

To a Beautiful Stranger.

A glance, a smile,—I see it yet—
A moment, as the train was starting:
How strange to tell!—we scarcely met,
And yet I felt a pang at parting!

And you—alas! that all the while
I told you who am confessing,—
What thought was lurking in your smile
Is quite beyond my simple guessing.

I only know those beaming rays,
Awoke in me a strange emotion,
Which, basking in their warmer blaze,
Perhaps might kindle to devotion.

Ah! may a heart as staunch as this,
By smiling lips allured from duty,
Has sunk in passion's dark abyss,—
"Wrecked on the coral reefs of Beauty's

And so, 'tis well the trial's swift flight,
That bore away my charming stranger,
Took her—God bless her!—out of sight,
And me as quickly out of danger!

Farm-Yard Scraps.
A thrifty housewife thinks that men
ought to be used for the provision for
smoking hams as smoking cigars.

The very best way to clean a stained
steel knife is to cut a potato in two,
dip one of the pieces in bric-a-brac,
and rub the blade with it.

To cure a balky horse, simply place
your hand over the horse's nose and
scent the nostrils with a small rag.

Lazarus Tillman, agriculturist, is the
man who owned the first and smallest
dredged dollar in Newbern which was
burned with an old stump near Atlanta,

A rusty-looking agriculturalist entered
a newspaper office recently, and
after looking around earnestly enough
to elicit an inquiry as to his business,

See how they make honey in Guilford
county. The Greensboro States says:
Mr. Hosmer, who has astonished the bee
men throughout the county by his success

An experienced gardener in the vicinity
of Washington writes to the
American Farmer how to raise tomatoes:
He sows the seed about the 25th

A correspondent of the Gardeners'
Chronicle who has been engaged for
a number of years in raising strawberries
from the same bed, gives his

Supreme Court.
The following cases were called and
disposed of:
Stephen W. Britton vs W. R. Miller, et al.

John L. Hinton vs B. F. Whitehurst,
Adm'r, et al.; Pasquotank. Set for
hearing Thursday. Smith and Strong
for plaintiff, and Batchelor and Son for

W. B. Ferebee vs N. C. Home Insurance
Company; Camden, Batchelor and Son
for plaintiff, and Smith and Strong for
defendant.

R. Paxton and wife, et al. vs R. B.
Creedy and wife, et al.; Camden. Reported
and set for hearing. Batchelor and Son
and Aug. M. Moore for plaintiffs. No counsel
for defendants.

[From the Charlotte Observer.]
Reply to General Early.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 31, 1872.
Editor Observer: In reply to Gen.
Early's letter of the 24th inst. I
would answer, as to the Military
points: That I understand him to
concede every error indicated by
me except one. He still insists that
only five companies of the 1st
North Carolina Cavalry were at the
battles around Richmond. To sustain
himself, he quotes from the report
of Lieut. Col. (now Gen.) Baker of
the action at Willis' Church, June 30th. I concede that
Lieut. Col. Baker says, and yet I maintain
that the other five companies
reached there before the 30th. I
think, too, that Col. Baker's own
language in another paragraph,
implies the presence of the whole
regiment. It is this: "Accordingly
proceeded with five companies
of my regiment, &c."—not "the
five companies," as he would have
said, had they been the only ones at
hand. No doubt part of each com-
mand was on picket or other duty.

I wish I could hear you say,
"General Early has gone over his
way (as usual) to indulge his political
spite. From his two and a half
column letter, I make this extract:
"Unfortunately, there were
60,000 men, black and deserters
from both States, as well as from
all other States. I never had any
toleration for a skulker or deserter
at any time, let him come from
where he might; and now, I cannot
tolerate one who has gone over to
the enemy since the war. Though
he be a Virginian, I regard his
crimes as unpardonable, and worse
than if he had deserted in the time
of war. I do not admit that any
State did more than its share of
crime during the war. If I did
done their whole duty, fearlessly
and faithfully, I verily believe that
we would have won our independence,
or continued fighting until this day."

I myself had not said one word
of personal or political bearing,
and every fair mind must be struck
at the arrogance and coarseness of
this paragraph. It is possible that
Confederate Officers cannot discuss
even Military questions, without
insulting to each other, and the dirt
of party? I knew that General
Early was eccentric, and I had
heard that he had had a personal
difficulty with a Virginia Confed-
erate, who chose to vote the Rep-
ublican ticket. But I could hardly
expect an explosion" in this cor-
respondence. I am a Republican—
a Radical, if you will—but I took
my position on the suffrage ques-
tion in 1865, and, as I see things,
both parties have practically come
to a compromise. But I never
hesitated to denounce and vote
against the incompetent or corrupt
of that party. I have sought no
office, and have even made myself
odious to a certain class of Radicals,
because of my unwavering support
of only good men and safe measures.
I, therefore, thought, if there was a
man in the whole South, who,
solely for the sake of the country,
moved ahead and above all mere
party, I was my humble self,
General Early in my estimation,
if he intends this extract for me,
he does me at least partial wrong. If
he meant it (as seems probable) for
his Virginia comrades, Gen. Wick-
ham, Col. Mosby, and others, who
voted for Grant, then he was wholly
unjustly and unwisely retreating
from his position. If it is mere
correspondence. If it is mere
"sound and fury—signifying nothing"—
then it is time General Early's
writing taught some first lessons
in propriety, and I am reluctantly
convinced that he has done it.

Now who's "J. G. Early"? What
has he achieved, either in peace
or in war, that he should assume to
charge the whole Southern people
with dereliction of duty in their
conduct of the war? What has he
achieved that he should now, in
retrospect, did he win, that he should
now essay to tell the suffering mil-
lions of this stricken Southern land,
that they had ended the bloody strife,
all too soon; and that they ought to
have "continued fighting to this
day?" I have fought with the
Confederate Generals, did most to con-
solidate the army, and who was the
first to flee the country, when the con-
federacy failed?

I take a single year—a mere epi-
sode in the life of this second Bruce—
this heroic patriot, this exuberant
statesman.
In 1864, Lieut. Gen. Early had
command of the army in the Valley,
one of the bravest and best appointed
armies in the field. He operated
with regularity and success, and
conquered a region made forever fa-
mous by the countless victories of
Ashby, Jackson, Jones, Ewell and
others. I enter into no details of
the campaign, known to all soldiers
then in the field, but I simply recall the
fact, that so long as he was in com-
mand, and the glories of Jackson were well
nigh eclipsed by the failures, the
retreats, the defeats and the disaster-
ous routs of Early. A few short
months were long enough to enable
this officer so thoroughly to demon-
strate his splendid army, that the
whole country was filled with his
"skulkers and deserters." At
Waynesborough, the scene of his last
disaster, his entire force laid down
their arms, and he was left, without
a man, I do not charge the truth of
the popular impression at Waynes-
borough, that Early deserted his own
men. But I do say, that he exposed
his army to capture and to the
slaughter, and that he managed to
take such judicious care of his own
person, that he alone escaped to tell
the tale. This ended the military
career of "J. A. Early." The public
clamor by this time was so fierce
and strong, that he was forced to
retire.

Gen. Lee tried to soften the blow
by a letter of personal sympathy.
But all to no purpose. Gen. Early
was done for.

At least in the surrender came. On
the first flash of the news, this
would-be hero, who now talks of a
"continued war" for independence,
fled the country, leaving his unhappy
comrades and countrymen, to meet,

North Carolina Orphan Asylum

GRAND LODGE F. A. M. N. C.,
Tuesday Evening, Dec. 3, 1872.
BRO. J. T. LITTLEFIELD'S REPORT.
The Board of Directors of St. John's
College report that they have failed
to make any arrangements in es-
tablishing a school in this Institution.
After advertising for proposals to lease
the property for a male or female school,
or colleges, they received but one ap-
plication.

The terms upon which the college
was offered to this person, to the ground
that the rent was too high. The Board
has put the building in charge of a
competent gentleman, and resides upon
the premises, and I hope to see the
property, and pay a usual rent. The build-
ings are now in a good state of preser-
vation.

The following resolutions were adopted:
Resolved, That St. John's College
shall be made a preparatory school for
the use of the Orphan Asylum, and
that the Board of Directors shall be
authorized to accept of the same, and
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The Late Mr. Syme on Small Politicians.

[From the Fayetteville Observer of
Nov. 4th, 1872.]
CAPITAL.—No man in the country
has a keener sense of the ridiculous
than the excellent Editor of the
Petersburg Intelligencer. And he
lately had rare enjoyment in the
failure of a "great" mass meeting
of the Loco-focos in his city. The
people didn't come, and the orators
didn't come; and Mr. Syme closes
his humorous account of the affair
as follows:—

We really do not think that the few
country Democrats, who were
tempted to leave their business at
this busy season, and pay their ex-
penses to and from Petersburg,
should sue the getters up of this
meeting for damages. We are so
sure that heavy damages could be
recovered, that we will bring the
suit, and look for our fee to a very
moderate commission on the amount
recovered.

To give our country Democratic
friends some idea of the case we
would make out, we will give them
the substance of the speech we
should make. We should say:—
"May it please the Court and Gen-
tlemen of the Jury: I shall, before I
take my seat, make out, to your
entire satisfaction, and to the satis-
faction of the Court and the jury,
every material fact and imposition
ever practised on innocent and con-
fiding parties. Some weeks ago,
the Democracy of Petersburg pub-
lished a notice inviting the Demo-
cracy of the South-Side to a Grand
Meeting, to be held in the City
of Petersburg, on the 22d inst. In
this notice it was stated that Soule
and Wise, and the devil knows who
besides, (we beg the Court's pardon
—it was a mere slip) were to address
the meeting. Tempted by this de-
ceptive notice, my injured and un-
fortunate clients left the peaceful
pursuits of husbandry in which they
were engaged, and came to Peters-
burg. Now, gentlemen of the jury,
did my much injured clients hear either
Soule, or Wise, or any other of the
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