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THE COUNTRY LASS.

No more she chants the songs she sang, In former days,
When the lowland dell, and forest rang,
With her blithe lays.
Her paths were deck'ed with beauty then,
With footsteps light,
She wandered far through glade and glen,

From morn till night. The startled birds their nests forsook, When she encroached; The speckled fish dart up the brook

At her approach.
Her rosy checks, and eyes of blue,
And soft brown hair,
Were praised by every one she knew,
As matchless rare.

But now she sighs and blushes deep, When e're we talk
Of one who comes when night-shades cree Across the walk.
At midnight dreary, or neonday clear,
She dreams the same,
And day by day to her more dear
Becomes his name.

She cares not for the clerks from town-Though rich and gay—
She meets their smiles with distant from

When long they stay.

And jealous rivals think it odd,
For her so fair,
To cling to one compelled to plod
For living spare.

But she will love him more and more (If he receive Her warm affections as of yore)

And never grievo

The lot she chose; through future years
Of changes wast
She'll gladly share his hopes and fears
Till life be past.

An Officer's Account of his Sufferings at

The following is Col. Ponsonby's interesting account of his own sufferings, after a rash and unlucky charge:

I was stationed with my regiment (about three hundred strong) at the extreme left wing, and directed to act discretionally; each of the armies was drawn up on a gentle declivity, a small valley lying between on his dignity. I must get on with my day

At 1 o'clock, observing, as I thought, unsteadiness in a column of French infantry, which was advancing with an irregular fire, I resolved to charge them. As we were descending in a gallop, we received cup, and forthwith apologized to our tutor, from our own troops on the right a fire they having begun long before it could take effect, and slackening as we drew nearer; when we were within fifty paces of them, the French turned, and much executively many them, the French turned, and much executively sistor to take her music lesson from Mr. them, the French turned, and much execu-tion was done among them, as we were fol-lowed by some Belgians who had remark-ed our success. But we had no sooner passed through them, than we were at-tacked in our turn, before we could form, by a few of my men, who were presently cut down (no quarter being asked or given) I was carried on by my horse, till, receiving a blow on my head from a sabre, I was thrown senseless on my face to the ground. Recovering, I raised myself a little to look difficulty of breathing came on, and I

to plunder me, threatening to take my life. I told him that he might search me, directing him to a small side pocket, in which he found three dollars, being all I had; he he found three dollars, being all I had; he unloosed my stock and tore open my waist-coat, then leaving me in a very uneasy posture, and was no sooner gone than auther came for the same purpose; but assuring him I had been plundered, ho left me, when an officer, bringing up some troops, (to which, probably, the tirallicurs belonged) and halting where I lay, stooped down and addressed me, saying he feared I was badly wounded; I replied that I was, and expressed a wish to be removed to the was badly wounded; I replied that I was, and expressed a wish to be removed to the rear; he said it was against the order to remove even their own men, but that if they gained the day, as they probably would, (for he understood the Duke of Wellington was killed, and that six of our battallions had surrendered,) every attention in his power should be shown me. I com-plained thirst, and he held his brandy-bot plained thirst, and he held his brandy-bot tle to my lips, directing one of his men to let to my lips, directing one of his men to lay me straight on my side, and place a knapsack under my head; he then passed on into action, and I shall never know to whose generosity I was indebted, as I conceive, for my life. Of what rank he was I cannot say; he wore a blue great-coat. By and bye another trailleur came and knelt and the loss we leading and fixing many and fired over me, loading and firing many and fired over me, toading and firing many times, and conversing with great gayety all the while; at last he ran off, saying, "Yous serez bien also entendre que nous allons nous retirer; ben jour, mon ami."

While the battle continued in that part, several of the wounded men and dead bodiers are more were hit with the hells, which

ies near me were hit with the balls, which came very thick in that place. Toward evening, when the Prussians came, the continued roar of the cannon along theirs, and the British line growing louder and louder as they drew near, was the finest thing I over heard. It was dusk when two squadrons of Prussians cavalry, both of them two deep, passed over me in full trot, lifting me from the ground, and tumbling and about cruelly; the clatter of their ap-proach, and the apprehensions it excited, may be easily conceived; had a gun come that way, it would have done for me. The battle was then nearly over, or removed : distance: the cries and groans of the wound distance; the cries and groans of the wound od all around me became every instant more and more audible, succeeding to the shouts, imprecations, euteries of 'Vive' l'Empereur!' the discharge of musketry and cannon; now and then intervals of perfect silence, which were worse than the noise. I thought the night would never end .-Much about this time I found a soldier of Royals lying across my legs, who had pro-bably crawled thither in his agony; his weight, convulsive motions, noises, and the air issuing through a wound in his side, stance the most of all, as the case was my

ay but little in German) that I was a British offic. T, and had been plundered already; an hour before m. duight, I saw a soldier in an English uniform. Coming toward me; he was, I suspect, on the same errand. He came and looked in my face; I spoke intantly, telling him who I was, and assuring him of a reward if he would remain by me. He said that he belonged to the Formal He was that the property of the first regiment but had missed it. released me from the dying man; be unarmed, he took up a sword from the ground, and stood over me, pacing backward and forward. At 8 o'clock in the ward and forward. At 8 o'clock in the morning some English were seen in the distance; he ran to them, and a messenger was sent off to Hervey. A cart came for me. I was placed in it and carried to a farm-house, about a mile and a half distant, and laid in the bed from which poor Gordon (as I understood afterward) had been just carried out. The jolting of the cart and the difficulty of breathing were reary painful. I had received soven wounds; "I daresay you can do both, but the difficulty of breathing were the state of the cart and the difficulty of breathing were reary painful. I had received soven wounds; very painful. I had received seven wounds; a surgeon slept in my room, and I was saved by continual bleedings, one hundred and twenty ounces in two days, besides the great loss of blood on the field."—All the Year Round.

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RUBY'S JOURNAL.

1st January, 18 -. - Home from the ing in a white lace dress; and though my me," I said. ing like Kate, or if this detestable color to dictate to me. will always flame in my cheeks, making When we reached the door and said you did not care, though half the girls in came in for one or two with that rich boy | boots were worn through. Montford. What would our tutor have thought if he could have seen me! Poor when I was a child and rode my pony like Sand-boys," to see what his face would Charley too will come, and then Kate and I shall be out in earnest. I'll keep my for my tutor's sake; but I'm sure to live; and I never do anything interesting; besides, I am to marry my Lord Montford,

Brown seems to think so too; so of course it's sattled. 2nd Janury .- I did not stay in bed late; I never can; I was up at seven, and went looking so pretty; then I routed out Brown and made her life a burden to her for ten and nearly ran into Mr. Vivian's arms as the by, how like a boy he is in the way he is, and that's no joke. Of course he only bowed to me, and said, "I beg your pardon, Miss Ruby," as if we had met but twice before, and not lived in the same house, man and girl, for the last ten years. Mr. Vivian is very old; since Kate and I have been grown up he has stood absurdly though. Well, papa and Kato arrived on the scene in due time for breakfast; mamma as usual staying in her room; and Brown in making tea grew so demoralized by Charley's teazing, that she dropped a whose grave mouth could not resist a smile. Then I took possession of papa Vivian. Papa certainly is worth fifty of our mother. I shock Brown by saying so, but I can't stand my lady's imaginary delicaey. If it were at all possible, I should

by about three hundred Polish lancers, who had come down to their relief; the French artillery pouring in among us a heavy fire of grape-shot, which, however, killed three of their own to one of our men. In the melce, I was disabled almost instantly in both of my arms, and followed stantly in both of my arms, and followed to-day by saying, "You are wrong, Miss say Kate and I were changelings; not Ruby; you have a voice full of music; you may not charm the majority of those that listen to you, but those who can feel what music is will wish to hear your voice

3rd January.-Ours is a very home. I don't know why girls want to marry, at least not when they are like Kate and me. Papa and mamma are so good to us, and Charley is kind in a lazy way, and Mr. Vivian, though he despises me, is kind too. I don't wonder that he does despise me, I certainly am unusually wicked and unlovable for a girl. I'm as unlike my sister in character as I am in appearance. As I write so, I think that our lives are strangely happy. I never know a care or a loss all my life; everything tends to make one happier; the flowers and the sunshine -for though no one gives me credit for so much feeling, everything lovely in nature does make me glad. I know I laugh at our tutor when he speaks of flowers and music as though they are worth more than the other things in life that go to constitute our happiness. I know it is poor and for he was always kind to me when he was weak to be moved by these things that our teacher; and there are a few sparks in have so little intrinsic value. Mr. Vivian my heart of something that is not quite is a man who has long ago given up the worldly left, and he has kindled them that when I am away from here, and you world, and is content to live outside the there, I know. He avoids me, I am sure, magic circle; but I am young and proud, and it is not quite kind of him, for in the Good night!" And he put my shawl over with a position yet to win, and, goodness atmosphere in which I have been trained, win it with. I know Owen Vivian shrinks that I need something to keep me straight; from me as from something almost unholy; and yet to day when I came across his he stands aloof from me; and when, one path, and tried to make up for my rude day, forgetting I am no longer a child, I speech a few days ago, he was evidently put my hand on his arm, as I did not hesi- not happy till he got away. It happened

Vivian?" and then I laughed, and I coubt astonished when he saw what it was. not he thought me a hateful girl all the time-and yet there is something I cannot hate in that wonderful grave face of his. 4th January .- We went on the ice teday; Lord Montford and his young brother Hugh were there. Kate looked so pretty in her furs; as for me, I knew my face looked like the sun in a fog, and his lord. filled with dross than mine is." ship made it twice as red by asking if we

"Why do you trust yourself alone on the ice, Miss Ruby, when you cannot

skate?" "I must learn." "You will never skate, I can see." "Thank you, you always thought

"You are wrong; you can ride as I have never seen any lady ride before, and you "Add I can dance and flirt, and the list "I daresay you can do both, but neither

is very creditable." "Flirting possibly you object to, Mr. Vivian, but dancing surely is harmless and he can't bear to see us dance. I don't feel l elegant ?"

see my sister or-or my wife dancing." Craycrofts' ball, sitting at 2 in the morn- wife might not do may be good enough for I should wear to-morrow.

eyes are half closed with sleep, I can't help I felt very angry at his daring to criti- wear what you do." looking into the glass to see what I am cise what I, Ruby Davenport, chose to do, like. Let me see; there I am, Ruby Daven- and I wished to annoy him; true, his famport, with my face not a bit pale from the lily is as old as ours, and his father was a Montford likes blue." dancing and fatigue. O dear, I wender baronet, but he is now only my brother's if I shall ever look sweet and interest- tutor, and holds no position entitling him

me look like an over-fed milkmaid, or a good-byo to Lord Montford, I took off my Allandorph would give anything to be bread-and-butter school-girl. What a hat to Mr. Vivian, bowed, and ran into the you." dance it was! and how the dancers flocked house; and late into the Winter evening I round Kate in shoals; and even I, Ruby saw him walking up and down, up and with the red face and round vulgar figure, down the avenue, till I am quite sure his how plain you are, it's a wonderful catch.'

Mr. Vivian, how I shock him! more than upon it as a day in which to do whatever I Vivian?" like; to go to church or not as I please, a boy, and used to call the rector "old and in Summer to stroll about the grounds among the flowers, and to lie on the grass | thought of such a thing!" look like. He will be home to-morrow; and pull the heads off the daisies; in fact. "to dream the happy hours away." Papa clay, though he is a dependent, and would always goes to church-he thins it respectdiary for two years, "if I live," I'll add able for the Squire to do so; and Kate and me." Charley go because it is something to do. it would be too interesting to die young, When our party walks up the nisle, those who have to content themselves with the the tones of a man's voice sounded in the lower grade in the social scale, look upon room below, and a few minutes afterwards so papa and mamma say, and even dear old pretty Kate and upon us all, and the mam- I knew Kate was with him. mon of envy and unrighteousness fills their hearts and makes us all glad that it is so. ever has been a gayer ball in all the county The tutor goes, because-strange to say, than Charley's. People flocked in from but I do believe it-as he kneels down in every quarter-country people and town into Kate's room. I found her asleep and the house of prayer he finds himself in his prayers somewhat nearer God and heaven; but we are different. We have been told minutes, and finally decamped down-stairs, that God is our creator, and heaven a or otherwise, as the case may be, Charley place of happiness, to which we are sure was resplendent in his new cavalry uni-

> in the green-house, my future fate, Lord George Montford, joined me. "Oh, Miss Davenport; like myself, you

fears away now. To-day I chose not to go

going?" "I don't know that I do, my lord, but I was not in a mood to listen to our respect- Vivian-why does he always seem so differable pastor to-day. If he were only young ent from other men? What is there in and good-looking! Couldn't you give him a hint to get a curate who would be presentable, and then I would always go?" He laughed. I am aware that if he had been manly and sensible he would have appears all unconscious? Kate is fond of been disgusted with me; but this kind of talk suited my admirer, and I knew it; say that she did not intend to dance; but I and after all, though he is foolish and empty-headed, still he is good-natured and a peer, and Charley says I am a lucky girl to have attracted him. Not that he has proposed to me yet, I am thankful to sav. but he will in time, and I am in no great hurry to accept his lordly hand.

"When is your ball coming off, Miss Davenport?" he went on-I must say, after being accustomed to a face like Mr. Vivians's, his is a terrible contrast.

I told him that it was to take place on the 25th, and he then asked me for the first dance; and then we' talked of balls and parties, and such-like mundane subjects, till we saw the carriage coming.

He stayed to luncheon, during which my wish I was dead. ed down upon me as being ugly. Howwhat she thinks.

We always break up early, having pray ers on Sunday at nine. My place is next seen it, and his eyes were fixed on me so to Mr. Vivan, who reads. I often smile intensely that it was painful to sit under during prayers, and Charley does his best their gaze. "I have been asleep. Why to make me. Mamma sleeps as a rule, and Kate sits looking at her pretty white hands and changing the rings from one finger to another. Brown sits up as quiet and demure as any old governess need do, and papa of course is propriety. After prayers we take our candle, nod pleasantly to each other, and go to our rooms. The tutor

sits up late into the night. 16th January .- I never see anything of Mr. Vivian now. Sometimes I am sorry, knows, little enough beauty or charm to where love of the world prevails, he knows I -of course I never spoke. I am always tate to do three years ago, he actually shiv- in this way: he came into the library where ered. I noticed it and said, "Do you I was looking for a book, and I asked him think I have anything of the snake in me, to reach it down for me. He is so tall he that you start because I touched you, Mr. got it easily enough, but looked quite Though I am not good myself, sometimes

"Poetry! Do you care for that, Miss Davenport?" "I look at it sometimes. You think I

"You are severe on yourself. I do not even my miserable nose was red too, and appreciating. I have known you a long Change has begun to come, and there will I felt such a guy, and ashamed to look time now, Ruby Davenport, and I never even in our tutor's face. Lord Montford knew that you would spend ten minutes guided me over the ice, while Mr. Vivian over the best poetry or prose ever written.' did the same for Kate. Once when Char- He said it in such a way, using my Chrisley called my guide away, I ventured off tian name so quietly and so evidently withby myself, and got a fall, much to my dis- out fear of my displeasure, that I made a gust. Owen vivian helped me up, and fool of myself, and did not answer a word. teld me I was very foolish to try and go I only, as usual, blushed a flery and hidestance the most of all, as the case was my own. It was not a dark night, and the Prussians were wandering about to plunder (and the scene in Ferdinand, Count Fathom, came into my mind, though no women, I believe, were there;) several of them came and looked at me, and passed on; at length one stopped to examine me, told him as well as I, could (for I could have none for me. After a while I got rather faint, and had to sit down. Kate, told him as well as I, could (for I could have none for me. After a while I got rather faint, and had to sit down. Kate, the would have none for me. After a while I got rather faint, and had to sit down. Kate, the would have none for me. After a while I got rather faint, and had to sit down. Kate, the would have none for me. After a while I got rather faint, and had to sit down. Kate, the would have none for me. After a while I got rather faint, and had to sit down. Kate, the would have none for me. After a while I got rather faint, and had to sit down. Kate, the would have none for me. After a while I got rather faint, and had to sit down. Kate, the would have none for me. After a while I got rather faint, and had to sit down. Kate, the would have none for me. After a while I got rather faint, and had to sit down. Kate, the would have none for me. After a while I got rather faint, and had to sit down. Kate, the would have none for me. After a while I got would make him love rather faint, and had to sit down. I can't now; he is poor, and full of some long the faint is the faint in the faint is the alone. My left wrist was sprained, but he ous red, and then he went as he come, and dent occurred to my sister, he would have rich and great, and lived somewhere where rather faint, and had to sit down. Kate, me, and then I would throw his love away. Miss Ruby." Charley, and Lord Montford fussed about I can't now; he is poor, and full of someit, while Mr. Vivian stood apart by him- thing that acts as a guard against me; 1cself; and once when I caught his eye I sides, a man like Owen Vivian is beyond about roughly before he left me. About thought his face had softened, but I really an hour before m. dnight, I saw a soldier in don't think it had. Going home I found That's the worst of it; though I feel I hate don't think it had. Going home I found That's the worst of it; though I feel I hato myself bringing up the rear with the tutor, him, yet he is far above all of us; even

> hold a candle to his son's tutor. 21th January .- We have gone on as usual during these past days. Preparations for Charley's coming-of-age ball are going on. Men down from London, and everything upside down. On this occasion, for with my heart and face full of anger. He I his pupil's sake, Owen Vivian has promis- only smiled half sadly at me, as he might ed to be present, and is even helping in have done had I been a child. the decorations; in fact, wherever the most work has to be done, there he is. Lord papa is dead, Mr. Vivian?" Montford strolls about the rooms doing nothing but talking nonsense to Kate and of the Hall will not require me." me, and the longer I know him the prouder I am of my would-be lover. I don't est pleasure will be annoying our tutor, for your sister will follow." as if I cared for gayety as I used to do .- him.

"Whatever you like," I said; "I'll "I shall wear blue. Mr. Vivian says

"Does ho? then I'll wear white." "What a strange girl you are! You placed myself abruptly in his path. should try to please him. One would think

"You are one, Kate; would you?" "Well, I don't know; but considering "Is it? Come now, Kate, I'll ask you 5th January, Sunday.—I never liked a question. Would you rather have Lord Sunday, till I was grown up, and I looked Montford in love with you than Mr.

> The color mounted to my sister's face. "Such nonsense, Ruby! Who ever

" No one of course-for he is of another never dream of loving girls like you and

"Of course he knows better than to insult us," my sister said; and as we talked 25th January .- I don't suppose there

people, all holding their own in society; young ladies from everywhere filled the room, and did their share of wall-flowers he came into the hall with Charley. By to go. Sometimes I doubt this surety, at he came into the hall with Charley. By least for myself, but I shall doubtless live mamma, dressed in velvet and point-lace, the by, how like a boy he is in the way he blushes! his face got as red as mine usually to be an old woman, and I can put these looked a fitting partner for the handsome squire; while Kate and I, in blue and white, to church, and I was rewarded, for as I sat | did the honors to the best of our ability .-And now, as I sit in my room and write, looking back upon a not unpleasant evening, I wonder whether any other ball will think solitary reflection better than church- be like this. Early in the evening my sister announced her intention not to dance. I remonstrated, but it was no use. Owen his face that makes one turn to look at it again-what is there in his little figure that distinguishes him from the crowd-a fascination, a charm, of which he himself dancing, and I was surprised to hear her saw her seated, later on in the evening, by our tutor's side, and then I knew the reason why. I danced all night. I led off with Lord Montford, and danced with him many times more, but I was not happy. I

was tired, and wished it all over. "Why, Ruby, you look done. What humbug it all is !" "Yes, is it not?"

"Vivian and Kate have the best of it, Ruby; by the by, something has gone wrong with Vivian of late-he is dreadfully down in the mouth, and I can't for the I knew why, but I am shaken, and indeed I don't know what to think-sometimes I

I don't think I slept long, but when I opened my eyes Mr. Vivian was standing ever, I mean to be my lady in spite of by me with folded arms. He did not start but I did, not so much at seeing him, but did you not awaken me, Mr. Vivian?"

"You would have gone away, and I wanted to look at you." "Did you? You might have remembered how late it is, and that I am tired."

"I might." "What are you smiling at?"

" Your little face."

"Why, is there anything wrong in it?s my color more flame-like than usual?" "No, but it is such a strange face; so wicked and yet so tender, just like a child; a placid face too, Ruby, when you are asleep. In fact, I was taking it in, so are Lady Montford, I shall not forget it .my shoulders and led me to the door, and such a tool when there's anything to be said. Somehow I'm tired to-night. I don't think I'll go on with my journal any more, but seal it up after this strange night, the 25th January.

20th March.-Since I wrote last death has reached our home and taken our fath. or. He died a month ago quite suddenly. I wish he had been more like Owen Vivian. I don't think-poor father !- he knew

much of heaven or any after life; and yet he went away so suddenly that my heart can't appreciate something that is not quite feels sad to think of it. Charley was common-place; well, perhaps not, but I away, and mamma and Kate quite broken have a fancy new and then to see what with the shock, so Owen Vivian and I did everything. He treats me with such reother minds are capable of which are less serve since that strange, strange night .-Charley has taken possession of the estate. had not walked very fast. I knew that attempt to judge what you are capable of but insists that we are to live on with him,

> never be an end of it now I know. 21st March. - Walking in the garden to-day I was joined by Mr. Vivian, and caught with both my hands full of early Spring flowers.

You do not care for these?" he asked, touching one of the white blossoms. "You know I do not care for the things of your world, Mr. Vivian. My ideas of happiness are real and substantial; yours,

ideal and shadowy." "So you don't care for flowers?" and he smiled upon me. "Your sister does, "Yes, but we are not alike; you have

molded Kato more than you ever did me." "It has been a pleasant task; I am sorry it is over, but perhaps it is better so "Why should it be over? Kate is an

ing yet, are you?" "No, but I am going away." "Going away-going to leave Allandorph! I did not think you could have been so selfish," I said, turning on him

"Are you really going to leave us, nov "I am your brother's tutor; the maste "But we do-Kate and I."

"No. no, Miss Ruby. You are beyond look forward to this ball much; my great- me now; you will soon have gone too, and "And where are you going," I asked

"It may be, but I would never like to We have been at a good many balls, and "To be Hugh Montford's tutor till-till frighted. He came into the House next I suppose, as one grows older, they lose his brother's marriage; and then I shall go morning and asked to be allowed to with-

> there." you are best in white, Ruby; but Lord I knew, too, that Charley wanted him to to adopt a passport law, making it crimi-

"Mr. Vivian, have you not been happy at the Hall ?" "You know I have."

"I have been too happy." "People are never that in this life." "They may be for a time." "We have not treated you well lately, s that it?"

"Then why leave us?"

treated."

"Then why go now?" "My work is over. I cannot stay beyond

that time." "You know it is not, Owen Vivian; you know that without your influence we shall drift any and every where; you know that we are as a family without God or religion of any kind. Go now and leave us, and

know I spoke carnestly, and I saw him

"I cannot tell you why, Miss Davenport, but I must go." As I sit and think now, writing my journal, and as some stupid tears fall blotting the words, I know that he is leaving

because he loves Kate. (CONCLUDED NEXT WEEK.)

THE SOUTH UNDER REBEL RULE.

Hen. Henry S. Foote devotes a paper in Saturday's Washington Chronicle to an account of some of the outrageous legislation contemplated and perpetrated by the rebel "Congress" during the war of the rebellion. He condemns Jeff Davis with all his old-time savageness, and criticises bitterly his "infamous Cabinet," who, he says, were "absolute slaves to Davis' will, mercenary to unscrupulousness, corrupt, and contemptible." To show how extremely happy and contented the South was in those days of Rebel rule, how well and cheaply she was governed, and how carefully her interests were guarded, at that time when 'carpet-baggers" and "Radicals" were unknown, and only "our own people" had control of legislative and military affairs, we quote a portion of Mr. Foote's paper,

"A great experiment of States-right ecession has been made, and it is important that the world should know precisely what baneful consequences resulted from this experiment, in order that no such insane and deplorable attempt shall again be essayed in any part of this broad Union, and in order that all may be solemnly warned not to take even the first step toward that evil state of things which was soon to be realized in Richmond. I do not believe that a more heartless and grinding despotism has been anywhere known since life of me tell why." I thought to-night the days of Dionysius of Syracuse than the one there set on foot. Upon the pretext of military necessity, all power was servility. Mr. Davis was given authority to suspend the great charter of liberty whenever and wherever he pleased; and this at his face. It was white as I had never was passed, called the 'Forcible Impressment Law,' which placed all the means of subsistence for men and domestic animals completely under the control of Mr. Davis and his official servitors, a large proper tion of whom were dishonest and oppressive beyond anything which can be conceived of, save by these who came in contact with that terrible system of fraud and violence which they introduced. A conscription was passed which brought under Mr. Davis' command every able-bodied man in the South between the ages of sixteen and forty-five; and all who refused to serve in the Confederate army against the paternal Government of their fathers were subject to be shot as for desertion. When the bill for this purpose was upon its passage I offered thirteen different amend. ments to it, intended to correct palpable unconstitutionalities: all of those were rapidly voted down, and then, with only a small number of others, I voted against the measure. This law of conscription was most rigorously and cruelly enforced, and was the cause, not only of very general popular disgust, but the fatal enfeeblement

of the Confederate army by actual descrtion. A sweeping confiscation act was passed designed to take away all the proporty of all those who anywhere within the limits of the Confederate States did not give open countenance and support to the cause of the rebellion. This law was afterward so amplified and extended by amendment at the instance of Mr. Perkins of Louisiana-a special devotee and confidant of Mr. Davis-as to embrace the property of men, women and children, wheresoever located, who might chance to be then absent, who, holding property in the south, did not immediately return within the confines of the Confederate States and take an active part in the war. When this most nefarious amendment was under considera tion I carnestly protested against it, and brought to the attention of the mover that such men as the venerable Dr. Duncan and Loven P. Marshall, of New York, both formerly of Mississippi, would be stripped by this law of the most of what they were worth, though their age and other causes had prevented their taking any decided interest in the war; to which Mr. Perkins responded that it was just such mon as these that he wished to bring within the and one of our complimentary conversa- papa, and he is the best of the lot, can't apt pupil, and you are not tired of teach-

potism, at which the proposer grew af-

"O, yes; but what your sister or young their novelty. Kate came to ask me what abroad, and spend the rest of my life draw it, but as I made stern objection to this it was not withdrawn, and now re-This was a blow to me, for he had been mains a permanent monument of infamy our friend for ten long happy years, and I and reproach. A slavish Congress even could not bear to think of his leaving us. went so far in its devotion to Mr. Davis as help him manage the estate. I determined nal even for a member of Congress to leave on making an effort to detain him, and Richmond, except under the sign-manual of Judah P. Beujamin, Mr. Davis' Secrotary of State, and the known writer of his this evil apparition of a Government, built upon the basis of extreme States' rights and secession, broke up, a bill or resolution was introduced and passed unani mously in the Confederate Senate, provid-

executive messages. A few months before ing for the payment of \$7,000 in gold to Mr. Jefferson Davis, as part of his presi-"Certainly not. I shall never be better dential salary of \$25,000. This was evidently intended as a preliminary step toward paying the whole \$25,000 in gold thereafter. The bill had been under consideration in the body where it originated for several days, and had been much discussed in the Richmond newspapers, so that Mr. Davis was bound to know that it was before Cangress. By existing law his salary was payable alone in Confederate see how you will some day regret it." I paper, and such was the distinct understanding when his second election occurred. shiver when I placed my hand upon his His remarkable physiognomy stood visibly impressed upon every Confederate note, so that the payment of his salary in anything but Confederate paper was fatally to discredit the only currency we had. Mr. Dayis had a dwelling-house supplied to him, and furniture, fuel, and provision for some six horses, at the Government's ex-

pense. The members of Congress were content to receive, as the recompense of their legislative labors, Confederate money, though it was now worth only ten cents on the dollar. The Confederate soldiers would have been glad to get their own wretched pay in the paper currency, but could not even got that. The poor fellows were, most of them, in rags and bare foot. When this legislative monstrum horrendum reached the House I rose in my place and said that I would move a test vote; I wished to know how many men there were slavish and corrupt enough to vote for so infamous a measure, and I moved to put it on the table, calling for the ayes and mays. To the honor of the body be it spoken, only seven persons had the unblushing audacity to vote yea. Some of these, I learn, are now complaining most vehemently that the Congress of the United States recently increased the President's

witnessed there."

The Intellectual Powers of Birds. On the whole, however, it may be safely saying that birds are chiefly educated by perceptions, wonderfully accurate indeed, but still of things at a distance, of things orders of creatures learn. Birds, in short, eye views, however instructive to those vho have previously mastered the details obviously get a knowledge of geography, and in some sense of the air and its currents, such as no other creatures can have. They have an ear for music and an eye for of movement-for there are bird-dances, imitating-such as no other member of the of beauty, we know, depends on nothing so much as the coup d'acil, and this birds can always command. But they lose, by their great privilege of wings, that slow and sure experience of the ways of man which some less gifted animals acquire. A swift bird which flies at the rate of 270 miles an hour, according to Mr. Leith Adams, clearly cannot have a brain to utilize an experience acquired at that rate in any but a very perfunctory way. Therefore, though birds have so strange a perception of beauty, which hardly needs close analysis, they are too fast, too migratory in their habits to learn anything which needs perfect fidelity and vigilance confined to a very narrow circle of facts .-They are the musicians, and we might almost say the sensuous poets of the animal world: but musicians and sensuous man, and so it happens that their intellectual powers, remarkable and unique as

so human and so almost spiritual as those inferior powers .- Spectator. and accomplished ladies of the City of mainly of clay, which is infusible, and language derived great additional potency Nashville, Mrs. Porter, the daughter of the some alkaline silicate, which fuses and from his noble and soul-moving enunciavenerable Felix Grundy, and Mrs. Player, binds the clay together, rendering it im- tion and his few but impressive gestures .the step-daughter of John Bell, who would pervious to moisture. The flueness of the I then said to him: "But, Gen. Hayne, be ruined by this law—for one of them was wars entirely depends on the purity of the everyone in the South admired your speechin Philadelphia and the other in Hartford, clays, &c., from which it is made. The cs on the occasion to which you have been for the education of their children re- glaze which covers percelain is produced referring more than they did they did these spectively—when I was again answered by dipping the "biscuit" ware into water of Mr. Webster, and it is said that Gen. that it was precisely such cases as those in which is suspended finely-ground felspar; Jackson was so much delighted with the described by me which it was desired to the porous mass absorbs the moisture, leavreach. And so this law passed; and had | ing the surface covered uniformly with the | he had it printed on satin for distribution the Confederate cause triumphed, and Mr. felspar. It is then exposed in seggars to a among his friends at a distance. Was this Davis been continued in power, verily it very high temperature, by which the fel- so?' To which he replied: 'I believe would have been enforced to the letter. spar is molted and the glazo produced .- this to have been true; the people of the At last a member from Mississippi came, are glazed by means of common salt. The cause they believed that I had been defendone morning, into the House of Representware is dipped in sand and water, placed ing in it their own local interests and atives, and offered a bill for adoption which proposed the immediate and universal cs. in the furnace, into which has been thrown honor. Gen. Jackson admired it because ablishment of martial law, and for an moist salt. The heat quickly converts the he thought I had successfully vindicated indefinite period of time; and this move- salt into vapor. In the presence of the the Democratic cause, to the support of ment was notoriously inspired by Mr. steam the silica on the ware decomposes which his own life had been devoted. But Davis himself. I got up immediately and the salt, forming a silicate of sodium which you know that in a few months thereafter, ch escapes.

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developed its gigantic proportions, and after the memorable contest had occurred

Hon. Henry S. Foote devotes one of his reminiscences, now being published in the Washington Chronicle, to ex-Senator Hayne, of South Carolina, giving an account of the way in which, as described by himself he overcame the habit of stammering in youth, and adding a graceful tribute by him to his old antagonist Daniel Webster.

Mr. Foote writes: "Gen. Hayno was of medium stature, well shaped, and of a singularly animated and mercurial aspect. His eyes were very bright and dazzling, and of light hazel color. His countenance wore a very mild and benignant expression. His face was cleanly shaven, and he was elegantly but

hour, and from minute to minute, to ascer- on their shoulders to the grave. The qualtain the precise nature of those particular ity of the grave clothes, the coffin, and salary from \$25,000 to \$50,000, though every man of sense knows that \$50,000 will tion under which I was suffering. I ponhardly go as far as \$10,000 would have done dered this subject by day, and it was with in the purchase of the necessaries of life in me the prompter of many a painful and the days of our earlier Presidents. I have not stated a hundredth part of the enormities the enactment of which I was daily compelled to witness in Richmond. hope never to be compelled to detail all I fused and unintelligible sounds. I learned the word, was to articulate distinct vocables; that the arder of my temperament was such, as well as my ambition, to comsaid that birds seem to have much more municate ideas to the minds of others, that capacity for perceiving beauty, much more I had heretofore unduly hurried my syl- cultural purposes, and the space they occugift for social enjoyment, a finer knowl- lables upon each other, or rather tried to pied given to some new claimant for the edge of distance and direction, and more do so, so that the vocal sounds became inpower of vocal imitation, than any other extricably intermingled and hopelessly thrown senseless on my face to the ground. Recovering, I raised myself a little to look again." Then I told him I did not care for the admiration of the scrubby few; if I sister did her best to amuse the lord.—

d: "Tu n'es pas mort, coquin," and stuck his lance through my back; my head drops dear through my back; my head drops down on the library sofa. There was after the look of the supprised and his myrmidons, and not a particle of down on the library sofa. There was after the look of the supprised and his myrmidons, and not a particle of down on the library sofa. There was after there. I wanted to thim which here. I wanted to them which hey did not criminally snd corruptly transaction of the stayed to lunckeen, during which my wish I was dead.

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When it was all over I throw myself down on the library sofa. There was after the admiration of the admirat order of animals of which we know any- indistinct, and that every fresh effort had those who pay for the right of sepulture. bility to their superiors, whom they often order to acquire the complete control of or more, subject to renewal. If not renew. love, but seldom serve. Perhaps we might my voice was to put my own feelings under ed, the bones are taken up, and the ground generalize these mental qualification by the strictest discipline, to habituate myself prepared for lease to some new comer. In to sober thought, and to learn the indis | the common graves, or as they are called at an almost telescopic range; that their thorough command, and that after I had placed close to, but not on top of each other. rapidity of flight makes them creatures of done these things in an effectual manner it This economizes space, as well as saves wide experience, but not of full experience | would then be indispensible that I should labor in their removal when the five years of any species but their own; and that, as strive to enunciate each stable that I had have expired. This will all seem revolting a result, they cannot know men well to utter clearly and emphatically before to the American reader, but it is not half enough to learn as much from men as dogs attempting to sume a succeeding one, and as bad as the vault system at Naples, where

> ingly as I did forty years ago. contest between himself and Mr. Webster, quisite and abundant; that his knowledge was unlimited; that he had the most happoets do not conclude to progressive knowl- py command of his temper at all times, edge and ethical culture. Birds range too and that on certain great occasions he had high and fly too fast for sympathy with excelled all the speakers that had ever lived, not excepting Demosthenes or Cicero. they are in the animal world, never become | Webster's manner? He replied that it was always grand and impressive, that he of creatures which can only beast of very had never heard him utter a word in a careless or vulgar style; that he seemed PORCELAIN. - Porcelain differs from glass unmindful of the character and feelings of operation of the law. I then ventured to in the great prependerance of silicate of others, and that when theroughly excited, mention that there were two most amiable alumina in its composition. It consists the sublime grandeur of his thoughts and

HAYNE AND WEBSTER.

HOW THE SOUTH CAROLINA ORATOR CON-OF THE NEW-ENGLAND STATESMAN.

contest.' " The whole business of burying the dead, my queries without any false modesty, and incorporated company under the title of without a particle of vulgar egotism, very | Entreprise des Pompes Funebres, whose prinnearly in these words: "You give me cipal office is at 10 Rue Alibert, whilst it credit for much facility of expression, and has branch offices in each of the arrondisefor having successfully cultivated to some ments with which the city is divided. The extent the graces of rhetoric display. I officers of this company take charge of the shall surprise you, I do not doubt, when body and prepare for the funeral, just upon

unostentatiously attired. His manners were marked with a graceful and winning affability which I have never seen surpassed. I asked him how he had acquired such wondrous facility of expression, and such remarkable capacity for keeping alive the interest of his audience. He answered I tell you that at sixteen years of age I such a scale, and at such expense as the was an awkward, stammering boy. I de- family may desire. Their scedule of prices then assiduously preparing myself for the and they are required to bury the very logal profession. A youth more ambitious poor gratuitously. A "first-class funeral" of oraterical distinction than I was I am is set down on the scedule as costing 7,181 faculties. They told me that it was absurd and ridiculous in one who stuttered so abominably to think of becoming even a tolerable pleader of causes. This mortifi-

and cats and elephants and even other so on until the whole sentence, whether there is three hundred and sixty-five vaults, long or short, should have passed forth one for each day in the year. One of these get bird's eye views of the earth, and bird's from my lips. By pursuing this course vaults is opened every day in succession, rigidly for a considerable period of time, I and the dead poor of that day, ranging from hoped that at last I might accomplish the twenty to fifty, mes, women and children, carefully, do not exactly furnish a good great object that I was seeking to attain, tumbled in naked, head foremost, a cart basis for progressive knowledge. They and that I should become able to speak load of lime thrown upon them, and the duently and without pain either to myself round slab on the mouth of the vault sealed or to etjers. I practiced constantly upon until its turn comes again next year. The theso, ideas, guil if I now speak with ease, most revolting sight we ever witnessed was as you seem to think, I am indebted for the throwing the bodies in one of these harmony of form and color, and probably my power in this respect to the labors vaults, the number being twenty-three.which I have just described. This is so They were brought out of the chapel, stripwhich Taglioni would have despaired of certainly the case that I assure you were I ped naked, all ages and sexes, taken by the now to attempt to express pyself in the heels, and lowered down, head foremost, animal world possesses; and the perception rapid manner which has become so common through the narrow circular opening. In of late among young men of flery tempora- order to seatter them around in the vault, ment and of unchasted moval organism, I whilst suspended by the heels, they were should inevitably stutter just as disgust- made to vibrate back and foward, and when sufficient momentum had been obtained to After this interesting recital had closed, place them where desired, they would strike I ventured to refer to the great oratorical against the walls with a dull thud, and the man sould walk leisurely back for another in the National Senate, now nearly half a body. He ctually proposed to open and century ago, and asked him what he allow a peop into a vault that had been thought of Mr. Webster's powers as a closed two days for a inc, which was respeaker. He at once answered that he spectfully declined. The sight he desired supposed him, upon the whole, to be the to exhibit was the revel of the rate among ost consummate orator of either ancient the bodies, which are said to swarm from or modern times; that his ability as a one vault to another as soon as the new reasoner, he was couldent had never been | bodies have been deposited and the opening exceeded; that his imagination was as sealed. These European countries are bad fertile and vigorous as that of Milton or locations for the near man to live in, and Homer; that his humor was both ex- still less satisfactory for him to die in.

I then asked him what he thought of never to forget his own dignity, or to be first of your speeches in the Senate that Stone ware and common "pottery ware" South generally approved my speech, be-

my ancient antagonist, Mr. Webster, Gen. Jackson became so great an admirer of QUERED HIS STAMMERING-HIS ESTIMATE | the Senator from Massachusetts that he

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thought seriously of making him Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States upon the decease of the venerable Marshall. Be assured, Sir,' he continued, 'I never for one moment have thought of comparing that speech of mine, made in direct assailment of Mr. Webster and the Federal Party of old, and to the defense of which I had thought proper to challenge him, to his great and unequaled speech in reply thereto; though it is certain that for a day or two it seemed by many that I had come off victor in the

THE DEAD OF PARIS.

and furnishing coffins, carriages, and all the requisites for funerals, is in the hands of an incorporated company, no one elso having the right to interfere with the business. In fact it is like the tobacco business, a source of large revenue to the Government. The monopoly is granted to this sired to become a lawyer, and was even are such as to suit the purses of all parties, sure has never lived. But my friends and francs (about \$1,500), the seat of each artirelatives all joined in urging me to give cle being enumerated. There are nine up the hope of future renown as a speaker, other classes, the lowest costing 18 francs and to devote myself to some other calling and 75 centimes, including the religious better adapted to the slenderness of my ceremonics. There are however, no legal limits to the cost of first-class funerals, as it altogether depends upon the means and desire for funeral pomp of the family. The horses, hearses, carriages and drivers are ed me much, but I did not desist from the all of a different character for each of these struggle in which I had so zealously enlist ten classes, the difference being in the age ed. I thought much of the difficulties of and spirit of the horses, the good looks of a similar kind which Demosthenes was the drivers, the quality of their clothing, reported to have encountered, and of the the harness of the horses, the ancient or successful efforts made by him to overcome modern build of the carriages, &c. The them. I diligently studied the tones of hearse is graded from a splendid structure my own voice. I essayed to find out all down to a hand cart, and the extremely the mysteries which belonged to our com- poor are merely furnished with a hand-barplex vocal organ. I labored from hour to row to enable the friends to carry the body impediments to a clear and easy articula- every thing else is graded to the price, as it may be orderd, from class No.1 to class No.10. Besides getting the dead poor buried without cost, the Government reof many a pleasing dream. At length the ceives from the Company 83; per cent, on light broke in upon me. I found that I the produce of funeral ornaments, and 15 had never before learned to talk; that I per cent, on all articles furnished. The had been suffered all my life to jabber con- revenue from these sources is quite large, and as the cometeries are also the property at last that to speak, in the true sense of of the city government, the dead, as well as the living, have to contribute their quota to beautifying Paris. The dead poor are only allowed to occupy the ground for five years, when their bones are sold for agrikinds of graves in the cemeteries even for There are some who purchase the perpetual right for their friends to occupy the soil, sion that the first step I had to take in but it is generally conceded for five years pensible art of keeping the fervent sensi- fosses communes, the poor are gratuitously bilities with which I was endowed under buried four and a half feet deep in coffins

> Among the items of city receipts last year in Paris are the following: Dues on burials 696,000 francs (\$120,000); sale of lauds in cemeteries, 1,546,000 francs (\$255,-

> 000). We do not, however, find any return for the sale of human bones, which is probably a perquisite to the grave digger. U. C. Fullon's letters to the American.

THE MOON'S ORBIT. - We commonly regard the moon as a satellite of the earth. and we are taught at school and in our textbooks, that while the earth travels round the sun, the moon travels round the earth. But in reality this is erroneous, or at least suggestive of error. The moon ought to be regarded as a companion planet, traveling with the earth around the sun. The distinction is not at all a fanciful one .-The earth is not the body whose force the moon chiefly obeys. On the contrary she is attracted more than twice as strongly by the sun. If the motions of the earth and moon could be watched from some far-distant stand-point, the observed movements would by no means suggest the idea that the moon was circling round the earth; and in fact, if the earth were concealed from view while her satellite was thus watched, the moon would appear to circuit round the sun in an orbit which could not be dis-

self pursues .- Cornhill Magazine. THE FARMERS MUTUAL OF YORK, PA., is acknowledged to be one of the safest Mutual Fire Insurance Companies in oper-Davis himself. I got up immediately and denounced it as a cold-blooded and unprincipled attempt to establish an armed descriptor.

The salt, forming a silicate of sodium which glazes the article, and hydrochloric acid when our nullification experiment had developed its gigantic proportions, and after the memorable contest had occurred.

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