day household words in many Southern homes and Southern voices speak with eloquent gratitude of the gentle courtesy and generous protection afforded the suffering and defenceless. One like unto these truly brave men finds a place in our story. He was a very young man of grave and lofty bearing, high courage and untarnished honor. He was held in great respect both by subordinates and commanding officers, although few were familiar with him, and many regarded him with envy and malice because his honorable deportment formed so marked a contrast to theirs, whose plans for illicit gain and outrage he often foiled. His sobriquet among his envious fellows was "the modern Dcu Quixote," and more than one Southern woman had cause to

lady, wringing her hands and weeping Smith and Wesson's pistol, cocked it, and from intrusion." piteously. "They will go into her very chamber, and no one can prevent it!" is at de gate !"

"Hush, Nellie, hush !" said Marion, in a tone of gentle command, then turning, she said : "They shall not go in mother's room, if a daughter's love and courage. with God's help, can prevent it." The

poor girl spoke bravely, but her face was very white, and her woman's heart trembled with fear.

"O, child, child, you can't prevent it! You are too sweet, and pure, and beautiful to encounter that fiendish band ! Oh ! what shall we do?" "Let us look to our Father for protec-

tion, dear friend," said the girl, gently putting her arm around Mrs. D-, and kissing her. "I will go up stairs, and prepare mamma for the intruders, and you stay here and try to procure a guard for the house. It will be our best and only plan."

As calmly and quietly as her terror would permit, Marion entered her mother's room to break to her the dreadful tidings. The poor invalid lay in a deep and untroubled sleep, and over the colorless lips there even hovered a smile. The brave, unselfish child stood and gazed a moment on her beloved patient, then turning away, she softly murmured : "Oh, I cannot awaken her, she sleeps so sweetly ! Sleep on, precious mother, and take your rest. I will trust in Him on whom you have taught me to call when

in trouble." She then quietly and carefully placed a small six shooter in her pocket, and left the room. Softly closing the door, she entered an adjoining room, which also opened on a hall or passage leading to the stairway. It was in this room Marion determined to make her resistance, for only through the hall and that room could the intruders reach Mrs. Maham's chamber.

Our heroine bolted the door, anxiously examining her pistol to see that it was all right, then seating herself by the table and bowing her head on an open Bible which lay upon it, she lifted her heart in fervent prayer for almighty aid in this hour of danger.

f armed men entering the house, foloved by a dreadful bustling and confusion, as of men walking from room to room in hurried search; the noise, mingled with horrid oaths and imprecations, continued for what seemed to the frightened girl an interminable time. But. oh, terrible ! she hears them at the foot of the stairs, and Mrs. D---'s frightened voice pleading with them not to go up.

presenting it with a steady hand and "This is Col. Gray, the friend of my calm dignified manner, said : "The first brother Walter, of whom you have heard man who advances one step nearer will mamma speak so often," said Marion, "O, Missie!" screamed the girl, "dey lose his life by a woman's hand. I ap- turning to Mrs. D-, and introducing pealed to you as men and soldiers; you the Colonel. Then, addressing Colonel have replied like fiends and robbers ! I Gray, she said : "Mrs. D---- is the lady have six balls; I am a practised and sure of the house, and our kind hostess. You

> Heaven is my shield and defence." All men, even barbarians, respect bravma." ery, and those rude men, the brutal Capwilling, but only too delighted to furnish

> tain not excepted, gazed admiringly on the courteous and friendly Yankee Col. the girl, seemingly awed by her courage with a chamber in her house and a seat which grew greater with the increasing danger, and spell-bound by her beauty, at her table. "He," she afterwards privately confided to Marion. "I do sincerely which the excitement had made radiant. believe to be the only real gentleman "By Jove, I will not be foiled by such

a chit !" exclaimed Capt. Bennet, fiercely awakening suddenly from the momentary een in Sodom." trance into which he had been thrown by the girl's courage and beauty. "I, too, can show a pistol. Dare you oppose us? we are seven men, and soldiers of the

conquering Sherman! You are but a slender girl. Your resistance is vain ; it will but cost you your life." Scornfully the red lips curled : "Were a soldier or a man, I would deem myself craven-hearted to fight women !-

Death is ever the welcome friend of the oppressed; he comes but once, and I do not fear him," she boldly replied. Irritated by the heroic woman's fearles scorn, the Captain drew his pistol, but before he could present it, a voice in tones of stern command, exclaimed: "Hold !"

The astonished ruffians turned and beheld with evident consternation on the first step of the stairway a young man of

lofty statute and commanding bearing, dressed in the uniform of a Federal Colonel "Soldiers," he said, in tones of re

proachful admonition, "you whose banners are inscribed with Atlanta and Savannah-victories bravely won over gallant men-do I now find you engaged in

the cowardly work of insulting and pillaging defenceless women? My brave boys, this should not be. Shame upon the man against whom a timid woman finds it necessary in self-defence to gird her with a soldier's weapon and a soldier's courage! Return to your command, and

act so as to make yourselves worthy the Suddenly she heard the heavy tread proud names of 'soldier' and 'man.' You, Captain," he continued, after first casting an admiring glance at the young girl, which glance was quickly changed into an expression and smile of mingled irony and contempt, as he addressed Captain Bennet, "may make yourself easy; your ambitious thirst for fight and fame (if our scouts report true) will be indulged full soon by an encounter with a more numerous though scarce a more valiant Ah! how distinctly she hears every word, foe! 'Tis said the gallant Hampton will stern, hard and care-worn. He has enirely lost his joyous, boyish look." every sound, even the beating of her cross our path ere long. Seven to one. unruly heart, which thumps so fast and and that one a woman, is hardly a brave so loudly, it nearly chokes her. But the or a fair fight!" Yankees! the dreaded Yankees! are at

your dear mother !" cried the excited old was concealed in the folds of her skirt, a indeed the only way I can secure you will be richly rewarded both here and swept away names of those they were inhereafter !"

"It was nuttin, nuttin Ma'am, to speak of-only Croppo's duty." It was "only Croppo's duty," but the

sweet words of commendation had fallen like oil on the troubled waters of his irresolution melted away. It was "only shot; and, above all else, the God of may be able to arrange with her for ac- Croppo's duty," but his faithful perform-

commodations. I must return to mam- ance of duty had been appreciated, and he was ready to say, "faithful unto Col. Gray found Mrs. D-not only death."

Rising from his seat he politely enquired : "Can I 'sist you in any way, Ma'am ?"

Frankly Mrs. D- accepted his proffered services, and when he heard "Massa Hubert" was the expected guest, his alacrity became absolutely lively, for he dethat army contains, and as much out of his element as 'righteous Lot' must have clared, "it will be 'most like bein' at Buckley, if it wa'nt fur de ah'my."

Poor Croppo, in your humble sphere Marion returned to her mother's room, and found her beloved patient just of servant, how many of your lowly race awakening from a refreshing sleep, and merited the gentle "well done," so sweet ready to greet her child with a bright to the listener's ear; and in years to and cheerful smile. Not one word had come, when the little ones, the descendshe heard of the terrible fracas which ants of "our brave boys," gather around had passed so near her, and had almost their grandames chairs to hearken to the thrilling tales of the "great war" for proved a bloody tragedy.

"Dear mamma, you look so much bet-Southern liherty, how many recitals of ter! Have you really been sleeping all faithful "Bens," "Bills," "Bobs," and this while? I am so very glad of it! others, will cause the young hearts to Just think of it, mamma, the Federals swell with admiring gratitude towards and your desire to see Hubert Gray will years of bloody strife, were the friends be gratified in a few hours. He lodges and supporters of the Southern soldiers' here to afford us his protection." Marion families, and the devoted attendants by the sides of their sick, wounded and spoke rapidly, trusting by the mingling dying masters, in camps, in hospitals and of bad and good news to break the shock on the battle-fields. Even now when the of the enemy's advent in C----. She spoke what she considered such dreadful ignorant negro, influenced by political trickery and the scalawag's cunning and tidings in a calm and matter of fact voice. malice, has turned against his whilon The ruse succeeded admirably. friend and master, and our hearts swell

"Hubert Gray! my child, my Walter's riend !" exclaimed Mrs. Haham. "Bring with bitter wrath against the vile tricksters and the false slave, memory, sweet him to me! Let me bless and thank him memory softens the wrathful thought in for his kindness to my dying boy !" recalling the happy past, and with it the In her eagerness to see her son's friend

black face of some loved Dina or Sambo, Mrs. Maham seemed to have ignored the whose broad grin of loyal affection was resence of the dreaded and dreadful army, and the anxious daughter found ever ready to greet us, and gave additional brightness to our glad, glad homesanother cause for gratitude in the renewal those old plantation homes! of her acquaintance with Col. Gray.

"Col. Gray says the army will not trouble us very long," continued Marion in an ordinary conversational tone. "We are truly fortunate in being provided with a guard, and in securing the Colonel as a poarder. He says he will return here in an hour or two, and will be most happy to renew his acquaintance with you. He is much changed, mamma. I did not know him until he spoke, and then I recalled the full rich tones of his voice, (I have heard the Western people are remarkable for their full, rich voices.) He has grown much taller, too, or appears to

In a political point of view he has a reputation, and has assumed a high posi-

has

tion which even the kings of the earth, who sit upon their thrones surrounded by all the splendor which royalty can give,

their palaces shining with precious stones, and abounding in diadenis and crowns. and I could not, in my present condition, heart, and before them the evil spirit of sparkling with jewels and diamonds, do If I would, add anything to the facts just

even envy. He helped to lay the pillars upon which this mighty Republic has rested for the last one hundred annual revolutions of this earth, and formed a nation which has no parallel in point of success in the annals of history. Her flag floats proudly and triumphantly over every sea, and is not only respected but feared by every nation upon this globe. This flag any other country, that I know of. If in

floated upon the breeze of every this hour one sentiment of pity, one word of sympathy, could find utterance from me, it would be because I felt that the late Secretary of War is but the proper outgrowth of the true exponent of the clime as the insignia of the free and the home of the oppressed of all nations. This is what the immortal George Washington intended it to be; but I corruption, extravagance and the misblush to-night, and my cheeks are mangovernment that have cursed this land tled with shame, when I am forced to say that one of the original stars which formfor years past. That being my own reed that brilliant constellation of which flection. I will discharge my duty best to myself and to this House by demanding historians have proudly written, poets the previous question on the adoption of have sweetly sung and orators have elothe resolutions.

quently proclaimed, is dimmed by op-pression and obscured by misrule. It has een taken out of the hands of the descendants of our Marions, our Sumters, our Pinkneys, our Haynes, our McDuffies, our Hamptons and our Calhouns, and has fallen into the hands of a set of foul vultures and cormorants, who are this night feasting on its very heart's blood, and are forcing burdens on us through the tax gatherers, which would have made the reat heart of Washington beat tumuluously and furiously, and he would have sworn by the God that rules on high that he would be free. The effects of their misrule and dishonesty is felt and seen of whom had been impeached after they by all, for our once happy and prosperous State is now being ground to powder be-neath the tyrant's wheel; our academies,

colleges and universities are dwindling into insignificance; our villages, towns and cities are becoming old and dilapidated; our railroads are becoming dangerous and almost impassable, whilst a cloud of gloom and despondency, as dark as Egyptian darkness overshadows our but that he could find cases compared once beloved and prosperous State from the sea-board to the mountains, and a swarm of carpet-baggers and scalawaga stalk at large like the demons of the infernal regions, inciting the ignorant masses to commit crimes so cruel and flagi tious in their nature, as if it were possible to make demons blush, or strike grating-ly on the sympathy of friends.

I call on every honest man here to night to rally around the Democratic banner, and not to be deceived by the syren song of independent candidates, or of reform in the Republican party, as those are great rocks against which the ship of State has been wrecked for the last five years. But let us swear in the sight of heaven to-night that we will reform this State during this great centen-nial year, and that we will be free, or that the last sun that rises this year shall shine upon our newly made graves. If our State was reformed, and we had an honest State government, a bright and glorious future would soon shine upor unmerited compliment which they have us; our old fields and waste lands would soon bloom like a garden; the hum of machinery would be heard from all our American citizen could lay down an office splendid water powers; villages, towns dred and forty-fourth anniversary of the and cities would spring up every where; colleges and birthday of the great George Washington down the doctrine that it could not be academies, universities, would decorate -the father of his country. churches our whole land; the silvery moon, the gentle queen of night, while she forms in one hundred and forty-four years ago the order the brilliant stars which bespangle winds that swept over Westmoreland county, Virginia, sang lullabys to his inthe heavens, and hastens on in her ethefant greatness, whilst the cataracts, which rial course athwart the skies, would shed smilingly her gentle and silvery rays thundered from the steep gorges of the upon us, a prosperous and happy people; and the brilliant sun, the fiery king of snow-clad summits of the Alleghany mountains, whose peaks towered up in day, as he rides in his heavenly chariot, dispensing heat, light and blessings on the distance amid the clouds, hastened to all mankind, would not shine upon a swell the waters of the beautiful Potomac. better country than South Carolina. which rushed its meandering banks, ac-

shall we do? It will be the death of ment she drew from her pocket, which apology, he added: "It is the best, and tress! Fear not, my good fellow, but you bled to dust, and oblivion may have tremulousness, and himself from his agino difference manifested here. If fraud has been perpetrated; if criminality extation. At the close of the reading, and after many members who had taken up positions near the Clerk's desk, the better ists; if corruption has been proved, let the representatives of the people in this House so declare it, and send the issue to

to hear, had returned to their proper scats, Clymer, who had also goue to his own seat, again rose and said, with great the court where it may finally be tried; and if we are unable to punish where guilt is most openly confessed, let the remotion Mr. Speaker, I would not, if I could,

sponsibility for that failure rest on other shoulders than ours. Danforth, of Ohio, another member of the committee, expressed it as his judg-ment that the acceptance of Mr. Belkreported to the House. Another occa-sion may be afforded me to do so. They are so plain that everywhere throughout nap's resignation in no manner changed the position of that officer to the counthis broad land, and throughout Chris-tendom, wherever the English language try. He disagreed, however, with the statement of the chairman (Clymer) that is read or spoken, they will, for long years, constitute a record of official corthe conduct of this officer was the legitiruption and crimes such as there is no parallel in our own history or in that of

the conduct of this officer was the legiti-mate outgrowth of the principles of the party in power, and he expressed the hope that there would not be a single vote on the Republican side of the House against the resolutions.

Kasson, of Iowa, said that a few years ago there had gone from his State a young, well educated and gallant gentle-man, to fight the battles of his country. He had gone through the war, and the President had afterwards called him to a seat in his Cabinet, placing him at the head of that army of which he had been an humble but somewhat distinguished member. This morning, for the first time, the delegation from Iowa had heard Robbins spoke of the report as present that that gentleman, who had been so much respected in his own State and so much honored by the nation, had been ing a case of great shame and disgrace to all American citizens. As to the question of the impeachability of an officer guilty of receiving a compensation for some act of official duty, and that that who had resigned, he was not prepared to speak worthily, except to suggest that it compensation had been continuous. He could be true that an officer who was did not desire to claim any exemption for Mr. Belknap from all the penalties being investigated and who had been found by the evidence to be a criminal

to which his acts entitled him, but he could flee from justice. He alluded to found the most painful feature, disclosed what he called the unseemly acceptance by the evidence, to be the fact that not one word of it touched the officer in quesof Secretary Belknap's resignation, and ion until the death, which broke a hear had ceased to hold the offices in which they committed crimes and misdemean Bass, of New York, another member of

the committee, questioned the statement of the chairman, Mr. Clymer, as to this case having no parallel, and said that he would not have to leave his own borders with which this case was as white as the driven snow. He admitted that a mere statement of this case, as presented by the testimony, was sufficient to justify every member to vote for the resolutions presented.

Lamar, of Mississippi, inquired from Bass his opinion as to the impeachability

of a resigned officer. Bass replied that the English authorities seemed to maintain the jurisdiction of impeachment in such cases, but that in this country, it was an unadjudicated uestion, and one that was not free from ouht, but his own best judgment was in favor of the right to impeach, and to let the question be adjudicated by the Senate. Hoar, of Massachusetts, in reference to casual remark of some member as to this being a political question, entirely disclaimed and repudiated such an idea. On the point of the impeachability of a person not in office, he referred to the case of Whittemore, of South Carolina, in which the House had determined that the formal actual renunciation of an office terminated the office, and that any held by him without any acceptance of his resignation. Judge Storey had laid

had occurred. [Sensation.] He asked the attention of the House to the question whether the House did not need nore time to ascertain if this offense be impeachable. After quoting from Judge Storey on this point he argued that the powers of Congress were limited by the constitution, and that if Mr. Belknap be impeached, the Senate could not execute the constitutional provision which de-clares that he shall be removed from office. If he were liable to impeachment let it be understood that they were all without exception, for impeachment; but if the House was establing a precedent which did not rest on the constitution, and which was dangerous for the future he thought it right that the House should pause and consider, by a report from its Judiciary Committee, the question of its right to make this impeachment. If the House could impeach a man not in office, it might go back and impeach Jefferson Davis and John B. Floyd for conspira-

Robbins, of North Carolina, suggested that there was a great difference between a conviction on impeachment and a conviction on indictment. In the latter case the man might be pardoned by the Executive, but in the former case it could not be. As to the suggestion as to the impeachment of Jefferson Davis, he replied that it had been decided that a Sen ator could not be impeached, not being an officer of the United States. The debate being closed, the House

proceeded to vote on the resolutions, which were unanimously adopted. The Speaker appointed as the commit-

tee to notify the Senate of the action of the House Messrs. Clymer, Robbins, Blacburn, Bass and Danforth. These

TO BE CONTINUED.

Speech of Dr. W. C. Brown before the Anderson Democratic Club.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen : I rise to-night to thank you for you resence, and to return my most sincere thanks to the members of the Democratic Club of Anderson Court House for the thought fit to confer on me by selecting me to address you on this the one hunbe so, and the lines about his face are

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

remember with gratitude their chivalric protection from insult and wrong by the grave young Colonel.

The conquering army had marched through the "Empire State" with fire D---- pleads in vain ! and sword, and had scourged with remorseless hate the devoted Palmetto land. Women and children trembled with fearful abhorrence at the words "Sherman" and "Yankees," for the cords which had bound us in the ties of a once glorious brotherhood were broken and forgotten, and rapine and murder ruled door-shutter with one hand. the hour. Few remembered or thought of the truth and holiness of the sentiment so sweetly expressed by the noble poet:

"The drying up a single tear has more Of honest fame than shedding seas of gore."

Before daylight one morning the inhabitants of the little town of C----, in the up-country of Carolina, were alarmed by the exciting rumors, "the Yankees are coming !" In a comfortable cottage ornee on the outskirts of the same town Mrs. Maham and her daughter had found a pleasant place of refuge with a patriotic and kind-hearted lady who lived alone, her husband and only child (a son) being both of them in the Confederate Army. Mrs. D-, although not wealthy, lived in generous ease and affluence, and it be pitiful !" was for companionship in her loneliness as well as her desire to show a kindness to poor refugees that she afforded an asylum to the strangers.

The change in the winter from the low country to the cold and rainy climate of the up country had proved unfavorable to Mrs. Maham's health. She contracted a violent cold which culminated into typhoid pneumonia, and for weeks her physicians and friends deemed recovery almost impossible. Only a few days before the invasion of their town, her symptoms had become more hopeful, and the Doctors had said that with close, careful nursing and perfect quiet she might overcome the disease. Much of the suffering her people had been enduring under Federal military rule had been concealed from her. Poor Marion! In her mother's room she wore a smiling, hopeful face, while her heart was bowed down in anxiety for that precious mother's recovery; with grief for her country's woes. and the most painful solicitude for her soldier brother, of whose welfare they had not heard one word since leaving Berkley.

"My dear child !" exclaimed Mrs. D-, hurriedly entering the parlor, where Marion was resting on a lounge after administering an opiate, and seeing her mother fall into a deep, calm slumber, "what shall we do? how can we keep your dear mother quiet? There is not a doubt of it, the Federals will be in C---- before evening, and then who will insure to Mrs. Maham the quiet which she needs to save her life?"

"Missie! Missie! the Yankees are in town! See, some of them are in sight! they are coming right here !" cried Nellie, Marion's maid, rushing into the parlor, and speaking in a voice almost breathless with fear and excited curi-

"O, my child ! my dearest child ! what

"Yet, 'tis the way we Southerners even the door of the room, and poor Mrs. meet your swarming myriads," said the girl quickly.

They try the latch, but finding the door "You have got the woman's tongue fo boited, they rap loudly and rudely with your pains, Colonel," sneeringly replied their rifles. One fervent ejaculation, one Capt. Bennet, touching his hat, "Goodupward glance of faith, and the tremmorning" as he went down stairs, and bling girl opens the door, taking care, muttering in low tones: "Hubert Gray however, even in her alarm to place hershall yet rue this day or my name is not self in the doorway, and holding the Jonathan Bennet." "Marion ! Miss Maham ! why do I find

Almost unearthly was the maiden's vou here?" beauty as she stood frightened, but dig-"God bless you, Colonel, for your

nified and calm before those rude soltimely aid !" said Mrs. D-, with a diers. Her complexion was as white as long drawn sigh of relief, interrupting sculptured marble, her beautiful lips Col. Gray's exclamation. Then, offering wore a cold and stern expression, while her hand to the Federal officer, she said her eyes seemed uncertain whether they "I do not often desire to clasp the hand should speak defiance or utter gentle of a Yankee, but we Rebels as you call pleading. But the woman and the us, Colonel, know how to appreciate a daughter mastered the heroine. In soft true man and a brave man in friend or foe !"

Marion, now that all danger was over "Soldiers, my dear mother lies ill in the adjoining room, and her very life had shrunk again into the retiring, timid depends upon perfect quiet. Listen to girl; but the loud and fervent blessings my entreaties and do not come here; poured out by the hitherto frightened leave us, oh, leave us, I beseech you! and silent Mrs. D----, gave her courage to express her gratitude. Hastily put-O, be courteous, if you are brave men, ting down her pistol on a chair near by,

quick, Colonel, but don't let your sogers

know Croppo send you.' The swcet

memories of Berkley, and the thought of

Walter Maham's sister in danger stirred

my soul! I lost no time, but quickly fol-

lowed the faithful slave. Just before we

hand saying : "Dat is de house; go up

stairs," and then disappeared. He is

"Ah ! dear mamma, I must go to her

where is your gentle mother ?"

she asked timidly.

Her dignity, her pure and intellectual her beautiful eyes suffused with tears. beauty had for a moment awed the brutes. | and her lovely face glowing with excite-But the effect was only momentary, for ment, she approached Colonel Gray with with a horrid imprecation, one who wore both hands extended, and exclaimed : "My brother's friend, and our deliverer a captain's uniform and seemed the leader how can I thank you?" of the robber band advanced towards the

"You owe me no thanks, dear Miss door, saving : Maham. I am only too happy in being "By Jupiter! here is the beauty we permitted to serve my old friends and have been so long promised ! Now, boys, the friends of Walter Maham. If you we'll seek the booty ! Come, pretty one, hand over the diamonds, the rubies and are indebted at all it is to your servant the pearls with which you have been Croppo. The faithful fellow recognized me as I was riding through the town, wont to add lustre to your peerless Southendeavoring to check the work of deern beauty ! hand over the gold and silver dollars from your treasury. Don't struction in which our soldiers are engaged. He came up to my horse, and dream, my rebel fair one, you can't come putting his hand respectfully but firmly your gush over me by your doleful tales on my bridle, stopped the horse and said of a sick mamma. Let us pass into the in a low and agitated voice: 'Massa room like gentlemen, and when we have Hubert, you 'member me? I'se Croppo, ecured the rebel gold, we will return to from Buckley Hall; Col. Maham's saryou and expect to be entertained by rebel vant. My lubly young lady, Miss Maribeauty and wit." on, is in a bad place. Come wid me

At the first rude word the shy, soft gazelle-like light faded from the girl's beautiful eves; their very color changed from a deep and tender blue to a cold, steel gray, and from beneath their long, dark lashes flashed the determined and

entreaty she spoke :

undaunted spirit of her kinsman-old Hezekiah Maham,* one of the Carolina heroes of '76. With a dexterous move-*An anecdote is related of this brave soldier too

*An ancedote is related of this brave soldier too successful to be repressed, and showing the "crude outlons of the duites of a citizen" held by those the war Col. Maham found himself indebted and his creditors importunate. Recourse was had usere him with a writ. The outload out to site of a citizen with a writ. The old whig surveyed the document with feelings of astonishing is the document with feelings of a stonishing is a showing in the document with a writ. The old whig surveyed the document with feelings of astonishing is and indignation. That he who had perriled in his end indignation. That he who had perriled in the solution of the outload outload outload the second with the loss of his own, was a monotened. He will be observe, and he instantly determined to make the unfortunate instrument of his officer with an order (and the Colonel never it and when the dry meal was fairly guiphed, he prought the inam into the house, and gave him go when the down.—Historical Sketches of Cruter Outland.

Marion continued to chat and amuse her invalid, while her heart swelled with gratitude to Him who had sent her help in her terrible need.

Mrs. D- having satisfied herself that her sick friend had suffered no injury from the noise of the soldiers, hastened down stairs to prepare for the entertainment of her new guest. From room to room she went, and what a scene of confusion met her sight. Feather-beds and companied by the howl of the wolf and mattresses ripped and their contents scatthe whoop of the savage, to join in the tered on the floors, bureau drawers pulled

common melody. open, chairs turned upside down, many His parents, no doubt, rejoiced over of them thrown out of the windows, his birth, never dreaming of his future crockery broken, sheets, pillow-cases, glory and greatness. Little did his towels, &c., torn into slivers; everything mother think that she was cherishing a indicated that the sacred precincts of a prince, who, in after times, should wield quiet, well-kept and orderly home had a power too mighty for the throne upon een invaded by rude, coarse men, who which the King of England then sat, and against which he would hurl the thunwere actuated by an evil spirit of wanton derbolt of his future vengeance. Little did she think that he was to malice. She rang the house fell again

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and again, but no servants answered the break the chains and burst asunder the Mistress' call. She went into the kitchen, bands which the tyrants of the mother and there a like scene of disorder, waste country were then forging; but such was and destruction met her view. All of the fact. He soon grew up to be a the servants-men women and children mighty conqueror. Not like an Alexanhe servants-men, women and children mighty conqueror. der, who conquered the world and wept -had left the premises, attracted to the that there was not another one to conquer, the Yankee camps by a "divine call," as | but whose brilliant and youthful sun was some really, but the majority feigned to suddenly obscured by self-indulgence, believe. They wildly declared the first dissipation and crime; not like a Hannibal, who led in triumph his victorious Mrs. Maham's carriage-driver alone of the Alps, which slumber in eternal blast of Gabriel's Trumpet had blown. emained at his post, and even he seemed snow, and upon which the foot-print of man had never before been made, and doubtful whether he was acting right in penetrated the very heart of Rome, and holding back when the glorious summons made even the city of Rome, the then mistress of the world, tremble at his iron had reached them of a wonderful freedom offered to him and to all, for which no tread, but whose brilliant career and consumate generalship was obscured and darkened by luxury and crime; not like price was to be paid by him, save the faithless abandonment of his suffering the great Napoleon Bonaparte, who sported with empires and kingdoms as a and much-loved mistress in her hour child sports with its playthings, and at whose very name every king of Europe of sorrow. Croppo had borne the reproaches of his fellow-servants, and had trembled upon his throne, but who debravely declared his resolution to stick luged all Europe with sorrow, bloodshed to his "white folks;" but left alone, anxiand crime, but who, like the brilliant ety, irresolution and fidelity fought a ter- meteor which flashes across the heavens, sunk down and died in obscure and lonerible fight in the breast of the faithful ly exile. But like unto whom? Like unto a but ignorant slave. His home at old

Berkley, the sports of his boyhood with Washington. For there is none to whom "Mass Harry," who was the very pride I can compare him, as he has had no suof his heart, the whoop and halloo after stands forth in his pyramidal greatness, the fox and deer by the old Santee, all shining with all the brilliancy of a sun came back to the poor fellow's vision, whose radiant beams of light have never been obscured by mists, vapors or clouds clothed in bright colors, and he deter-In a martial point of view he still retains mined to be faithful Croppo. But, then, his monumental greatness, notwithstandagain, "these gemmans-the Yankeesing difficulties arose mountain high before him. Having a small and undishad come all the way from the Nor'ard ciplined army, badly armed, scarcely fed to give poor nigger freedom." and so poorly clad that their course could It was true, Croppo was a gentleman's be traced over the snow and ice during servant, and he did not think their friends the cold and dreary winter by the blood

which issued from the bare feet of that reached the gate, he pointed with his behave much like gentlemen, but his noble band of patriots; but, notwith-standing all this, he carried the American black preachers said the good Lord had scut them, to call his people out of lag, and waved it in triumph over many hardly contested and blood-stained batevidently afraid of our soldiers. But Egypt; and freedom must be a great tlefields of the old revolutionary war, thing since he was told Marster and Mass until the young American eagle flopped Walter had lost their lives for it. her golden wings in glorious triumph

She has been and is still very sick. It "Well, well," he murmured, after batwas to prevent your soldiers from entertling with contending feelings, "I will ing her chamber that you found me in stand by my good Missus as long as she such warlike attitude. Mamma will be is in furrin parts."

Mrs. D- found him crouched up in anxious to see our Walter's friend .-the darkest corner of the wide kitchen When may we hope to see you again?" chimney, his head clasped between his hands in an attitude of sorrowful aban-

"If it be not too disagreeable to you, donment. Instinctively she read his ladies, to accommodate a Yankee officer," he answered confusedly, "I would like to feelings, and approaching him offered make this house my headquarters while we remain in C—..." Then, as if in po, for your noble fidelity to your mik-

"ADDITION, DIVISION, SILENCE." Gen. Belknap, Secretary of War, Im-

neached for Corruption.

WASHINGTON, March 2. In the House, Clymer, of Pennsyl vania, presented resolutions of impeach-ment against Wm. W. Belknap, late Secretary of War, for high crimes and mis demeanors in office.

In the midst of great excitement, and done by the committe to shield and shelwith an unusual stillness in the House, ter from dishonor every person except Clymer rose and said: "I ask permission of the House to make a report from the the one whom it was the duty of the committee to investigate and report upon Committee on Expenditures in the War He would not consent that the gentle Department of so grave importance that I am quite certain that when it is heard man from Massachusetts should make this a political or a partisan question He would not consent that his side of the the House will agree that I am justified House should be placed in the position in asking that permission at this time." of prosecutors and the other side should Permission was given, and Clymer, tatake up the position of defenders. It was king his position at the Clerk's desk, a question which addressed itself alike to read the following report:

every member of the House. He re-garded the case as an unprecedented one The committee found, at the very threshold of its investigation, such unin more respects than one. The action of the President in accepting Secretary Belknap's resignation under the circumquestioned evidence of the malfeasance of Gen. Wm. W. Belknap, then Secretary of War, that they found it their duty stances was unprecedented, and this was to lay the same before the House. They the first instance in the history of the further report that this day, at 11 o'clock a letter of the President of the United country where any man claiming manhood and holding an exalted station had sought to shelter himself from legitimate States was presented to the committee accepting the resignation of the Secretainvestigation by interposing the dishonor ry of War, together with a copy of his letter of resignation, which the President sensation. informed the committee was accepted the impeachability of Belknap, he sugabout 10.20 this morning. They, theregested that the question, as Judge Storey had intimated, might properly be left to and at fore, unanimously report and demand Europe that the said Wm. W. Belknap, late Secthe decision of the Senate. retary of War, be dealt with according state of facts, would the House be asked to the law of the land, and to that end to shrink from the performance of its duty because there might be the mist or submit the testimony in the case, taken together with the several statements and shadow of a doubt on that point? The exhibits thereto attached, and also a re-House could not do so; it would not be script of the proceedings of the commitadmissible. He quoted from the imtee had during the investigation of this

subject, and submit the following resolutions: Resolved, That Wm. W. Belknap, late cellor had sought to save himself by a Secretary of War, be impeached of high | resignation of his high office, the attempt was vain, as the king did not and could not interpose. Was the House to be crimes and misdemeanors in office. Resolved, That the testimony in the ase of Wm. W. Belknap, late Secretary | told that the man in power at the other end of the avenue was able to rob an f War, be referred to the Judiciar American Congress of the right and power which the king of Great Britain Committee, with instructions to prepar and report, without unnecessary delay, suitable articles of impeachment of said could not take from Parliament? sation and applause.] It used to be Wm. W. Belknap, late Secretary of War. cry that the king could do no wrong. If Resolved, That a committee of five the man who had uttered the memorable sentence "Let no guilty man escape" embers of the House be appointed and instructed to proceed immediately to the held it in his power to rob an American bar of the Senate, and there impeach Wm. W. Belknap, late Secretary of War, Congress of the right to inflict punishment or to pronounce censure on a pub in the name of the people of the United States, of high crimes and misdemeanors when in office, and to inform that body ter the liberties of the people could rest that formal articles of impeachment will in due time, be presented, and to request the Senate to take such order in the Congress has the power to punish any premises as they may deem appropriate. man in this country?

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over the roaring lion of Great Britian, and forced him to lie an humble supple-ant at her feet. The threats and gold of Mr. Clymer then proceeded to read the testimony of Caleb P. Marsh, taken yes Blackhurn-I will not submit to interruption. I am the last man who would terday before the committee, showing that he had paid Secretary Belknap about kings, the clash of the bayonet, the roar introduce an atom of politics into this of small arms and the thunder of cannons \$20,000 in consideration of his appointdiscussion. It is not admissible here. combined with groans and shricks of the ment as post trader of Fort Sill, Indian The Republican members of the commitwounded and dving, could not turn him tee were as earnest and honest in the Territory. The reading was listened to with intense interest by the members of from the path of duty and right. He prosecution of this inquiry and in the was as steady as the needle to the pole. resentation of this report as the mem-He made for himself a name which has the House, and by a large audience in bers representing the majority of this the gallerics. In the more pathetic porbeen chanted by tongues of admiring tions of the narrative, Mr. Clymer was House. millions in all countries, and which will

done in England, but there any citizen could be impeached; therefore, the Eng-lish cases of Warren Hastings and Lord members compose the Committee on the Expenditures of the War Department, making the report. Bacon did not apply. In America, no

man could be impeached but a civil offi-cer, and when he ceased to be a civil offi-Hot Bread and Dyspensia. cer, he ceased to be within the literal description of the constitution. In this

Gen. Thomas L. Clingman, writing to country, the only judgment that could be the North Carolina Agricultural Journal, tells some truths and offers suggestions rendered in an impeachment case was removal from office and future disqualifiabout the causes and results of dyspensiz cation for holding office, but by the statand indigestion, with especial reference utes, a person guilty of such offenses could be indicted, tried and sentenced by to hot, doughy bread, which will apply to all parts of the country. Read, digest the criminal courts of the country. He protested against hot haste in this matter and heed:

"It is said that the frying-pan is the great enemy to our people. There can be no doubt but that it has slain its thou-There car without having the testimony printed He thought such haste unworthy of this sands; but hot bread is the slayer of ten thousands. While traveling in Eugrave question, and if he stood alone, he would still stand here to say so. rope for eight months, I saw nothing but cold bread; nor did I, while there, see or Blackburn, of Kentucky, another memer of the committee, expressed his satis hear anything that tended to induce me to believe that anybody in Europe had ever caten a piece of hot bread. I invafaction that the report which had been read by his colleague (Clymer) showed to the world that nothing had been left unriably, however, found the bread good and the people I saw appeared healthy and robust. Some, as the English and

Germans, were especially so. With respect to the United States, the condition of things may be more strikingly and pointedly presented by reference to individual cases. Many years since, I stopped at the house of an acquaintance and on seeing him I said: "You are not looking as well as usual." "No," he re-plied, "I have the dyspepsia powerfully plied, bad." When dinner was ready, there was an abundant supply of meat and well-baked corn bread. There was also however, something called biscuit, which was in fact, rather warm dough with much grease in it. I saw that my host ate this freely with his meats. I re-marked that I did not wonder that he had the dyspepsis, for that I could not live a month in that way. I suggested that if he would eat well-baked cornbread, or, better still, light bread he [This remark created quite a would not suffer the way he was doing He answered vchemently, that he "would Passing to the question of rather die than eat light bread." plied. "This is a free country and you have a right to die in this mode if you choose. On such a and I have not the least doubt but that you will soon die." I then referred to cases in which I had known persons to die from such practices. My cool mode of discussing the question evidently made an impression on his wife. Next summer on meeting him, I said "You are looking much better." "Yes," he peachment trial of Lord Bacon, in which it was stated, that when the Lord Chanreplied, bursting into a hearty laugh, "I ollowed your advice and took to eating light bread, and I am as well as I even was in my life.'

- The following is given in an ex-change as a sample Texas editorial: A few days ago the grand jury went so far as to indict a gentleman of this county for the mere act of having, while under the influence of liquor, shot and killed the one of his neighbors. As to the acquittal of the accused there can be no doubt. Meanwhile, we trust the members of the grand jury, will not, by any further acts of this character, wound the self-respect and forfeit the regard of their fellow-citilicly convicted criminal, where was the barrier to be found beneath whose shelzens. cure? [Applause.] Hoar—Does the gentleman say that

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- A poor farmer can not conceal the fact that he is a poor farmer. All his surroundings proclaim the verdict against him—his horses, cattle, wagons, harness, plows, fences, fields, his wife and children, bear silent but unmistakable evidence against him. On the other hand, all these things will testify favorably in behalf of the good farmer. Every passer-by can read the evidence for and against. This fact alone ought to stimulate every farmer to do his best, for the sake of his character as well as interest; for he may rest assured that those who