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When gigging on the river.

-William Hervey Woods in Youth's Com-

## WASHINGTON'S SPY.

"The general wants to see you at headquarters early in the morning, sir," announced the orderly. As nearly as I can recall, this message was delivered one February afternoon, 1780.

army of my countrymen I spent that winter with Washington at Morristown. Back in those days I was a hardy young chap of 23 and rather enjoyed many of the experiences which older men cursed. Two weeks before the time I mention I had returned from a scouting trip which had taken me as far as Albany, being picked for the work because I knew well the town and its environs from having been there, aboard river craft, time and again, before redcoated forces were in America.

I was astir early in the morning. news, but the London papers had been I walked from my but near the courthouse toward his excellency's headquarters on the hill east and to the north of temporary the most startling piece of where the main portion of the army was camped I came to wonder in my mind what might be the purpose of my summons, but then this had not been the first occasion I had been honored by being called into General Washington's presence. "Some detail of my trip to Albany, some question he has forgotten to ask," was my final conclusion, which satisfied my mind and caused me

pecially at the hour of 6. The snow, which was not deep, crunched under my heavy boots, and here and there as isbury, he drove to the office of the I left the road for a side path, which London Times and made known his de- seemed smoother in places, the ice over cision. He had shrewdly calculated that the little depressions would break with after being so kind as to bring in such a jingle as my heels struck them. But it was not long before I was safely withhardly censure his action. But the edi- eral's colored servant, met me and ar nonnced that his master and lady were at breakfast. The darky, after he had shown me into the office and had taken my coat, left the room, but returned presently with a platter which contained coffee, bread and hot beef. This was welcome, for my breakfast of an hour before had consisted of a piece of cold

> "Mars Giner'l bese'f be in t' see you presen'ly, suh, presen'ly, an sends dis wid 'is compl'ments, sub," and, having so spoken, he bowed himself out of the room. I was left alone with my thoughts, a cheerful fire in the open

that meal. trade. An older sister, Sarah, and myself, Andrew, were the only children. She was ten years my senior and had married a year or two before the Boston tea affair one John Luddington

at a dinner table. The editor of a London paper, staying when the hours were mall and the bowl had somewhat free ly flowed, overheard the French embas sador say that the khedive was about to sell his shade in the Suez canal. The journalist left the table immediately and hastened to Lord Derby with the news. Rothschild, when appealed to, readily found \$20,000,000, and the were in a week the property of England. Had the strip of land comprised in the khedive's claim been transferred to France international complications of incalculable impor-

Italians and Music large sums of money, for they haven't the money to give, but they can give discriminating approbation. With them the love of music is not a forced culture, propagated by societies and clubs, and affected as a fad by society people who go to an opera to talk over their troubles. No, it is genuine, sincere, indigenous to the atmosphere and the national life. The artist does not receive so many invitations to dine with rich enthusiasts who are less than one generation removed from "Old Dan-Tucker" and "Jay Bird." but he is sincerely worshiped by all classes. Even the ragamufins in the street take off their hats to him.

tion, I should want to be a great tenor.

Rigid and cushion, daters, numberers, inks, pads, and all kinds of rubber stamp supplies. Stamps 10c up. W. P. EZZELL, Burlington, N. C. Burlington, N. C. and water, dried, straightened and water, dried, straightened and carded. A shellfish of the Mediterranean

mouth. After a year's service a lieutenant's commission was granted me, but for no especially gallant service.

General Washington must have nearly finished breakfast when I arrived that morning, for scarcely had I taken the last sip of coffee when he entered. He seemed strangely sad in counte-nance, but spoke most kindly and with some warmth and cheer in his words: "Lieutenant Rogers, I have already

thanked you for your efforts during the mission from which you returned some the left. There be men who would tackle the job of landing on the island yet this two weeks ago, but now, sir, there is a greater service which you may be able to do for your country and for me! It is an undertaking of great danger, and so I make no demand. You shall decide whether or not you care to take it upon your shoulders. You are a native of

New York, are you not?"
"Of Greenwich village, yet I know every corner of the island of Manhattan, or did up to a year and a half ago. when I left to join the army.'

"That is well. But before I take your time and mine to lay plans before you I will ask if you are willing to go as a spy into the city, starting within a day or two-perhaps today? There will be more for you to risk than for one who is not known there, but your knowl-edge of the lay of the land will afford advantages which one not knowing the place could ill afford to be without, and especially in the event of danger. I ask again, will you go?"

"Certainly, sir, and gladly." I longed to be active again. Camp life was not suited to my tastes, but I thought of all this so quickly that the conversation was not interrupted, and without waiting for his excellency to unfold details I asked boldly enough, "What, if I may

ask, are your plans?" "For a month past I have been in communication with certain persons who are loyal to our cause and who re side on the island. Although Clinton has gone to the south, there are rumors affoat to the effect that Knyphausen, who has been left in command, desiring no doubt to win fame for himself, is considering plans for an attack. Up to week ago I thought little of this, as his force is weak, but his men are becoming uneasy, and he may deem it it to shore again. wise to strike a blow at almost any time. The service which I desire of you is to reach New York and then, by using caution, learn of the British intentions. I have thought it advisable for the man who undertakes this work

to carry false dispatches to Knyphausen They will purport to come from a friend, one Alexander McLair of Phila delphia, and will contain supposed information with respect to patriot plans and in return will request from him similar disclosures respecting the much talked about attacks on the American forces. A pass from me should carry you to the vicinity of Elizabethtown or beyond, but should you use the name of McLair too soon there will be no great harm done, as in that case you would be brought back here. The papers which desire to send will be ready in an our, and could you arrange to leave so quickly you might start this morning and could, I think, reach Paulus Hoeck by nightfall. The road in that direction even if you are required to wait for

your leave of Knyphausen and then re turn here as quickly as seems wise." "I shall never be more ready for the start than now, general," I replied. knowing nothing more to say. "Wait, then, until Colonel Hamilton has done with preparing the documents,

some hours, you could be read

and you can be off," and, so saying Washington bowed, took my hand shook it vigorously and then was out of the door-I suppose to the lines, which he inspected in person every morning. Colonel Hamilton must have worke with haste, but I trust had been in no way careless, for he entered the room in less time than his excellency had in dicated. Nothing beyond the salutes passed between us. Taking my coat and hat from their peg in the hall and stow ing the papers away, I left headquar ters and after a brisk walk was soon at my cabin again. An hour was required for me to arrange matters and to don a suit of gray homespun, the same which I had worn to Albany. McLair, as I bave indicated, was a civilian and could bardly be expected to possess a military messenger, and also it would be easier for me to get beyond the American lines thus attired, even though I had a pass, than try attired as a British officer, as I would at some point on my return be compelled to take the road lead-

ing toward Morrietown. The orderly succeeded in borrowing saddle of a pattern unlike that used in the cavelry, and before 8 o'clock I had dashed past headquarters and was on the main road to Newark. I ne not describe this ride, because it would seem tame compared with the events which befell me before the midnight hour. Indeed I fear as I think of it

It was toward 4 o'clock and the sun well down when I drew rein in front of one of the several Hocck taverns. With much stamping of feet I went into the place and found a cheerful room, with a blazing fire on the hearth. This room, I should have said, was not the one where grog was served, but back of it and to the side of the dwelling. The landlord. Michael Whiting, was a most obliging person. He was, I knew, a loyal subject of King George, which

ade me careful of my words.
"And you are from McLair of Phileelphia? I have beard of that gentlen-a good and true British subject. "The same, sir," I replied. "Why which I have for General Knyphan from Mr. McLair cost that gentle man all of £20 to obtain and a week's work besides. It has to do with the pro-posed attacks on the Americane, and so,

you see, it is important."

All this made Whiting greatly interested as he stood there before me, but pump as he might I vouched no further information, with the result that he resently left me, muttering to himself.
"A minute, Mr. Whiting. Is there not some one who can see to getting me

must wait until morning, but more if I can be landed over there tonight."

He was attention again. "The very man you want is in the next room.

Jared, Jared—here!"

remedy that produces immediate results in coughs, colds, croup, Bronchitis, pneumonia and threat and lung troubles. J. C. Simmons

Jared Hawley was one of the devil's own. He was about 50 years of age, short and thickeet, with brown eyes which had the look of a cat in them and ready for any piece of work which might come to hand. Briefly I told him

"The only boat at the Hoeck is nigh on to a mile up—beached along the shore. Clinton took most of them when the job of landing on the island yet this night.

"Let us talk the matter over while we eat," I suggested, at which the man seated himself. Hot grog, bread and mutton soup were the best the place afforded, but neither of us was possessed of a delicate stomach and ate with

"Mr. Hawley," I finally broke out toward the close of the meal, "are you willing to try tonight the task of helping me set foot in New York? Is the boat a heavy one?"

fear there is a good wind down the river. Yes, I'll try it, my lad. A darky who is the property of Whiting can be had, I think, and knows how to handle an oar. With yourself to steer and take a hand now and then, we could get across.

now the boat. Can it be had from the owner?

"For God's sake, men!" shouted Hawley. "What are you about?" and then, "Whoever you be, if you want to go to New York, come aboard, but for the love of the devil leave the young

All the while I was struggling to be free, but the fellow's hold tightened with my endeavors to shake him loos It was a foul grip he had taken, and I could but half turn-could not move

"Do you know 'tis a rebel spy he is?" shouted that voice which a minute before had called my name. Hawley was by this time on his feet and coming toward us. The fellow loosed his hold a bit at this and gave me the op-

faced the man. Beyond the fact that the countenance betrayed a low char-acter I could detect nothing of his identity. He was well built, but of what age I could not tell. Well did I find your language as mellow as any of know that it would be best to keep him | the family of Latium. Your I's are convicts on the roads has proved ecoand Hawley separated, for the stranger throaty, your m's are too labial, your evidently knew me and my mission. I turned suddenly to the boat again and, with a mighty push, sent it full into the river and waded after it. Hawley fell forward on his face, and the oar left to Isaac were of little use. So far I could desire no better fortune, although

I had no more than turned when I was again grappled by my former assailant and accuser. The man tried to throw me into the water, thinking no doubt a ducking would do me good, but I was no child, as he seemed to imagine, not even in his strong arms. He proved supple enough and might have downed me had he known more of the tricks which make a man possessed of

With a hard cuff under the ear and turn of my foot I sent him sprawling and was about to draw one of my pis tols and bid him keep silent wh slipped and fell, but only lightly, and was on my feet again in an instant. So was he and still seemed to regard me as but a lad from the wolfish manner

he needed, and it was delivered with such smart good will that he uttered a cry and an oath. My legs were bothered by my greatcoat, which had become unfastened in front, and also hampered me there because of its flapping about

My blow in his face only seemed to increase the fellow's diterain tion to desperate actions, and he was again at me. Well for us both the tank was fairly level and I had ed ed away from even now and smile sometimes that I it fully ten yards. Another whack I might have met death before morning. gave him, and maybe, because of being stunned by the first, he recled and fell.

then remained still. The boat was the first thing I looked for, and there in the gathering dark it was, with both Hawley and Isaac try-ing to beach it. I had no desire to enter New York with that man so close at my steps nor to remain there and

boat believe that I had been the one to fall. I threw my coat over the form and one of my pistols at his side and was then away at a good pace, placing the documents and the other pistol out of

of the barn was not too securely fastened and with no one about I might es-

cape in the darkness. Fortune half way favored me. The door was loose, and a lighted dip was

LaGrippe with its after effects,

ble in discovering the saddle, but at last it was on the animal, and the There are two things we give to every purchaser bridle also. I went without to listen. Who buys a suit or an overcoat, viz:

All seemed quiet. Propping the door open. I mounted inside the stable and spurred the horse in the flanks the moment his bead was outside. He galloped up the path at the side of Whiting's tavern and thought all danger over, for the time being, at least,

when, turning into the main road, Haw ley sprang at my horse's head and would have brought me to a standstill had not a heavy boot kick, full in the face, sent him flat. Where Isaac or Whiting or the fellow who attacked me might be, I knew not and came to care less as I galloped out of the village, be ing careful to keep a sharp look ahead, lest I should be taken by surprise. Of being followed I had some fear, but it

left me as the night wore on. I suffered much from the cold, yet could but be thankful from what I had escaped, although I well knew that any moment new danger might look me full in the face. To be frank, I did feel s little ashamed when I was again in Washington's presence, but found that he had received word but a few bours after leaving that no attack was to be made on the forces quartered at Morristown.—John Davis Anderson in Newark

Washington as a Dusiness Man. At the time of his death he was supcosed to be the largest landholder in the country, being possessed of 51,895 acres, exclusive of the Mount Vernon estate, his town properties and the real estate of his wife. The value of his property at his death, again excluding the Mount Vernon estate and the property of his wife, was estimated at \$530,000. The estate at Mount Vernon included 8,000

acres. In Ford's "Washington" an ac-

count is given of the stock on the

Mount Vernon property. It appears that in 1793 Washington had 54 draft horses on the estate, 317 bend of cattle, 684 sheep and "many hogs. The live stock was valued at his death at \$35,000. In addition to the draft horses already mentioned, he had in 1799 "2 covering jacks and 8 young ones, 10 she asses, 42 working mulcs and 51 younger ones." Mount Vernon was a community in itself, including some 800 persons. Washington had his own blacksmith shop, his own brickmaker and masons, his carpenters, shoemaker and weavers. We can readily understand how it was that while he was president he was continually thinking of Monnt Vernon. - Self Culture.

The Faults of American Speech. The faults of American speech originate in the primary school. There the child is not taught the melodic value of his phrase, but is made to emphasize each individual word, creating a new pitch, or level, of sound for each instead of the uniform ritch or level which should control and harmonize them all. He is allowed to use the throat instead of the tongue in enunciating his consonants, and the flow of do away with the compulsory system his speech becomes thereby halting, dis- In other localities perhaps the road tax

connected and guttural. Educate your alphabet, and you will make it impracticable. enough. When you can train your scholars to emit these and the other consonants within the pitch, using the tongue instead of the throat for their emission, then you will see that for rhythm and sonority your English language may be compared with the Tus can, the Roman, the Spanish and the Provencal. -- Werner's Magazine.

Every once in awhile a star goes out. It loses its light or is struck amidships by another planet and knocked into smithereens. Our sun will go out one of these fine days, but don't worry, it won't go out for a while yet.

There was a brilliant star called Catullus which entirely vanished not a great while ago, and a good long time since there was another of the Pleiades a constellation that most people know pretty well. There used to be seven Pleiades, but now there are only six.

Planets are not given to disappearing in this way, and when a planet is estab lished it keeps a pretty firm hold on itself and does not give up its place very

The Waiter Knew 'Em. A down town restaurant was in the turmoll of the busy dinner hour. Careworn business men rushed in and swallowed a lunch as though millions depended on their haste. Waiters baltheir little fingers with the ease of certain degree of discipline among the waiters, and they seemed to know their customers and their usual choice of dishes. For instance, when a pair of lantern jawed actors without an engagement entered, the waiter that

If only people would wash out their mouths twice or thrice daily with an antiseptic, there would be far less disease than there is now, since most disease germs are taken into the mouth

listened to the order yelled out to the

cook, "Two supes and a Hamomelet!"

-Detroit Free Press.

and from thence into the system. One of the best and simplest of antiseptics is carbolic acid and water. There is a difference in the strength of carbello acid purchased at different chemists so one should ask the chemist how much of the solution should be put into tumbler of water. Hold a little of this mixture in the mouth, and if you can do so gargle the throat three times a day, and all disease germs that may be lurking there will perish.-Home

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state it is questionable whether we are

in a position to adopt any uniform sys-

tem upon this subject because of the

wide variance of the conditions exist-

ing in the different localities. In some places the property holders are able to bear the road tax, and the circumstances surrounding them are such as to make it to their interest to



would amount to such a hardship as to

The plan of employing short term nomical and satisfactory in a number d's and t's are too hard, your s's are of counties in this and other states too hissing, your c's are not soft and the system could be well extended. In several states even the long term convicts have, with satisfactory results, been employed in quarrying and erushing stone for macadamizing pub-He roads, and the material thus prepared has been sold to the various counties and municipalities at the actual cost of preparing it, thus reducing its cost one-half or two-thirds. Of course no amount of legislation will of itself radically change the existing conditions, but perhaps laws providing for the working of the public roads may be enacted so as to stimulate and

direct better work in this direction. It is coming to be generally recognized that the use of wide tires on all wagous and other draft vehicles will greatly aid the keeping of public roads in better condition. In a number of states laws have been enacted encour aging the introduction and use of these wide tires, and the results there are said to be highly satisfactory. It is de sirable that legislation looking in this direction should be enacted in North Carolina.

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In order to prevent the washing out of earth roads on hills, it sometimes becomes necessary to construct water breaks-that is, broad, shallow ditches anced steaming platters on the tips of arranged so as to catch the surface water and carry it each way into the side Japanese juggiers, and everything ditches. Such ditches retard traffic to seemed confusion. Yet there was a a certain extent and often result in overturning vehicles. Consequently they should never be used until all oth er means have failed to cause the wa ter to flow into the side channels. Nelther should they be allowed to cross the entire width of the road diagonally. but should be constructed in the shape of the letter V. This arrangement permits teams following the middle of the road to cross the ditch squarely and thus avoid the danger of overturning. These ditches should not be deeper than is absolutely necessary to throw the water off the surface, and the part in the center should be the shallowest.

Unfortunately farmers and road mas ters have a fixed idea that the one way to prevent hills, long and short, from washing is to beap upon them quanti-ties of those original tumular obstruc-tions known indifferently as "thankyou-ma'ame," "breaks" or "hummocks," and the number they can squeeze in upon a single hill is pos

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news of the year. When the news of Gladstone's intended resignation was first published, JULIUS HINES & SON. few people in all England believed it to be true. No one could realize how he could relinquish his commanding position. However, the premier was in earnest and confidentially mentioned his determination to a friend at a restaurant. A waiter happened to overhear him, and, hastening to the office of a leading daily, offered to sell his news.

obliged to copy from an American con-

It is said that he received \$1,500 for it. When Lord Randolph made up his mind to resign his portfolio under Sal-GRAHAM, - - - - N. C Practices in the State and Federal courts. Office over White, Moore & Co.'s store, Main Breet. 'Phone No. 8. a "scoop" in person the paper, although on principle opposed to him, would in the fine old mansion. Bill, the gentor of the greatest paper in the world preferred principle to news. On hear-ing of Churchill's plans his indignation knew no bounds. He took no pains to

conceal his abhorrence of the scheme.
"This news is indeed enormously im-DR. J. R. STOCKARD portant," he said; "it will make a great sensation. But if you choose to have it so you may take it to some other paper, GRAHAM, N. C.

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in ours. The Times cannot be bribed!" The nobleman left in a towering rage, and The Times scored him unnercifully in its aunouncement of his resignation.

Blowitz, the Paris correspondent of the London Times, a scheme to overthrow the French empire. The German government, jealous of the increasing power of France, intended to pick some petty quarrel with the other, invade Paris and level the city to the ground. The Iron Chancelllor had long opposed the plan, and now, being utterly unable to cope with his enemies, divulged the matter in hopes that England might interfere. England, long watching the

growing power of Germany, did interfere. The balance was maintained. A piece of information of the graves importance to Great Britain leaked out

tance might have resulted. The Italians cannot give the artist

If I lived in Milan and loved adula

When cliestnut trees are beaten bare And hickory leaves turn yellow,
When drooping papaws fill the air
With perfume rich and mellow,
We boys steal off in early night,
While whimpering acreech owls s

While whimpering screech owls shives, And by the pine knots' flickering light Go gigging down the river. Our blazing prome in crystal swims;
We hear a wind blown tinkle
Of hidden rills, and through the limbs
Stars peep, and home lights twinkle
On distant hills, and there below,
Where restless reeds are swaying.
A silent circle widens slow,
The muskrat's door betraying.

Alert I lean along the bow,
With slender gig held ready,
White Ben now poles the boat and now
Stands still and holds her steady.
The fallen leaves in squadrons pass,
Each leaf its shadow throwing,
And which are shadows, which are bas
-ls often past our knowing.

The townsman, rigged with rod and reel. The townsman, rigged with rod and a When summer's suns are burning. With angler's art here fills fifs creet, Our rustic methods spurning. But each to each his own delights—No keener sport we're wishing Than here to try in pleasant nights Our ancient Indian fishing.

And oft again in wintry dreams Our boyish fancies, straying, Glide backward down the darkling str

Along with a good sized but ragged

to wonder no more. It was bitter cold that day, and es-

pork and a half baked slice of corn cake.

Bismarck himself revealed to M. de grate before me, but best of all was In those quiet few minutes my mind wandered back over past events. I was born at the manor of my father, Wil liam Rogers, just to the west of Greenwich village, and had spent a happy childhood there, despite the fact that both my parents had died before I reached my twelfth year. My father had for a long time been engaged in trade with the Indies and was part owner of two schooners, which carried on a profitable

> a loyal Englishman, whom my father had taken into his employ on the lad's coming to America. I had no fault to find with Ludding ton on any score, but when the time came to decide between loyalty to King George or to the patriot cause we disa greed. He was a man of very decided British principles and even persuaded my sister to the belief that Washington. who had just taken command of the army in Boston, was a rebel and his followers the same. Such ideas were safe enough in New York, and I was chided by many thoughtful old men for my opinions, but withal retained a strong love for the cause of liberty and secretly resolved that when I resched my majority and grew from under the thumb of Luddington I would enlist with the colonists, provided their struggle did not in the meantime become hopeless or they prove too strong for the British forces ere my services could be offered. And so it was, when alone, I studied military tactics and did als fence with a young Frenchman who knew his tricks well, but was too much given to drink for his own good. Then also my horsemanship was not neglected, for it might be that a ride like the

one Paul Revere had taken would be a task set in my path, and I had hopes. hould it come, of doing it well. My twenty-first birthday came at last, and for the sake of exciting no suspicion on the part of Luddington I remained quietly about the place and made no boast that I was three times seven and could do my own will before

ing the spring of 1778 decided the mat-ter, and after making some excuse to ter, and after making some excuse to be absent for a day or two I made all haste to reach Paulus Heock, and from there went by back roads and across fields and through woods, sleeping two nights in the open, and finally joined Washington's command at Bocky Hill.

The army was being marched with all haste to overtake the British, who were hurrying from Philadelphia for New York, and finally, on the 26th of June, we caught them and administered.

the sound thrashing which has gone said, "Jared, here is a gentleman from set on the feet cheet. My fingers were down in books as the battle of Mon-McLair of Philadelphia!" and then left cold, though, and I found a little trou-

us alone.

what I had told Whiting.

"All three men can handle, and I

"That will suit me well enough, and

"There seems to be none who claims it, and who has a better right to it than messenger from the British?" Whiting was willing that Isaac, the negro, should accompany us, and we set out to where the craft was pulled

up above the high tide mark. We had run the nose of the boat well into the water, and Hawley and Isaac had taken their seats a little way back from the prow, leaving me to send her the rest of the way. Giving a vigorous push, I was about to scramble into the stern when a rough hand took hold on my back and a voice sounded my name. Try as I might from my position to strike off his grasp, I could not, and was also hindered from either pushing the boat farther into the water or pulling

man alone!"

freely enough to deliver a blow.

portunity I sought. I let go the gunwale and, turning,

I wished to see no ill overtake those who had volunteered for my service.

them a dangerous one to encounter.

in which he tried to grapple at my throat. A firt full in the face was the lesson

with every turn of my body.

explain to Hawley. Thinking to make the two in the

sight as I ran. For a short distance I took my way from the shore and after that toward Whiting's. If I could reach my horse! I had watched where Isaac had led him and felt pretty certain that if the door

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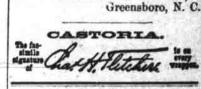
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