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LIFE IN THE WOODS.

BY GEOFFREY RANDOLPH.

Some three or four years ago, Jonas Butler penetrated into the wild region around the head-waters of the Delaware River, about twenty miles above Delhi, for the purpose of cutting railroad-ties and peeling bark, in accordance with his contract with some parties in Greene county.

Butler was a vigorous and skillful woodman, and he erected quite a comfortable themselves. cabin, where he, his wife, his daughter. Jennie, aged sixteen, and an infant child, made their home. It was a brave little family that were thus gathered together, and they applied all their energies toward helping each other, and making an hum ble beginning in the world.

Affairs moved along smoothly for a year, during which Butler made a satis factory advance in prosperity. He gath ered pigs and fowls about him; his family and himself enjoyed the best of health, and he was able to economize in the way of rent and many of the necessaries of life, so that there was every prospect of his venture proving a profitable one in all respects.

In the dead of winter, in the month of December, 1875, Butler was absent from home on a Sunday, his wife and two children being the only ones in the cabin. At that day and in that section there was was out of the line of tramps, and the time had long since gone by when anything was to be feared from the attacks of wild animals.

True, a black bear was encounted now and then, but he generally asked that he might be left alone, for which he was pretty sure to keep out of one's path. A loaded rifle was in the house, but the only use to which it was put was in the way of lainting.

The season was that of the shortest days in the year, and the afternoon was already drawing to a close. The sun had set, and the shadows of night were creeping through the woods, upon which rested a solemn stillness in accord with the day.

The mother and daughter Jennie were talking quietly together, when the former suddenly started.

"What was that?"

"I don't know, I'm sure." Both listened intently, and the mother

"There it goes again. It is at the pig-

"Somebody is stealing them."

All doubt as to the quarter whence

one of the porkers. placed in the same predicament. At any single gasp he expired. rate, the mother and daughter were thrilled by a screaming of such an ear-splitting the same instant, and rushed out-doors to learn what it meant.

The sty was but a few rods distant, and had in turn become the assailant. consisted of a log inclosure, in which be tempting to any wild animal a-hunger-

ed and wandering that way. bear had entered the sty, and seized a beyond her reach.

paw, in a loving embrace, while he was further corner of the pen, where it seemout dropping his prize.

A watch-dog, belonging to the family, size and appearance were too formidable made her own blows so savage that they screaming with might and main, and the irresistible grip. scene was of the most exciting nature.

fired the heart of Mrs. Butler with right in keeping him beyond reach. eous indignation.

the daughter, who darted off a few steps and seized the weapon, while the brave the fight without the invaluable assismother caught up a heavy maul, or bee- tance of the rifle. tle, such as is used in the woods for hammering wedges into timber that it is de- left Jennie free to do as she chose, and sired to split.

a formidable duet, though it can be seen fashion as before, but for her parent, who that they were not in form to make an assault upon such a powerful brute as a wild bear.

The ladies must have been somewhat flustered, for at this time the loaded rifle of the husband was in the cabin, and with such a weapon they could have killed the animal easily, and without any peril to

Yet they seemed never to have thought of that, but made the charge in the battle array named, and it required but a second or two to pass the intervening distance.

Arrived at the side of the pen, it took to the assistance of her parent. but another second to arrange the order of attack.

That order was simply to sail in and

determined onslaught upon the intruder, the dog taking courage from their exam- brave woman, who could do nothing but the condition that she would reveal the charges are it is useless for me to menple and joining in the assault.

As soon as the mother and daughter ergy of despair. arrived within striking distance, they made themselves felt with most unmistakable emphasis.

Meanwhile, as may be supposed, the beetle; but such a weapon, while very ting instrument is required to do real exe- resigned herself to her fate. cution.

The porker was squeezed tight for a

showered upon him, he turned suddenly dead. came the disturbance was put at rest the about and seized the dog, before the lat-The old adage asserts that a pig under poor canine cracked and craunched; and a barn-door, with a man sitting on top, when he was released he fell, limp and makes a noise only excelled by two pigs quivering, to the ground, where with a daughter, who was soon restored to con-

did they think of retreating from their but neither person was much hurt. nature that both sprang to their feet at dangerous position, rendered doubly dangerous from the fact that the beast had given over his attempts to get away, and

The dog killed, the bear, with an an were kept a number of porkers, in such gry growl, made for the brave girl, who fine condition that they could not fail to began retreating slowly, still using her weapon with furious energy. It looked, as if her repeated strokes must disable It was not necessary to reach the pen and kill the animal, and very probably to learn the cause of the tumult. Mrs. they would have done so, but for a mis- lot of tobacco at Toisnot improperly stam; - seducer, Simpson Foster, who was shot He died in a few days. Butler had no more than crossed her own hap, by which, with one flirt of his paw, threshold, when she saw that a big black he knocked the axe from her grasp and

striving to get out of the inclosure with- ed impossible for her to avoid being crushed to death as was the dog.

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But the mother was still "on deck," was barking furiously at the bear, whose and, realizing the peril of her child, she for him to attack. The imprisoned pig, diverted their terrible enemy, just at the as a matter of course, was wriggling and instant she was about to be seized in an

The brute wheeled again and made for The average house-keeper cannot stand the mother, who, it will be remembered idly by and see her property carried off in was not prepared in the best manner to such a high-handed manner, and the sight to make a successful defense against such of the squirming porker in the possession attack. She continued belaboring him, of the daring marauder of the woods, however, and succeeded for a brief while

At the moment of turning, it seemed "Get the axe, Jennie!" she called to to occur to the mother that they had committed a mistake in venturing into

The change in the action of the brute she probably would have caught up the Thus armed, the two constituted quite axe and renewed her assault in the same called out, just then:

> "Quick, Jennie! Run to the house fetch the rifle and shoot him!"

The despairing cry of the imperiled mother told the child how deadly was the danger to both. In a twinkling the girl was over the inclosure, and speeding like a deer for the cabin, a short distance

The instant she dashed into the door she saw the trusty weapon in its usual place, and she snatched it down in a twinkling, and whirling about, flew back

It seems incredible that the latter should have defended herself so long and so successfully. Brief was the time occupied extinguish the bear without any delay or by the girl in leaping over the inclosure, securing and returning with the gun; but Accordingly, the two ladies hastily on such an occasion life hangs upon a Then Shelburne discovered that his fair coming to my ears as having been repeatscrambled into the pen, and made a most passing breath, as may be said, and the bride was enceinte. He threatened to ed by you, makes it obligatory upon me bear never let up in his attack upon the kill her in his frenzy, and only desisted on to demand your authority. What these retreat, and wield the maul with the en name of her seducer. This she refused tion as I am sure you must be aware of

dealt their blows with all the rapidity and way, she moved about the pen, the bear lived adjoining the McClay mansion, and man responsible for the further repeating skill at their command. The daughter following, and showing a savage determi- recently graduated at one of the colleges of the slanders. found the axe a rather cumbersome weap- nation to seize and crush her to death. in Virginia. He was only 22 years of To which Radcliffe replied, as follows: on to wield, but the occasion gave her un- His mouth was open and the blood was age, but had the reputation of being gal- Mr. C. T. Tilley: usual strength, and the blows which she streaming from the wounds inflicted, lant, and at the White Sulphur Springs | Your note of yesterday's date was re-

effective when brought to play upon the flanked in the same manner as was the the festal board. head of a man, is of little account as used | daughter. A sweep of the paw knocked frontispiece of a bear. The former is so whose heart left her at the same moment. shot-gun, and went to Forrester's home. upon to answer it. Geo. E. RADCLIFFE. well protected by its coat of hair, and the | Crouching down in the corner of the pen, | The young bride followed, screaming and | Tilley replied, saying that Radcliffe, in skull is also so thick, that a bullet or cut- she covered her face with her hands and beseeching him not to shoot her destroy- his note, had added insult to injury, and

And yet the dog, snapping and biting one side of the pen seemed to attract the Forrester family, consisting of two or "The satisfaction you demand for the than the other two; at any rate, he acted head, he saw black object thrust between for the guilty man. Forrester feigned shall be duly accorded." as if such were the case. The combined the chinks of the logs. That object was surprise when he faced Shelburne, and to secure her aim, when she fired.

enough strength to leave the inclosure. when she devoted her attention to her Special Constable Dolley gathered a par sciousness. It was found that the girl's flesh was considerably torn beneath the The ladies never ceased fighting, nor arms, where the bear had grasped her,

> through the woods to where her father had gone into a temporary camp and was at work, and told him of the adventure. He returned with her and dressed the bear, whose carcass weighed over three hundred pounds .- Saturday Night.

District, was in town this week, and we excitement and fright, to a premature understand while in the county seizer a caile, died early this morning. Her ed. It was from the factory of Mr. Bob- by the bridegroom, Mr. Shelburne, was bitt, and charged with the same irregulari not mortally wounded, as was first ty as the lot seized a few weeks ago. The thought. The surgeon thinks he will restamps it seems are all right, but it is cover. Shelburne, who fled, has not been pig weighing over fifty pounds, which he The terrified miss, unarmed and help charged they are put on in violation of apprehended. It is thought he has gone was holding close to his body, with one less, could do nothing but retreat to the the revenue laws. - Wilson Advance - to sea.

A SOUTHERN SCANDAL.

HOW A YOUNG MAN WAS DECEIVED-HE SHOOTS THE BETRAYER OF HIS YOUNG

to a tragedy in Clay county. The location is in the chain of the Blue Ridge, in McClay is the daughter of the late Hon. esteemed farmer and politician of the complished. She was educated at a semiand aristocratic.

The afternoon and evening were spent in wedding festivities, and it was a late | George E. Radeliff, Esq: hour when the bride and groom retired.

er, that she had forgiven him. But Shel | demanded satisfaction "for the wrong you At this juncture, a slight movement at burne was determined. He aroused the have done me." Radeliffe answered, ty of men and went in pursuit. The excitement in the neighborhood was intense. The next day, the girl made her way but little hopes are entertained of his re dy to a premature child.

DEATH OF MRS. SHELBURNE. Charlotte, N. C., March 3 .- Mrs. Wm. P. Shelburne, the unfortunate bride of ABOUT DUELING.

JOURNALISM AND THE CODE.

H. W. Grady in Phila. WEEKLY TIMES. A meeting that took place in Augusta, Correspondence of the Cincinnati En- Ga., about two years ago, was a unique quirer; from Charlotte, N. C., March 2 one in some respects. Several years ago He had not seen her in 10 months until friend who informed him that a hideous instant-yesterday. They were duly city. Tilley at once set out to find the married, the nuptial ceremony taking author of the rumor. It was soon traced place at noon. The company in attend- to Radcliffe. Tilley at once opened corance was not large, but it was elegant respondence with him. Their notes are worthy of publication in full. Mr. Tilley

Rumors deterimental to my character, to do at first, but finally told him that their nature. I pronounce them base, Continually stepping back out of the Simpson Forrester was the man. He false and malicious, and will hold any C. D. TILLEY.

no hought of danger, for the dwelling brought down upon the black, shaggy which, for the immediate present, only last summer was a favorite with the belles. ceived. The rumors that you refer to monster, though they did not disable him, served to increase his ferocity, without Shelburne's bride declared that this gay came to my cars in the shape of a comdetracting in the least from his prodigious | Lothario had accomplished her ruin five mon report, and as such were repeated by months ago, and that she had sworn me. The difficulty that would attend at. Had the foot of the woman tripped, never to betray him. He visited the effort of the kind, compels me to decline mother was getting her work in with the it would have been all over in an instant. house like an intimate friend, and last to attempt to cite you any special author-Curiously enough, the mother was night was one of the gayest of the gay at ity. The last paragraph of your note is so general in its character, and based so At 6 o'clock this morning Shelburne entirely upon contingencies that may against the ponderous body and tough the beetle from the grasp of Mrs. Butler, armed himself with a double-barreled arise in the future, I do not feel called

in the rear, seemed to annoy Bruin more attention of the brute. If he turned his three sisters and the mother, and called affront you think I have put upon you At the meeting which was speedily assault, the carrying of the twisting pig, the muzzle of the rifle in the grasp of the denied knowing anything about the lady's arranged, a out thirty persons were presand the safe withdrawal from the pen, daughter Jennie, who realized the immi- shame. Only a few words ensued, when ent. The men were dressed in dark suits, stumble through from day to-day withconstituted a larger contract than he could nency of the case, and took but a second | Shelburne discharged a load of buckshot and stood facing cast and west. The into the shoulder of his enemy, who had distance was ten paces, the weapons pis-The distance was really nothing, and no weapon of defense. The wounded tols. Both men were remarkably cool. short time, and then the bear dropped the bullet, as was afterward discovered, man exclaimed: "I am killed, and have As he was walking to his position Tilley him, and turned his attention to his as- went crash directly through the heart of deserved all !" The second barrel was rolled a eigerette with great precision and the bear, which toppled over on its not fired, for Shelburne thinking the man lit it. On taking position Radeliffe care the fiscal year will expire and leave sev-Heedless of the blows which were still haunches, and dropped backward stone dead, turned and saw his wife, who wit- less kicked a clump of grass out of the nessed the affair, had fainted. The mur- way, so that he might stand squarely and Certain of what she had accomplished derer took a horse from the stable of firmly. The firing was unusually quick, next instant by the piercing screams of ter could escape from the inclosure. One the girl swooned away, and it was some Mrs. McClay, and fled the country, go both pistols exploding almost simultan- minds that there is not the slightest tremendous hug, and the bones of the time before Mrs. Butler could summon ing in the direction of Tennessee. The could word "One!" The men chance of anything being done with the news of the tragedy soon spread, stood like statues after the firing, and it tariff at this session .- Exchange. was though that neither had been hit-Neither said a word. The seconds walked up to them. Some one called to Har-Dr. Heather was summoned to attend the ris (Tilley's second), ... Look to your man dying man. His wounds were dressed, there, he's hit." As Harris reached him Tilley put out his right hand, still graspcovery. To add to the scandal, the bride ing his pistol, fell heavily against him, crime he told the Jury that it was gave birth in a few hours after the trage- and dropped his head on his shoulder. It was then known that he had been bit. Tilley's splended vitality led him to hope that he could stand for another shot. He raised his frame creet and shook his head MORE TOBACCO SEIZED .- Mr. Edward Clay county, N. C., who was involved in back as if summoning strength for the Zoeller, U. S. Deputy Collector for this the scandal, and who gave birth, in her trial, but as soon as he had straightened himself sank helplessly to the ground.

JOURNALISTIC AFFRAYS.

There have been very few duels ever fought between editors of newspapers. The drivers of the quill-which has been inaptly described as "the pinion of one all clases .- Washington Press.

goose used to spread the opinion of another"-seem to recognize the fact that a good editor's life is too precious to be put at risk. So they go on abusing and swearing at each other, flinging ink instead of blood, and pellets instead of bul lets until we begin to think that Dickens wrote wiser than he knew when he gives 1878, says :- Information was received a young Irishman, C. D. Tilley by name, us the pictures of "Pott and Smirk," and here this evening of a scandal which led settled in Augusta. He was a remarka- that he produced there a type rather than bly handsome man, being pronounced the a carricature. Whenever they do meet a finest specimen of physical manhood in special providence seems to oversee the the western part of this State. Miss Ada the State. His strength was something matter, and they scarcely ever hurt each wonderful. Having been trained in the other. Duels between editors and outsi-Richard McClay, who was a wealthy and best of gymnasiums he was the superior ders are quite frequent. Bad inck usualof many professional atheletes. He was ly attends the editors, who are better county just named. She is twenty-two skilled in all social accomplishments and with a pencil than with trigger. Dr. years of age, beantiful, refined and ac- was a great favorite. In the same city Smyth, of an Augusta paper, was severewas George E. Radcliffe, a young Mary ly wounded by Dr. Thomas some years nary in Lexington, Ky., having graduated lander, who was also a popular and con- ago. Taber was killed while editing the there with the usual honors about four siderable figure in society. Both were Charleston Mercury, by McGraw. Barnyears ago. Just after leaving her Alma young brokers. It is said that there was well Rhett, however, while on New O1-Mater she made her debut at the White or a long time ill feeling between these leans journal a few years since, turned Sulphur Springs, W. Va., and has visited gentleman. A rumor prevails that Rad- the tide by killing Judge Coolley. In that place of fashionable resort every cliffe was engaged in a game of billiards 1854 Rea, a Vicksburg, editor, was shot summer since. It seems that a year ago with a party of friends one day when through both thighs by a lawyer named last summer she met there a Mr. Wm. P. Tilley entered and was asked to take part | Evans, with the consoling reflection, how-Shelburne, a handsome and polished gen- in the game. As he consented Radcliffe ever, that it took Evans four trials to hit tleman of 26. The couple fell in love; threw his one down, remarking that he him. As a general thing Southern edicourtship followed, and they were be- proposed to play only with gentlemen. tors are not personal toward each other. trothed. He lived in New Orleans, and Nothing came of this affair, however, Bitter invective is seldom indulged in. had visited Miss McClay only three or even if it be true that such a thing took As a sort of safety-valve, however, the four times at her home in Clay county, place. A day or two after this reported Georgia Press Convention, some time ago, but had kept up a regular correspondence. occurrence, Tilley was approached by a created a sort of Board of Honor, before which disputes between editors should be last Monday, when he came to fulfil his rumor, affecting his position as a decent referred. There is but one editor in plighted troth. The day set was the 1st person, was being circulated about the Georgia that ever killed a man; though there are several who have seriously thought of doing so, and have even gone so far as to make arrangements looking to that end. The casual umbrella is so netimes whirled on high, but the pistol is not one of the agents of Southern journalism at present.

AN INEFFICIENT CONGRESS.

Congres is hopelessly behindhand with its work, and the prospect for the longest session within reasonable memory is beyond question. The appropriation committee of the House has never been so negligent and slow. The seventy-seventh rule of the House requires that all of the appropriation bills shall be reported to the House by the committee within thirty days from the assembling of Congress, and yet three times thirty days have passed and only two bills of the thirteen have thus far been reported from the committee. One of these, the Military Academy bill, is now before the Senate committee, and the other, the consular and diplomatic, is still in the House. The important bills and those requiring long discussion are still in comittee, and nobody, knows when they will come into the House. If the House does not get on faster the tropical midsummer will find Congress in session. The appropriation bills fet to be considered and passed are the following: Legislative, executive, judicial, sundry civil, army, navy, Indian, pension, fortification, post office, river and harbor, deficiency and naval academy. It was said by a prominent Schator that there never had been such an inefficient House; that it seemed to be wholly without leaders, and that it seemed to out any apparent policy or system or any clear idea of what it had to do. He says such procrastination as the appropriation committee is guilty of was never kown before, and he cannot help thinking that eral of the bills stil hanging between the two houses. Most of the well-informed men in both houses have made up their

JUDGE HENRY .- Judge Henry has given entire satisfaction. His charge to the Grand Jury was one of the best moral lectures we have listened to in many a day. Isstead of going through the whole routine of offences and the names of the their duty to find a bill for any offence committed, if wrong; and that the law would find a name for it. He laid down the rule for them to be guided by, to be right or wrong; if right was not liable to indictment; if wrong should be indicted. If more of our Judges would follow the same course in their charges, instead of going through the whole list of crimes as is generally the case, it would have a different effect from what they generally do. We will not attempt to give any further account, as we feel our inability to do full justice, and will only say that everyboody was perfectly carried away with his re marks, and they are thought well off by