

his person so handsomely round and symmetrical. His well-moulded face was as bland and cheerful as a bodofroses, and his heart ever teemed with the kindliest emotions. Leading that obscure and toilsome life, he, ever and anon, picked up some old, backless, dog-cared, or musty volumes, which ornamented the tables, or lay on the shelves, all covered with dust, at some of the neighboring farm-houses, and road, and re read them until almost every-sentiment and much of the language were as familiar to him as his alphabet. During his apprenticeship at this trade, he read only a few books, but those few

ding soldier.

more fully into that enjoyment than did Captain sunbeam of heaven, checkered o'cr with wards. It was in some measure a complete that I prefer a minister to a justice of the Hedgecock. Camp-sociableness stemed to unlock celestial flowers, by the mystic hand of re- life, not a tantalizing fragment, nor sepa- peace." the springs and depths of his better nature. At the fraction. Still always beautiful-that bless. rated segment; but it evolved as gradual soldier coterie under the deep shade of branching ed life giving water! No poison bubbles ly and certainly as a piece of solemn music.

A light dawned on the sheriff's brain. "Madam," said he, rising from his chair forest trees, or by the side of some cool crystal Oh its brink; its foam brings no madness It was the life of a patriot; faithful found with solemn dignity, "there is a great misspring, or in the soft silver moon-sheen of a calm or murder; no blood stains its liquid glass; Abdial that denoties faithful only he; and take here; my language has been misunspring, or in the soft silver moon-sheen of a calm of intract, no block status is in a been misun-mid summer's night, the gentle voice and merry pale widows and starved orphans weep not transformed to the shies. It is just Milton derstood. The attachment of which I he read and digested thoroughly. Usually the books, laugh of Capt Hedgecock was ever heard in the which are found in the houses of our simplest and midst of the jovial group of officers. And while we

When far away from those he loves, Be thou the shielding power above : And guard him safely.

O, give him strength to do thy will, And guard him safely.

And guard him safely.

And guard him safely. MINNIE.

Praying and thinking, and working for you-Hopefully striving to conquer my fears, Say did my patience, my tenderness, truth, Merit not more than the blight of my youth ?

Give me the hopes that illumined life's track, Give me the faith that I wasted on you, Give me the love that I squandered thereto; You cannot, -- teo lightly you cast them aside, And for you and all others those feelings have died.

Though the light from my spirit forever hath fled, Though 'twas doubting in God when I doubted in you, As my standard and type of the real and true, O'er the wreck of my life I would never repine, If the peace I have lost were but added to thine. LEOLINE.

NEAR MCLEANVILLE, N. C.

Written for the Patriot. ACROSTIC.

THE UNKNOWN FUTURE.

A sk the future beaming bright, U nfolding scenes of new delight ; R aise my drooping spirits high :

best and ablest minds of the past, and, not unfrequently, are quite ancient iff authorship and dewoid of the dazzling finsel and strutting foppery of many modern writers. Such were the books which Mirth soften'd wisdom, candor temper'd mirth; fell into the hands of young Hedgecock, and from such he stored and garnished his mind at leisure hours and during the long winter nights of his counbusiness and occupying a situation in which he wantel least of those things which make humankind happiest and, therefore, as the good Socrates has said, approached nearest the gods, who want nothing, still he was not satisfied with a life of such plodding and unwearied toil, nor was his ambition content to be buried mid the shavings and solitude of a common work shop, far away from the great thor oughfares of irade and the surife and excitement of the maddening crowd. He had tasted the bliss of such quietude, such retirement, such seclusion, and now he was restlass for change, though as it did to Dr. Sam. Johnson's llero of the Happy Valley, it might bring to him in its train trouble, disappointment and the sharpest miseries. He chose the law as his profession and began the study of it in 1855 under the Hon. J. M. Leach, of Lexington, when he was in his twenty eighth year.

Mr. Hedgeenck was a young man of clear and strong intellect, though he was not a ready and rapil thinker; but whonever he investigated a subject the conclusion, which he reached, was generally accurate and reliable. His reaso in, was logical and for this, but there was no brilling; dash in his mental composition, nor was be endowed with a rich and gorgeous tancy, that quality of mind so essential to commanding and persuasive eloquence. His great modesty and timidity in appearing in public, likewise, prevented him passing for his true worth at the Bar and in popular assemblies. Truty could he have said with Lionel Haughton, one of the imaginary characters of the great Bulwer Lytton : "I have no genius, but I have resolve, and resolve is perhaps as sure of its onds as genius. Genius and Resolve have three grand elements in common-Patience, Hope, Concentration" He had patience, which would wait and suffer long ; he had a hope, which was unmixed with despondency; and he concentrated all his mental powers, untrained as they were by scholastie discipline, upon his law-books. With indefatagable industry, he spent day and night in reading the course of studies laid down by our Supreme Court, and in the summer of 1856, he obtainel his license to practice in the County Courts. At December Term, 1857, of the Supreme Court, I meet him at Kaleigh when we both received our licenses to plactise in the Superior Courts. He stood a fair examination before the learned Judges and showed himselt well qualified to decide most of the knotty questions which so often puzzle young practitioners when they first set out in their profession.

Mr. Hedgecack settled permanently in the village of Lexington in Murch, 1857, while he was his Superior Court course, and received during that year some legal business in the County Courts of that county. In the beginning of 1858, he took Guilford and Forsyth in his circuit. He had never received much practice in these counties, but in Davolsen he was doing a handsome paying business at the time he quitted the law for the defence of the South. He was examplary in his habits, regularly in his office in the vacations, read his books closely, was obliging and affable in his professional transactions, and had so far won the confidence of his countymen and brethren at the Bar, that at the request of many prominent and influential friends, he received the appointment of Clerk and Master in Equity for his county. He was a good and diligent Clerk and Master, kept his books and docket in excellent style and his papers in their proper by both the the bar and bench. His reading was and linger in the minds of those who knew him and mostly of a legal character ; but, occasionally, he relaxed himself by the perusal of histories and novels. He never, however, allowed himself to become so engrossed in such fascinating readings as to neg- a capital of \$500,000, paid in, which will in lect his legal studies and his professional and official a short time establish a Rolling Mill in that business and duties. his views, regretted more than pen can describe to South. give up the glories and blessings of the national Union , thought we had

most unletterred people, are the productions of the were hibernating at Camp Martin near Manassas, at the sympasiums of himself and friends where The serious . . Mix'd with the sportive, with the learn'd the plain ; And wit its honey lent, without the sting.'

he was always a frank, liberal, cheerful, communicative, whole-hearted sympasiarch. On such occatry-life. But notwithstanding he was pursuing a sions only, could one learn the riches of his sterling virtues and the height and depth of his magnanimity. If the country was talked of, none could surpass him in pure, simple, fervent patriotism ; if that mean, low. debasing party-spirit, which ever now and then hissed and bubbled upon the surface of the political waters, none was quicker than he to spit upon it and despise him who caused felt like a vase of roses swimming in hon. it to effervesce while our common South is in such a ty as a people ought to be regarded; if the selfish- on feet of diamonds, escorted by several litthe government in backbiting and maligning each shaded by honey suckles, and the whole other's characters were discussed, none loved better spread with melted rainbows." than he to denounce with trenchant and unmeasured biterness the officers, who would rise in martial distinction at the cost of even dragging angels down; if home and the endearments of "auld acquaintance," were introduced, his eye brightening and his

bosom swelling, he would touchingly remind his fellows, that although

'Tis sweet to hear the watch dog's honest bark, By deep-mouth'd welcome as we draw near home ; l'is sweet to know there is an eye will mark Our coming, and look brighter when we come;'

still the war must be fought out and independence established ere home can be the dear sweet spot it In perfect purple state ! since when, indeed, once was and the commune of triends be enjoyed as of yore; if the expected fight was mentioned, he modes'ly and sadly hoped it might be a glorious victory to our arms and decisave of peace and freedom to our beloved country. Such is only a modicum of the social and intellectual worth of this amia-

ble gentleman and chivalrous young officer. Capt. Hedgecock was a participant in the glories won by Beauregard's little army on the 18th of July, 1861, at Mitchell's and Blackburn's Fords, and in the still more dazzling and unfading lauters of that General and the great Johnston three days thereafter, -the day on which the Yankees under Winfield Scott and McDowell were so ingloriously defeated and routed.

His next battle and the last was on the since of: consecrated heights of ancient Winchester. He fell mortally wounded while the glorious 21st Regi ment of North Carolina Troops was daringly and intrepidly charging the enemy behind a rock-wall. His exclamation was: I am mortally wounded, but press orward boys, press forward, Col. Kirkland, in his report of that battle, thus spoke of him : " Death met him at the head of his company while charging the enemy." He was much beloved by his company, who had re-elected him on the re-organization of the regiment, and no man could have filled that respon.

sible position more proudly. and fearlessly, and efficiently. His tall, graceful, majestic, martial formpointed his men where was the foe, and his firm and unquivering voice cheeerd them on in the hour which trieth the courage and heroism of the soul! 'Twas the Sabbath day, and about the hour of 8 o'clock in the

demon's drink alcohol ?"

A shout of many voices answered, 'No !' ness, the more he lived in daily, hourly expectation of Him whom he called "the A spectator to the scene says go pen can describe the effect of the speech-it was overwhelming. The desperado tried to skulk away behind tht crowd, while the house from heaven, where they that look audience stood electrified before the speak. out the windows are not darkened. * *

THE FIRST KISS .- There are several ways to tell a story. Some genius has attempted to describe a young lady's sensation on receiving her first kiss. He makes acter. When considering him and the othher say, "the first time she was kissed she er men of his day, we are tempted to say, ev and eau de cologne. She also folt as if sea of troubles and nothing but our salety and liber- something was running through her nerves nay, to cry out with her of old, "I saw gods ness and malignity of the regular army officers of the cupids in charicts, drawn by angels, is like to an old man whose face is covered

> Elizabeth Barrett Browning relates similar episode in her life as follows :

First time he kissed me, he only kissed The fingers of this hand where with I write ; And ever since it grew more clear and white, Slow to the world greeting, quick with it. 'Oh, list When the angels speak. A ring of amethyst I could not wear her plainer to my sight Than that firs; kiss. The second passed in height The first, and sought the forehead, and half missed, Halting on my hair. Oh. beyond meed! That was the cream of love, when love's own crown With sanctitying sweetness did precede. The third upon my lips was folded down, I have been proud and said, 'My love my own.'

And very stupidly told too, according to our unpostic notion. Sut Lovengood, with whose quaint sayings many of our Tennessee readers are tamiliar, explains the effect of a similar operation with a good deal more graphic truth, and fully as much poetry, as follows :

"I happened to pass next day ; of course I stopped to enjoy a look at the tempter, as she was mighty lovin' to me. She put wun arm round my neck and tuther wun whar the curcingle goes round a hoss, tuck the inturn on me with her left foot and gin me a kiss! Says she, Sutty, my love, I've got sumthin' for you-a new sensation !" -and I believed it, for I began to' feel it already. My toes felt like as of minners war nibblin' at 'em-a cold streak run up and down my back, like a lizard with a turkey ben arter him in settin' time, and my stummick was hot and onsatisfied like !'

SOMETHING TO TOUCH THE HEART .--Colerido somewhere relates a story to this effect :

"Alexander, during his march in Africa which they are fed must be kept came to a people dwelling in peaceful huts, clean, and never allowed to sour; in short, who knew neither war nor conquest. Gold everything connected with the core and being offered to him, he refused it, 'saying feeding of the cow must be cleanly. Any that his sole object was to learn the man- cow who has a spark of decency or self ners and customs af the inhabitants. Stay respect, will reject filthy food as quick as with us, says the chief, as long as it pleases a person will. Try it, and you'll find it so. morning. He lived, though in unspeakable agony, thee. During this interview with the The cow should be fed also with roughuntil about the same hour of the next day, when his Africans, two of his subjects brought a case food, fodder, hay or shucks, all of which spirit passed to Him who gave it On Wedne day, before him for judgment. his remains were deposited in the Winchester grave- The dispute was this : The one had | will reject impure or spoiled fodder ; hay or yard where they now are resting undisturbed by the bought of the other a piece of ground, shucks as you would tainted meat. thrilling tragedies which have since been enacted on which, after the purchase, was found to With this mode of keeping a cow, she those blood stained hills. Memory, so long as faith contain a treasure for which he felt him will keep in good condition, her hair be firmness and intrepidity of mind, shared ful, will revive many delightful reminissences of this self bound to pay. The other refused to fibe and silky, and if she has any milking in the fatigue and dangers of her husband tising young officer. Goodness, simple, guileless, receive anything, stating that when he sold qualities, will amply repay you for your at a period of great trial and was engaged unaffected, ennobling natural goodness so radiantly the ground he sold it with all the advantaillumined his fine and handsome face, that, even new ges, apparent and concealed which it might and ever, bright visions of its amiableness and mas- be found to afford. Said the chief, looking place. - a thing which is always highly appreciated culine comeliness and dignity will pleasingly haunt at the one, you have a son, and to the oth-marked to us yesterday that there never more than supplied by the mother, to inflicting a loss of about \$12,000. No toder, you have a daughter; let them be mar. was a great occasion without something loved him ried and the treasure given them as a dow. ridiculous to spoil it and related the fel-Rolling Mills .-- A company of gantle, ry. Alexander was astonished. And what lowing : men has been formed in Lynchburg, with said the chief, would have been the decison in your country? Why we should awaited his arrival most anxiously at the city. This will be a most important addiv He was a Whig in politics : always conservative in tion to the manufacturing enterprise of the And does the sun shine on your country ? thetic strains ;

it in words of eternal despair! Speak out prayer, of faith, of meek dependence, of stantly before him to answer a 'contempt my friends, would you exchange it for the perpetual communing with heaven. Heuce of court,' in disobeying a subposno in the was his soul cheered in sorrow and blind. | case of Jones vs. Smith.'

We draw the curtain.

shortly expected King," who rending the CUT OUT .--- It is many years since I fell heavens, was to, and shall yet, give him a in love with Jane Jerusha Skeggs, the handsomest girl by far that ever went on legs. By meadow, creek and wood and In tine, we tell not our readers to imidell, so often we did walk, and the moontate Milton's genius-that may be too high light smiled on our meeting lips, and the a thing for them; but to imitate his life, light winds learned our talk. Jane Jeruthe patriotism, the sincerity, the manlia sha was all to me, for my heart was young ness, the purity, and the piety of his charand true, and loved with a double and twisted love, and a love that was honest "There were giants in those days," while we have failen on the days of little men-my trowsers and scratched my hands, in ascending from the earth, and one of them love I brought all those to my Jerusha Jane ; but I wouldn't be so foolish now if I with mantle." In these days of rapid aud were a boy again. A city chap then came universal change, what need for a spirit so along, all dressed up in stite clothes ; with pure, so wise, so sincere, and so gifted, as a shiny hat and vest, and a moustache un-

his and who will not join in the language of Wordsworth? " Milton ! thou shouldest be living at this hour, England hath need of thee. She is a fen Of stagnant waters. We are selfish men.

Thy soul was like a star; and dwelt apart; Pure as the naked heavens, majestic, free ; So didst thou travel on life's common way, In cheeriul godliness; and yet thy heart The lowliest duties on itself did lay.'

CARE OF MILK COWS -- Every one who owns a milk cow should know that they require fully as much care and attention as the horse. Few persons think of keeping a horse, whether blooded or not, with. out a shelter of some kind from the weath. a gipsy hat, and married that very girl !! er. Yet they will permit their cows to And many years have passed and gone, take all kinds of weather, and still expect and I think my loss my gain; and I often them to give an abundance of milk and butter.

To have a good cow, several points are absolutely essential to be attended to. In the first place you must provide- a warm and comfortable house for them where they can be kept dry in wet weather. Where the food given them is not to be eaten from ander foot, and where they can lie down to rest without becoming filthy. These are the first things to be provided. Next their food slops must be well and thorough ly cooked, and clean at that. Dishwater from the kitchen is suited for the hog, and not for the cow. The peas must be boiled well done in pure-water, and sait enough added to season it as for table use. Cab. bago leaves, turnips, potatoes, and carrots, when added, must be washed clean as for your own table, and cooked with equally as much care, and then fed to them in quantity to satisfy without gorging. The tub

E ase my heart and cheer my eye; L ooking onward as I go, I s there bliss for me or no-A life of happiness or woe ?

E ven here the wisest sage.

B owed with many years of age, O f the future cannot tell. W hether it be ill or well; M ore than this we cannot know-A sk no human mind balow, N ought but heavenly light can show. G. E. W

GREENSBORO', N. C.

VALLANDIGHAM TO HIS OHIO FRIENDS .-The following is Hon. C. L. Vallandigtoo. I roamed all over the neighbors' farm ham's address to his friends in Ohio since robbed the wild wood bowers, and tore the election :

Democrats of Ohio: You have. been search of choicest flowors. In my joyous beaten ; by what means it is idle now to inquire. It is enough that while tens of thousands of soldiers were sent or kept within your State, or held in active camp elsewhere to vote against you, the Confederate enemy were marching upon the capider his nose! He talked to her of singing tal of your country.

You wore beaten ; bat a nobler battle for constitutional liberty, and free, popular Government, never was fought by any people. And your unconquerable firmness loved that girl with fervent love, that and courage, even in the midst of armed military force, secured you these first of freemen's rights-free speech and a free ballot. The conspitacy of the 5th of May fell before you. Be not discouraged ; despair not of the Republic ; maintain your as good fish still remained as ever was rights; stand firm to your position ; never caught out of the sea. So 1 went to the yield by your principles or your organization; listen not to any one who weall dark brown curl, peeping from under a have you lower your standard in the hour of deleat.

> No mellowing of your opinions upon any question, even of policy, will avail any thing to conciliate your political foes. They demand nothing less than an absolute surrender of your principles and your organization. Moreover, if there be any hope for the Constitution or liberty, it is in the Domocratic party alone, and you, follow. citizens, in a little while longor will see it. cept those who profit by the calamities of their country.

> I thank you, one and all, for your sympathies and your suffrages. Be assured that, though in exile for no offence but my political opinions, and the free expression of them to you in perceable public assembly, you will find me ever steadfast iu those opinions, and true to the Constitution and to the State and country of my birth.

C. L. VALLANDIGHAM. Windso: C. W., 14, 1863.

Sutton Byrd, a private in Company C. 53d Regiment, N. C. Troops, was killed in Richmond on Thursday, morning last, while on guard daty at Castle Thunder, by four Yankee prisoners who had made their cscape.

It would seem that the Yankee guns at Charleston, though of vast power and range, cannot stand everything, so that although by way of experiment they can throw shot and shell into Charleston from Time and events will force it upon all, ex-Morris' Island, for all practical purposes the city is not within their range. It is probable that at the rate they have been going on, a Parrot gun would have to be sacrificed upon Morris' Island for every square yard of brick-work displaced in the city-a losing business to the men of Par rot guns. This has already been tried and with about the results we have indica. ted

schools, (for her father owned a farm) and

she left me, the country love, and took the

new chap's arm. And all that night I

never slept, nor could I eat next day, for I

naught could drive away. I strove to win

ber back to me, but it was all in vain--- the

cur obap with hairy lip, married Jerusha

Jane. And my poor heart was sick and

sore, until the though struck me, that just

Methodist church one night, and saw a

bless that hairy chap that stole Jerusha

Jane.

But the force of these guns within any. thing less than a fabulous range, must be admitted to be tremendous, and if General Jere. Gilmer has really been able to put the stump of Fort Sumterina position to withstand the fearful impact of these enormous projectiles thrown from Cummings' Point, then indeed he may well be denom. inated the Todieben of this war. [Wilmington Journal.

THE YANKEE GOVERNMENT DEBT .- 11 is THE MOTHER OF NAPOLEON .--- The fam. ily of Napoleon says Allison, though noble stated, semi-officially, that the Yankee had not been distinguished, and had snf. Government enters upon the third year of fured severely from misfortune. The the war with a debt of twelve hundred and mother of the great captain, who was twenty two millions, seven hundred and marked by great beauty, and so common fifty thousand dollars.

Better bear the ills we have To an fly to others we know not of :"

and, consequently, he never ceased to hope for the icarn, made their escape. perpetuation of that government, until President

Are there any cattle there which feed upon kees come to Selma ."

The Steamer Venus, from 'Nassau, was herbs and groen grass? Certainly, said "I assure you, my dear madam, they crown of Charlemagne, and another seated run ashore yesterday by the blockaders, Alexander. Ah, said the chief, it is for the shall not," replied the dignified Mr. Davis; on the throne of Charles V. about five miles above Fort Fisher. The sake of these innocent cattie that the Great and thereupon the overjoyed fair one vessel was burned by the crew, who, we Being permits the sun to shine, the smarked his lips. No dainty "bus," it was

Wilmington Journal. country." should be in a good rack, and sound. They

care -- Col. Times. poleon, in after life mainly ascribed his elevation: On one occasion he expressed the

A lady intent on seeing the President, opinion that the future good or bad conhave dismissed the partice, said Alexander depot, and, upon scoing him, rushed franti- mother. Though left a widow in the prime ready to sacrifice my wife's brother rathand seized the treasure for the king's use. tically to where he was exclaiming in pa- of life, the mother of Napoleon has already ur'n not see the rebelyin krusht. And if said the chief. Does the rain full there? "Oh! Mr. President will you let the Yan: and three daughters survived their father.

She lived to see one of them wearing the prosecot the war."

sounded like the report of a small pistol. I the Rebel.

ANOTHER ACCIDENT.-We learn from the Raleigh Progress that another accident ocwith him in some expeditions on herees curred on Friday last at the Powder Mills +back. His father died at the age of thirty- of Waterhouse & Bowes near Raleigh .-THE PRESIDENT KISSED .- A friend re- eight-but the ward of parental care was The "incorporating house" was blown up, whose early education and solicitude, Na- ily injury was sustained.

> Artemus Ward says: "I have already duct of the child depend entirely on the given two cousins to the war, and stand borne thirteen children, of whom five sons | wus cums to wus, I'll shed every drop of blud my able bodied relations has got to

Three Rhode Island Quaker conscripts. who refused to "fight, pay or emigrate," We Confederates only dismiss the Brit. have been sent to Fort Columbus, New rain to fall and the grass to grow in your other, but a regular "sockdologer" that ish Consul-we don"t "miss" them, says York harbor, to be tried by court martial as deserters.