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Communications

Minnie Cadets-Dr. Ramsey's Address -Commencement at Concord Female College, &c., &c.

Week before fast was Commencement week in Statesville, and an unusual throng of visi tors came to enjoy the festivities. On Wednesday morning, the drum beat the reveille for the students of the Male Academy to spend the day in a new sphere of public demonstration, and right worthily did they prove themselves masters in the hall, as they had previously done upon the field. Honor to him who has so skillfully directed them in both, and praise to them for their skill and assiduity in learning! The examination was all that could be asked by the most sanguine, and the "Minnie Cadets" are now a fixed institution. Dr. J. G. Ramsey, of Rowan, addressed the Cadets on the evening of the next day in the Presbyterian church. A large assemblage of people was in attendance to honor him who spoke, and those who were addressed, with a respectful attention. Dr. R. may know from the audience that evening assembled what a reputation he has acquired as an orator, and his hearers, who listened to his address so purely classical and so replete with sound wisdom and practical counsel, would willingly excuse the delivery-which was caused by great debility resulting from recent illness. In many departments of life, Dr. R. occupies no inconsiderable station .-As a professional man, he is carnest and diligent in his vocation: as a statesman, hightoned and upright; a model citizen and friend, and an accomplished scholar, his address here was heard with the respect due to his varied excellencies.

On Thursday, the examination exercises at the Female College commenced. | The usual routine was performed, and the pupils did credit to themselves, and honor to the faithfulness of their instructors. The method of examination was thorough and general, so that their acquirements were fully and impartially tested. Much might be said of these interesting exercises, even particularized to. the various classes and the different studies. but such is unnecessary here. The selection of the enlivening music was good, and the readiness with which the performances were made was satisfactory. There was many a spirit stirred and many a heart uplifted and cheered by its benign influence.

The absence of the annual orator was much regretted, Many had anticipated that address with real pleasure, but circumstances prevented its realization.

On Friday evening, the company of friends and the graduating exercises. Unfortunately, the framers of that imposing and otherwise convenient College Inilding, had not made arrangements for so large a concourse of people as were that night anxious to be admitted. So great was the crowd and so eager were the many hundreds to witness the performances, that quiet could not be restored until a late hour. In addition to the wellselected musical performances both vocal and instrumental, compositions were read by the young ladies who graduated. The order and subjects were thus:

An Indian Legend-Poem. Miss M. L. Stewart Asheville. Leaves have their time to fall. Miss Fannie M. Armfield Statesville.
Of make Henren seem brighter than this world. Miss J A. Caldwell Statesville.

The Field of Knowledge is too large for any one mind to

explore. Miss J. M. Bell. Statesville. Unr Beautiful World. Miss M. J. Hall, Wilkesborough. It is a wisely-adopted policy of this institution to confer no distinction on graduation, is, too often, a perfect satisfaction with that but the withering hand of time can destroy. ation. many rest in the valley below, reluctant to the patrons of the school. The tinsel-glare of a college distinction may ercises of examination.

sanction of the class of young ladies who have disturbed the harmony that prevailed in that so lately withdrawn from the seclusion of col- theatre of happiness. Speaking eyes and rolege life to enter upon the world. Not one sy lips met you at every turn. The merry will regret the omission of a mere nominal laugh of innocence filled the room with mudistinction. They did their duty, and did it sic, and was kissed by the passing breeze and nobly. True, there were differences of merit borne on to cheer the gloom of night within their essays, but all furnished an interest out. About 11 o'clock, when the happy that was manifested in the close attention of group numbered about 150, supper was anthe audience. One depicted to us, in the nounced, and all were invited into an adjoin- ing the knights of the road, instead of sweet warblings of poesy, the heroism of Ho- ing room, where we found a table whichneka, the red man, his love, his patriotism, seemed to bend beneath the weight of its luxness, mingled with glowing descriptions wor- men of the school, and to the ladies of Olin the most cowardly of proceeding, for thy of older heads. The next, in the figure who got it up. After supper the students any respectable party to set out preof "Leaves have their time to fall," told presented each of the teachers with a beauti- pared to quietly gratify the cupidity plaintively of this fleeting, unenduring exis- ful cake. tence, with its aims, its struggles and its Heaven seem brighter than this world," and to be called "The Star-Spangled Banner." | the cost of his journey, and as of course | ter all to defend yourself?' I inquired. | dered was concerned, I still retained dead in his bed on the 80th ul

taught the consoling truth of a "brighter beyond," where leaves fall not nor spirits grow weary. The Field of Knowledge, unmeasured and untraversed by mortal vision, checked the unwise aspiration for impossibilities, and taught the proper sphere of duty, while, lastly, "Our Beautiful World" was depicted in language, style, and sentiment, so rich, pure. and lofty, that many were taught to love it better than before, and to appreciate the gra-

cious boon of existence here. Diplomas, with beautiful copies of the Bi ble, were presented to the young ladies of the class by the President, who addressed them in an appropriate and instructive manner .-The "Hour of Parting" was sung at midnight. Many a bright vision of usefulness and happiness came to the hearts of the admiring throng, for those who had just entered upon the world, and they were the bearers of wishes and hopes that,

"In the world's great field of battle. In the bivouac of life,"

they might be shining lights in their generation to illumine the existence of many others, and that, in fine, they might be the possess-

Their fairest earthly crown, the wreath that twines, But those pure Altars, those perpetual Shrines, Whist grace and gladden all our Saxon Homes."

D. C. R. For the Express.

Examination at Olin-

The Annual Examination of Olin High School commenced on Tuesday the 24th inst. Quite a number of visitors were in attendance. among whom were the patrons and friends of the institution, giving unmistakeable proof of to put his life at hazard at every stage, ment, and of course I trust to the the deep interest which is felt, by some at least, in this hitherto afflicted nucleus of education. The attendance of the writer was somewhat interrupted by the cares of life, but we heard most of the classes examined, and we hazard nothing in saying that we never only equalled by the smiling landlord, generally better (we had almost said as well) of the government, or state authorities ply say that the students, with but few ex- wretched country can bear ample tes- Englishman, who were in the same diceptions, gave proof of the fact that they had timony. been students indeed, and that their instruc- Some years ago, having business bers, killing one and wounding two. tion had been of the very best order.

of the Societies, of their own choosing, met | ior of the country to the northward, I | tunately injured none of our party.' on the rostrum in challenge declamation .- met with several thrilling adventures, Modesty forbids my awarding the victory, which I have recorded for the benefit ed I. 'You were not robbed on that but, in justice to both, I will say, (and I think of whomsoever may take an interest occasion, I suppose? selves, did credit to their noble institution, the narrations themselves.

too frequently an inducement to indolence— school and the audience in a very affecting been my companions from Vera Cruz have acknowledged that firm resistance By a simple stratagem she had ob- dread they had of my still undischar- hotel, on foot, a figure muffled to the honor, and, in after years, it is in both sexes, Mr. Clegg then arose and addressed the furnishing the agreeable but fatal conscious- manner. He told them that circumstances took leave of me, this being the end of put them to flight at once.' ness of having won a name already. Such compelled him to sever his connexion with their journey in that direction, but quisition of any distinguished honor. A life- ces, and disappointments in Western North forward, whom, to my agreeable surmanently worthy, and he or she whose mo- the benefit of his prayers and kind regard as lady, some twenty years of age. tives are deepest and purest, and whose aspi- caused the tears of sympathy to mount from rations are highest, will reach, through those the hardest heart and flow from every eye. He long years, the desired goal, even though the then informed the friends of the school that less gifted may run well with them for a short | the services of his worthy assistant, Mr. Mertime. How many check their lofty aims ritt, had been procured as principal in the fuwhen only the budding is attained! How ture, and recommended him most heartily to

toil up the hights "where Fame's proud tem- The Rev. N. F. Reed responded to Mr ple shines afar," if only the first and feeble Clegs, in a few well-timed remarks, on the eminence be reached. "Life is real, life is part of the audience. He presented Mr. C earnest," and the man or the woman whose with the well-wishes of the audience, and insoul longs for sa higher atmosphere, must voked upon him the blessing of Deity-to manifest, amid the rough realities of life, their which the audience responded with an earn capacity to labor and to wait for the reward. est, heart-felt " Amen." Thus closed the ex-

be gold in the eyes of many, and it may be And now for the party. About 8 o'clock, regarded by them as the coin which can pur- the school building was lighted from ground chase the fortunes of existence, but the brave to garret, and the fairy forms of light-hearted ask no yeard honors, and wish only the shield maidens, led by gallant beaux, were wending of true steel to defend them while they strug- their way to the party room in the third story of the school building. All seemed to be These remarks will, doubtless, bear the joyous and happy. Not a discordant note his varying fortunes and his ultimate happi- uries, and which did much credit to the young

crowning glory; then, appropriately, came | John F. Hughes, Esq., has issued propos-

VISITOR.

Poetry.

Live for Something. BY CHARLES SWAIN. Live for something, be not idle! Look about thee for employ! Sit not down to useless dreaming-Labor is the sweetest joy. Folded hands are ever weary, Selfish hearts are never gay. Life for thee bath many duties-

Active be, then, while you may Scatter blessings in thy pathway: Gentle words and cheering smiles Better are than gold and silver. With their grief-dispelling wiles. Ever on the grateful earth, o let sympathy and kindness Gladden well the darkened hearth

Hearts there are oppressed and weary Drop the tear of sympathy;
Whisper words of hope and comfort,
Give, and thy reward shall be
Joy unto thy soul returning
From this perfect fountain head,
Freely, as thou freely givest,
Shall the grateful light be shed.

Miscellaneous.

The Beautiful Decoy.

bution for los caballeros deloammo (the propitious.' knights of the road,) who, in the event 'And you have really been robbed of finding you prepared and willing, on your journey back and forth?" will make their levy with a politeness inquired. thorough examination than most of the class- for last night's entertainment. Why country! she laughed. es to which we had the pleasure of listcuing such systematic boldness of robbery is 'And you expect to continue a reed similar exercises where the classes were at least with rarely any interference your life? qualified to stand the test of such an exami- -is one of those mystical matters I hope to be always prepared.' nation. They seemed to be as familiar with which among many others so puzzles 'And your fellow travelers,' said I; household words. I might truly say a great ers, but that such is the disagreeable resist these unlawful acts?"

which first called me to the capital of On Tuesday night, five members from each Mexico, and thence through the inter-

and gratified their friends. This part of the The first of the series occurred on back and forth, both were killed, sepexercises, as well as the preceding, was inter- the route between Vera Cruz and the arate and at different times, near the spersed with music by Miss Tucker and her city of Mexico. In the regular diligen- same spot. You see those crosses by class, which was the admiration of all prescia running between the places just the side of the road, Senor?" ent. Miss Tucker is favorably known as a mentioned, I had taken passage, and 'I have observed them frequently, teacher of music, and her class at Olin forms had passed through the beautiful city but here they seem to be much more another laurel in her wreath of distinction. of Jalapa, and entered the gloomy numerous,' I replied, looking forth At 11 o'clock on Wednesday, the Annual town of Perote, without meeting with from the vehicle. Sermon was preached by the Rev. II. T. Hud- any unusual incident, though being 'Each stands on the spot where some son, of the North Carolina Conference. It was continually warned to be on my guard one has met a violent death,' she reof the man and the circumstances under gers took leave of me, very solemnly theirs.' which it was delivered. May be long live to assuring me that, if assailed by the 'Do you know,' said I, 'that I am bles you might have to spare!' two Societies re-assembled on the rostrum to and suffer myself to be generally plunexcept the usual report. Some may regard renew the conflict, by reading compositions. dered, than to run the risk of having ed; 'you are not in earnest, Senor?' who regard it in its true light. The acquisi- swelling music, struck by gentle hards and somewhat boldly proclaimed it was my . You would only bring certain death to ascertain the exact condition of The next moment I was dashing a- not how to do. He wanders hither tion of a high position in a class, however sung by rosy lips, continued their hostilities intention of doing. I thanked them for upon us both. sim at the same standing in the world. There torious and bore away trophies which nothing take the matter into serious consider-

ascertained her name to be, was indeed me I am not a bad marksman. one of those rare beauties seldom met with except in works of fiction-tall, graceful, with a profusion of long, black hair-soft, clear, melting dark eyes-features as perfect as ever came from the hands of the sculptor, and lence.' with an animation the most fascinating, varying in expression with every changtown, I took the liberty of opening a

dangerous one to travel.

'There is little to fear,' she replied, with a sweet smile and in a melodious tone, 'except from the professional robbers, and they seldom harm any one that makes no resistance.'

'It seems strange to me,' I rejoined, that you Mexicans should take such things as a matter of course, and deem resistance a very impolite way of treatboldly asserting your rights and abating the evil by a manly spirit of resistance. For myself, I must consider it of the ladrones, and upprepared to

treat them to their just deserts.' 'Every traveler, Senor,' she re-

it is natural he should value his life highly, it seems to me natural that he should pay a certain sum for positive will accept one of them it is at your of yielding tamely to this outri fe was clie of Napoleon's staff. He was a safety rather than put that life in jeo- service.' pardy. For instance, in traveling from You are very kind, Senor-but can resolved to put the least favora le op- devoted to his profession, and brave Vera Cruz to Mexico, if he will first I fire it?' reckon that so much is the fare by the diligencia, and that so much will be one of my revolvers, I explained to required for entertainment on the way, her the manner in which it was to be producing one that held severa gold had followed the drum and bugle from and so much for the contingency you used. speak of, he will then have the exact cost between the two points; and if he half a dozen times? will look at the whole as the sum total robbed by any one party more than rita. another.

ness, but does not tally with the pre- other, you say, like this?" conceived idea of us foreigners.' 'But every one,' replied the fair

toms of the country he visits.' this highway robbery? and have you

'Well, Senor, what can I do? I am, It is well known to all in any degree as you perceive, an unprotected lady; familiar with the history of Mexico, who, for certain reasons, am required that a regular system of highway rob- to make the journey between Perote bery exists in every section of that and the Capital some twice or thrice miserably governed country; and that a year, and you could not expect me through a want of interference of the to go prepared to resist an armed authorities, this has grown up into band! As to fear, I will not deny such a regular and formidable shape, have my share of that; but, so far, I that every traveler must be prepared have never met with any rough treator be provided with a suitable contri- saints that my fortune will ever be as

heard a class subjected to a more rigid and when he receives your overcharged fare ladrones for my transit through their loud voice, exclaimed :-

on that occasion. Nor have we ever attend- allowed-if not with the connivance, petition of the same for the rest of

'Who knows?' she replied. 'At least

their subjects as though they had been but and perplexes the intelligent foreign- have you never seen any disposed to deal on this point, but, to be brief, I will sim- truth, every traveler through that Once, Senor, an American and an

> 'And did the robbers fire back ?' 'Yes, but fled immediately, but for-'As I should have expected,' return-

and visitors was invited to enjoy the Concert all who were present will acquiesce with me,) therein, omitting only the dates, they We were not, Senor; but the two that the declaimers fully sustained them- being non-essential to the interest of foreigners subsequently paid dearly for their resistance: for in journeying

a noble effort, abounding with proofs of deep against the dangers of the road. At joined; 'and as we go along, we will historical research, intense thought and sound Perote, where we halted for a relay call our attention to those which mark are treated as a brave man should be, ted into the saddle. One more gance fore; he was already in love. logical reasoning, and was every way worthy and refreshments, all my fellow-passen- the places where the foreigners met

advise and admonish the youths of the land. ladrones, or robbers, it would be much resolved to emulate their example, let At two o'clock the belligerents from the better for me to take matters quietly, the consequences be what they may?' the beautiful Senorita Paula Valerde weapons to bear upon me.

At Perote, I repeat, all who had as well as advance—and you yourself make their work sure, without risk.— me hot pursuit but for the wholesome One night, just after he had left his

periods of labor, also, are too brief for the ac- the school. He spoke of his labors, sacrifi- there was one new passenger to go them, Senor, and you are only one.' and her discharge of the pistol as if where, it is almost needless to add, a time of toil and anxiety can give what is per- Carolina; yet he gave us such assurance of prise, I found to be a beautiful young revolvers, which, in two good hands, that all was secure. amount to some ten or a dozen shots, I acknowledge myself conquered by sold my captured mustang and trap-

'Ah! Santa Maria! you will think Then turning to the robbers, who sents, and the next day saw me in inbetter of this, Senor-the very idea of had now collected in a body, in front side passenger of the same dili ence,

resistance terrifies me!" 'But not the idea of robbers?'

'Because I have never met with vio-

ilar strain for some time longer-my country, all I have is yours." fair companion gradually changing the The leader of the party bowed po- that journey I have not forgotte;; and may be a trick," reasoned Eugene A glance at her bewitching dark eyes subject, and sceming much interested litely in return, and said, with a grim during the remainder of my say in Merville, "but I have no fear of pershowed me that she was one who was in myself. I learned that her family smile:naturally of a social disposition, and name was Valerde, that she was unas we rattled away from the gloomy married, that her father and brother to receive anything which so distin- fidante, or of getting possession of my self. between here and Mexico is a very history, business and prospects, and glance put me in possession of the The wheat, corn, and out crisps in

where it first opened.

part in my defence, since my risk of their feet, holding their mustangs by The Delta says that Mr. J. Sears, danger will be as great as yours.'

'If I had the means, Senor.' 'I have two pistols,' said I; 'if you singly between numbers; but the idea

'With ease, Senorita; and producing to the strongest test.

'And this you say, will shoot some the ladrones.

of his journey, he will not seem to be charges out of six will explode, Seno- with a polite bow, and chinket the deed which transpired on the battle-

'A very formidable weapon, indeed!' 'That,' I replied, 'may be, I believe she replied; 'and with such I can al- ceptable to your friend," I add d, as loved him like a brother, and taught is, the Mexican mode of doing busi- most fancy we are safe. You have an- I quietly removed it from the coson him all that his own good taste and

I produced it. speaker, 'should conform to the cus- observed, reaching over and taking it mond ring I trust you will retain as a and young Merville found himself at from my hand. Then extending her keep-sake," I continued, drawing the the masked ball in the French Opera 'And do you then go prepared for hands, one revolver in each, she con- jewel from my finger and prestnting House. Better adapted in his taste no fear in thus journeying by yourself? almost count himself safe against a Senores," glancing at the Secorita but little with the gay figures that covhost! You say this is fired in this man- Paula, who, with my pistols still in her er the floor and joins but seldom in the ner?' she proceeded, cocking one of possession, was quietly standing in the giddy waltz. But at last while standthe weapons as she spoke, and point- diligencia, regarding the whole pro- ing thoughtfully, and regarding the ing it toward the road.

discharge it!'

and one of the barrels exploded with a you perceive, with diamonds will convinced all that her face and mind sharp report. A minute after, and your ladyship honor me by accepting must be equal to her person in loveli while I was gently chiding her, we this, as a slight token of my agard ness. heard a loud, quick tramp of horses, for the pleasure afforded me by your and several sharp, rapid exclamations. company and conversation?" The next moment our conveyance was "You are a very gallant genth man, the manner of the white domino that I stopped suddenly, and we saw our- Senor," she laughed, taking the top re- pather repulsed the idea of familiar I think I have paid my share to the ten mounted men, one of whom, in a ing the other.

> 'Yield, you prisoners, or die!' my hand; 'quick! in Heaven's name! give me one of those weapons, for now is the time for decisive action!'

'Nav. she replied, putting the weat to pick it up. pons behind her, 'you will be too hasty. Let them suppose we yield-let them open the door.'

'O, no! it will then be too late!' ligencia with me, fired upon the robthemselves to my view.

'Quick, Senorita, for the love of myself, I gave a wild, startling yell; God?' I cried, grasping at her arm. 'Hold she exclaimed, presenting one with the quickness of lightning, eized of my own revolvers at my head. 'Re- both weapons, and wrenched there from sistance is useless-you are our pris- her.

'Good God !' I exclaimed, perfectly the party was now the work of moconnected with these bandittid'

turned against myself, and significant- every direction. I had no disposition san?' ly pointing the other to the door .- to follow them, however; another mi- "Ah, lady, your every word con-

'Holy saints defend us!' she exclaimd; 'you are not in carnest, Senor?'
'Seriously so, I assure you!'

"Adois, Senorita and Senors, said overtake her.

I, bitterly, "he laughs best who laughs last."

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"The young French colonel becomes moody, he has lost his heart and knows things inside, and be able to signalize way down the road, the half-tallied and thither, shuns his former places of Say, rather, I should lighten the her associates as she passed along, so robbers pouring after me a volle, but amusement, avoids his military comknights of the road understand retreat manner to conduct themselves, and They would doubtless have followed a lover well can be, thus disappointed. tained my arms, just at the point where ged weapon. As it was, I escaped and very ears stopped him. But there were numbers opposed to she knew the attack would be made; entered the town of Puebla in triamph; But fortunately I have a couple of by accident, was the sign to show them narration of my exploit made me a he-

Senorita.

of the door of the diligencia, I contin- en route for Mexico, where I arrived

Gentlemen, will you permit me to worthy of note. alight and make you some valuable What became of the robbers and We continued to converse in a sim- presents? In the language of your their beautiful accomplice I could nev-

were officers in the army, and so forth, guished a traveter may have to bestow. trusty and unfailing revolvers. and so on; and in return I gave her With this I quietly stepped from the my own name, stated something of my vehicle; and one quick, searching altogether became more communicative whole state of affairs. The diligencia Orange, Alamance, Guilford, Navidthan I would advise any friend to be had been stopped in a wild, gloomy son and Forsyth are looking well, and with any stranger of either sex in a place, and the driver was sitting care- the promise at present is a good yield. lessly on his box, taking every thing The wheat is all in full head. We saw As we continued our journey, the as a matter of course. He might also some fields that were ripe, and some conversation gradually changing from be an accomplice of the robbers, or he wheat that had been cut and shocked. one thing to another, Senorita Paula might not, but in either case there We learn that the crop of tobacco suddenly brought it back to the point was but little hope of assistance from in the Caswell and Rockingham counhim-any attempt of the kind would try has been considerably increased-We are coming upon a dangerous certainly bring upon him a severe pun- in Caswell, it is thought, at least onepart of the road, she said; 'are you ishment, sooner or later. I glanced up third on last year's crop. The late still resolved to defend yourself if as- and down the road, where it wound fine scason was highly beneficial to the between dark, overshadowing trees, crops of all kinds, and was est scially With your permission, Senorita?' but discovered nothing to give me any opportune for the tobacco painters, 'I don't think it advisable,' she re- hope. The robbers, some eight or ten who were enabled to set out their plied, but still if such is your inten- in number, and all well armed, were plants with the best prospects of a good tion, I think it no more than right that collecting around me, part of them stand .- Raleigh Standard. you should give me a chance to take a mounted, and the others standing on

the bridle. Looking upon my case as a citizen and for many years a mer-

ro and a lion, for the time. Here I

what I had disposed of in way of pre-

in safety, without any further event

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The Cavalry Officer.

Col. Eugene Merville was an attarepugnant to my very nature, and I soldier in the true sense of the word portunity for defence and reta lation as a lion. Though very handsome, Will you accept this purse?' aid I, birth—a mere child of the camp, and coins, and handing it to the glief of boyhood, Every step in the line of promotion had been won by the stroke 'Thank you, Senor! you are very of his sabre; and his promotion from 'I think it safe to calculate that five kind,' he said, ashe took it in his hand, major of cavalry was for a gallant

field beneath the Emperor's own eye. "This diamond pin may proje ac- Murat, the Prince of Cavalry Officers, of my shart, and handed it to the gen- natural instinct had not led him to tleman on his left, who received it in acquire before.

'What a beautiful invention!' she the same polite manner: "The dia- It was the carnival season in Paris, tinued: 'Armed like this one might it to a third. "I beg your pirdon, to the field than the boudoir, he flirts ceeding with one of her sweetest ailes, assembled throng with vacant eye, his Have a care, Senorita, or you will "I must not forget this beautiful la- attention was suddenly aroused by the dy! I have here," I went on, it the appearance of a person in a white sat-The words were scarcely uttered, same time producing the artick, "a in domino, the universal elegance of when her fingers pressed the trigger, very beautiful gold snuff-box-sit, as whose figure, manner and bearing

Though in so mixed an assembly, still there was a dignity and reserve in selves surrounded by some eight or volvers in one fair hand, and present- address, and it was some time before the young soldier found courage to

I reached the box towards her, but speak to her. Some alarm being given, there was my hand trembled a little, and fast as 'Quick, Senorita !' said I, extending the present was about to touch her a violent rush of the throng towards fingers, it slipped and fell between us. the door, where, unless assisted, the "A thousand pardons, Senorica, for lady would have materially suffered, awkwardness," I said, as I bent down Eugene Merville offers his arm, and with his broad shoulders and stout Now was the all-important mement frame wards off the danger. It was -the moment of life and death. All a delightful moment; the lady spoke were in a measure off their guard; and the purest French, and was witty,

one quick, furtive glance showed me fanciful and captivating. As I spoke, the door was suddenly that the girl still held my weapon, care- "Ah! pray raise that mask, and rethrown open, and three or four swar- lessly in one hand, with the other re- real to me the charms of feature that thy, heavily bearded men presented maining extended for the prize. I lif- must accompany so sweet a voice and ted the box carefully; but as I aised so graceful a form as you possess."

"You would, perhaps, be disapand as the Senorita started back, I, pointed.'

"No, I am sure not." "Are you so very confident?" "Yes, I feel that you are beautiful:

To wheel and commence firing upon It cannot be otherwise.' "Don't be too sure of that," said astounded; our prisoner, did you say? ment. The first shot, forture tely, the domino. "Have you never heard It is not possible that one so fair and stretched out the chief; and the second of the Irish Poet Moore's story of the lovely as yourself, is in any manner took effect on the one nearest tomim; veiled prophet of Khorassan-how and by the time the third had been when he disclosed his countenance, its 'It is even so, Senor,' she replied sent to its mission, there arose one si- hideous aspect killed his beloved one? with one of her most bewitching smiles, multaneous yell of dismay, and the as- How do you know that I shall not still keeping one of my own weapons tounded robbers began to scatter in turn out a veiled prophet of Khorag-

'You will oblige us by stepping forth nute they might rally and turnsupon vinces me to the contrary," replied and giving yourself into the care of me; and springing forward I grasped the enraptured soldier, whose heart these gentlemen who will see that you the reins of a freed mustang, and vaul- began to feel as it had never felt bebut who will trouble you in the mean around me showed me the Se orita | She eluded his efforts at discovery;

time for any little change and valua- Paula upon the body of the chie, her but permits him to hand her to her laughter changed to grief, and some of carriage which drives off in the dark-There seemed to be no help for it- the scattered cowards bringing their ness and, though he throws himself upon his fleetest horse he is unable to

"Well, monsieur, what would you with me?" asked the soldier. "You would know the name of the white domino," was the reply.

"I would indeed ! replied the off-Senorito Paula, as I subsequently and my friends have repeatedly told being outwitted? said I, bowing to la pings, for enough to indemnify he for cer hastily. "How can it be done?"

"To the end of the earth, if it will ring me to her. "But you must be blindfolded."

"Very well." "Step into this vehicle:"

"Lam at your command." And away rattled the young soldi-

er and his strange companion. "This er learn; but the lesson taught ne on that country no pretty woman ever sonal violence. I am armed with this

But there was no cause for fear, since he soon found the vehicle stopped, and he was led blindfolded into the house. When the bandage was removed from his eyes, he found himself in a righly furnished boudoir, and before him stood the domino, just as he had met her at the masked ball --To fall upon his knees, and tell her how much he thought of her since their separation, that his thoughts had never left her devotedly, was as natural as to breathe, and he did so most

gallantly and sincerely. "Shall I believe all you say." "Let me prove it by any test you

may put upon me. "Know, then, the feelings you avow are mutual. Nay, unloose your arm from my waist, I have somthing more

" Talk on forever, lady! Your voice is music in my ears. "Would you marry me? knowing

'And have you really the nerve af- a desperate one, so far as being plun- chant of Newbern, N. C., we found no more of me than you now do." [Concluded on fourth page.]