

Crossing the Bar.
Sweet and evening star.
And one clear call for me!

A WAR STORY.

TOLD BY AN EX-CONFEDERATE.

It was about 10 o'clock at night and the Federals under Gen. Hunter were lying in front of Lynchburg.

I had kept a suspicious eye on that long scattering line of underbrush for over an hour, for I knew that it led around the little hill and out in front of the Federals.

The nature of his advance relieved me of any alarm I might otherwise have felt, but as I knew that no one had any business tramping and crashing about in the brush.

"Well, I'll be blessed if you ain't a rebel!" "Yes, and you are a Yankee. Step out and hold up your hands."

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"Where did you get that fellow?" The fellow's good nature and his enjoyment of the job.

him before turning him over as a prisoner, if possible, and when I reported to my superior I added that the prisoner came from Ohio.

Lying under a dog tent we talked for several hours. I told him where I came from, and found that he had actually been born and raised not thirty miles distant from my old home.

First I made him take off his blouse and his cap, and these I rolled up and carried out of the tent under my arm.

In five minutes I had exchanged the blue jacket and cap for the grey jacket and grey slouch hat of a Confederate.

Five years ago, while sitting in a big country store in Ohio with about a dozen ex-Union soldiers.

What a talk we had, and how many questions each of us asked I cannot now tell, but they covered the lapse of the years between the time when the bullets sang requiems and the shell and shrapnel shrieked.

People Who Live Long. "What occupation tends most to prolong life?" asked a reporter of the chief mathematician for one of the great life insurance companies.

"That is a difficult question," he replied. "I can only answer it by referring to the occupations of persons whose lives are and have been insured by us."

the treatment which canvassers are apt to receive in the ordinary course of their business shortens their lives.

"Do you take into consideration the question of a customer's occupation in granting a policy?"

Aesthetic Birds. The most remarkable instance of aestheticism among birds is that exhibited by the Australian bower birds.

Lumholz describes several of these play houses of the bower birds; he says they are always to be found "in small brushwood, never in the open field."

There are frequently hundreds of shells, about 300 in one heap, and 30 in the other. There is usually a handful of green berries partly inside and partly outside the bower."

In his interesting book, "Among Cannibals," Lumholz describes a play ground of what would appear to be a different species of bird, showing even a greater aesthetic taste.

"On the top of the mountain I heard in the dense scrubs the loud and unceasing voice of a bird. I carefully approached it, sat on the ground and shot it.

On this neatly-cleared spot the bird had laid large, fresh leaves, one by the side of the other, with considerable regularity.

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Rebuking a Tenor. A tenor in a Brooklyn church often endeavored to cause fun in the choir by making droll faces at the other singers.

QUEER REMEDIES.

Remarkable Things a Druggist Must Keep in Stock.

Dried Pigs Liver as a Sure Cure For Hysterics.

The other day a reporter of the News relaxed himself from the weary strife of life by spending a few hours in a drug store, where he has a friend in the shape of a prescription clerk.

It should be remarked right here, in order to explain certain things which he discovered that this special simple dispensary is located in a neighborhood largely populated by persons of foreign birth, meagre education and hard-working lives—the class, in short, most prone to superstitions and to adherence to old ideas.

One of the first oddities of the stock which drew the reporter's attention was rattle-snake oil. It came from Pennsylvania and Connecticut principally, said his friend, the expert, and was called for as a lubricant in cases of rheumatism.

Lanolin was a grease extracted from the wool of sheep. It had the property of mixing with water, and was a favorite basis for certain salves, as it did not grow rancid.

Among the vegetable and herb medicines, the assortment of simples was simply amazing. Nearly every root, plant and flower known had been converted into curative service.

Two centuries ago the list of concoctions or creations supposed to be of utility in restoring human health included some of the most wonderful humbugs superstition could by any possibility induce a man to swallow.

"The fact is," said the prescription clerk to the reporter, "that a good half of the things in this store are superstitious. No druggist can prosper who carries a complete stock.

Humor on the Slump. It must have been rather disconcerting to the declamatory speaker who, despite all technicalities, tried to storm his hearers by sheer force of eloquence.

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IN THE HALLS OF CONGRESS.

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After the slight pause Lord Palmerston replied, "I will." The butcher then asked, "Will you or will you not support this measure?"

To Suspend Animation. "It has been frequently said that truth is stranger than fiction," remarked Dr. Henry Powderly to a little party that were discussing Washington Irving's romantic story of Rip Van Winkle.

After the opening prayer and the reading of the journals of Thursday morning, the report of the secretary of the treasury was laid before the house and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Eighteen senators were absent from their places at the opening session, including Gibson, of Louisiana, and Kenna, of West Virginia.

A Great Irrigation Scheme. The San Joaquin ranch is to be irrigated, and 20,000 acres now producing barley will be made susceptible of cultivation.

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Humble Origin of Precious Stones. It is a singular fact that the most precious gems are composed of the most common substances. The diamond is the purest form of carbon.

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TELEGRAPHIC GLEANINGS.

The News of the World Condensed Into Pithy and Pointed Paragraphs.

Interesting and Instructive to All Classes of Readers.

The city armory at Columbus, Ohio, burned Thursday. Several regiments lost their quarters and contents.

The New York grand jury has found two indictments against Gardner, agent of the Parkhurst Society, for extorting money.

A Baltimore special says: The annual congress of the national prison association of the United States adjourned Wednesday to meet in Chicago a year hence.

The supervising architect of the treasury, in his annual report, requests amended legislation that the United States courthouse and postoffice at Savannah can be sold.

The present reports from Montana, Kansas, Wyoming and Nebraska look like the dawn of a new era.

A Washington dispatch of Thursday says: Orders have been issued at the navy department placing the warship Chicago on order of commission.

Magre reports of a fearful cyclone have been received from Macooches, Texas. About 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon a terrible storm swept over Egg-noggy valley.

The defendants won, but must pay costs. A Pittsburg, Pa., special of Sunday says: Final disposition of the celebrated Iams case has been made.

The treasurer's estimates. Of the money needed to run the Government next year.

GEORGIA BANKS.

Their Status as Set Forth in the Report of the Comptroller of Currency.

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