

Author of "The Cabin and Parlor."

At the dead of night there was a cry. Fire, fire, fire! ... The mistress of the mansion, awaking to the cry, sprang from bed, and hurried to the door, and began to call her maid...

"Oh! missus, we shall be burned to death, we shall, all of us. The fire has caught the staircase. The blessed Lord show her mercy on us." ... Mrs. Stewart had watched the fire in silence, her hands clasped, and lips parted...

"Fly, he cried, fearlessly, 'this moment, or you'll be too late.' ... The sight of his face reassured his mistress. Juba was about her own age...

"You had scarcely, however, placed his mistress safely on the lawn, before she started up crying, 'where is the baby? ... The servants, we say, looked at each other in dismay. The hall of the house was now all in a flame, the fire pouring through the doorway as from the mouth of a furnace...

J. J. BRUNER, Editor & Proprietor.

"KEEP A CHECK UPON ALL YOUR RULERS."



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"I will go, missus," he said, "don't cry no more."

He looked around, as he spoke, for some means of scaling the second story. There was no ladder and only one staircase, but the bough of an ornamental tree, that overshadowed the house, fortunately held out a means of access to a bold heart and strong arm.

How breathless were the moments that ensued. The flames were spreading with frightful rapidity. The eaves of the building began to smoke, showing that the fire within had reached the roof, and soon after the whole line of them flashed into conflagration.

They reached him, stooped over him, would have raised him. But at that moment, he looked up at his mistress, a triumphant smile breaking over his face, and then fell lifeless back, a "Hallelujah" still trembling on his tongue.

"Kiss me, mamma, do kiss me, I can't go to sleep." The child was so sensitive, like that little shrinking plant, that curls at a breath, and shuts its heart from the light!

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Improvement.—There can be no better sign of the condition of a town than is afforded by the appearance of its buildings. If they are vacant, or old, and dilapidated, and insecure, it is certain that the town cannot be in a prosperous condition.

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Emancipation of the Jews.—We learn by the last arrival from England that the bill to emancipate the Jews was passed the House of Commons by a majority of 51 in a vote of 475. It is reported that the Lords in the Upper House would succumb to the measure, provided the majority in the Commons was over 40.

The West.—We find an interesting letter in the Rutherfordton Banner of a late date, from one of the extreme Western counties of our State, and take an extract.

The campaign betwixt Clingman and Gaither is expected to commence actively at Wayneville. I am much mistaken, or there has been a considerable change of sentiment, west of the Ridge against Clingman.

Cherokee is rich in minerals.—Iron, Copper, Gold and Marble. Silver mines are believed to exist. One was sold in Tennessee, near the line, for \$50,000, a short time since.

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Great credit is due to the Public Treasurer, Mr. Courts, for the attention and labor he has bestowed upon this department of his duties. He has spared neither pains nor expense in laying before American and European capitalists the nature and value of the State's resources, and of the advantages offered in these bonds.

BY AUTHORITY.

LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES Passed during the Second Session of the Thirty-second Congress.

[PUBLIC ACT—No. 84]

An ACT to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and they are hereby, appropriated to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, out of any money in the Treasury and unappropriated, to-wit:

For completion of the repairs of the Congressional Library room, authorized by the act approved March nineteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, twenty thousand five hundred dollars.

For completion of the work of the seventh census, and to prepare the same for publication, twenty five thousand dollars.

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