

WAR STORIES.

Some War Time Experiences of Mrs. J. C. Thompson of Newnan, Ga.

The Atlanta Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, is doing a good and far-reaching work in having read before its meetings papers giving personal experiences of the civil war.

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I shall not attempt a full account of the incidents that marked the dreadful period of the civil war, for such an account would fill a volume; but shall content myself with the relation of the more striking things that are still fresh in my memory.

My experience covered the whole time of the unsuccessful struggle. My husband was a volunteer in company A, First Georgia regiment, and his enlistment was the beginning of that trying time, in which were experienced the difficulties of managing home affairs.

To bring this narration to an individual experience I can only relate a few incidents which are light compared to what was endured by thousands of women who were on the borders and in the midst of the conflict.

About this time we could hear of nothing but battles, and no news from my husband; entirely out of us as we were from communication with the army in Virginia, as Sherman's army was around Atlanta.

After the surrender some of the soldiers of the North who had been exchanged, and had gotten under their commander, had a skirmish here, and were captured in this place, they were marching down from the mountains under orders to burn the town and not leave as much as a chicken coop.

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I found my house clean, and there was a good supply of provisions on hand—flour, sugar, butter, bacon and candles to light me on into another month.

The war was on in truth by that time, and then it was work in earnest. First of my work was making coats, trousers, and other wearing apparel for the soldiers, which was more profitable than carding and spinning.

A large encampment came to Newnan. My cow was well kept around the provender wagons, and I realized a good profit from the increased quantity of milk.

Soon a whole army of soldiers were camped near. One morning I went out early to feed the porkers—my heart sank as I came near the pen—

the porkers were gone, and my fortune blasted! My sister-in-law and I walked everywhere to find even a sight of them, but they were not to be found.

I cannot begin to enumerate all the trials of my experience through the four long years of war, and the ravages of marauders. However, with all my woes, sometimes such amusing things would occur that it would produce hearty laughs, and draw the wrinkles of trouble from my brow.

Judge Gerald's Presentment.

Judge G. B. Gerald, of Waco, who was recently a visitor to the city, tells an interesting story of a presentment of death and the happy denouement, the particulars dating back to one of the most fiercely contested engagements of the late civil war.

"Some years before the war I had a dream," said the Judge. "I dreamt that I was a participant in a fierce battle between two great armies. The picture of the battle was very vivid. The two armies occupied opposite sides of a stream, with towering, snow-capped mountains in the rear of each.

"On the morning of the 13th of December, 1863, the two armies of Lee and Burnside were facing each other at Fredericksburg.

"As we marched to the conflict, and the early morning mist cleared up, I saw two armies in the valley, with a narrow stream flowing between. I lifted up my eyes and there were towering mountains behind each army, and they were snow-capped.

"It was the reality of my dream of years before in all its details. There could be no mistaking the scene—it had been indelibly impressed on my memory.

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New Century Catechism.

Q.—What is the chief end of a man? A.—To get a living. Q.—What do you understand by a living? A.—Millions of dollars.

Q.—What is the value of money? A.—It is more precious than the souls of men. Q.—By what rule should we govern our lives? A.—The golden rule.

Q.—Will you repeat it? A.—"Do unto yourself whatsoever you would have others do unto you." Q.—What should be our morning prayer? A.—"Keep me this day from making a fool of myself!"

Q.—What beautiful quality should be manifest in all the dealings of men? A.—Unselfishness. Q.—Define it, please? A.—Unselfishness is that which we have a right to expect from others.

Q.—Should international marriages be encouraged? A.—By all possible means. Q.—What rule should govern these marriages? A.—If you have a fat purse and no title, look for a title; if a title and no fat purse look for a fat purse; if you have neither don't look for either.

Q.—What is recorded of the successful? A.—They shall be held in everlasting remembrance. Q.—What is required by those who would succeed in life? A.—Absolute belief in one's infallibility; no consideration for others and no act to a stranger that can be mistaken for courtesy.

Q.—Is gentle breeding a bar to success? A.—Unquestionably. Q.—Explain this, please? A.—In a woman it is considered designing; in a man, improper. Q.—Against what insidious vice should we constantly guard ourselves? A.—The safety-pin habit.

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