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A Richmond Man in Luck—"Two hundred and fifty Thousand Dollars Waiting an Owner"—The Heir found in Chicago.

A brief paragraph has lately run the rounds of the press, stating in effect that a fortune of $250,000 was awaiting Dr. Patterson, or his heirs, of Mobile. The full history of the case, the discovery of the heir in Chicago, and the previous experience of that person, afford material for a first-class romance without need of embellishment. We propose to give merely the outlines of the story, which is not less true than strange:

In 1863 a rich widow came to this city from Mobile, and stopped and remained for some time at one of our principal hotels. She was the daughter of Dr. B. F. Patterson, of Mobile, who was once a judge and subsequently became a surgeon in the rebel service. Not sympathizing with the rebellion, she came within the Union lines, and, having converted most of her property into money, was possessed of $60,000 in cash, besides some lands, upon her arrival in Chicago. Of course a widow, young, handsome, and so rich, was the recipient of many flattering attentions while here. With her child, a little girl, as her only companion, she led, however, a very secluded life, waiting for the termination of the war.

When hostilities were over she went to Mobile, found that her father was missing, and no doubt dead, while his estates were almost entirely wasted by the disasters of war and by litigation. Residing for short time at Washington, she became acquainted with and presently married a Mr. D——, son of a well known rebel gunmaker at Richmond.—They were led to try to increase their fortune in the oil regions, and removed to that vicinity. Mr. D——'s investments in the land and in sinking wells were large, but were altogether unsuccessful. The result was that in a very few months they were quite impoverished, and the husband went to the frontier to try to repair his fortunes, while the wife came to Chicago a second time, having upon her arrival hardly sufficient means to sustain her for one week. She was one of gentle blood, and unused to work, but she at once sought employment as an humble seamstress. Some of our clothing house men, being impressed by her appearance, readily gave such light work as she was able to do—preparing neckties, &c. So, with diligence, she was in a few months not only able to provide for herself the necessaries of life, but to employ two or three assistants, and to look forward to the establishment of a more independent business.

Her husband, meantime, did not do well, and proving to be unable to combat misfortune successfully as she had done, he returned in a few months, to be supported by her exertions. A few months ago, however, he got at work in a locksmith shop, (near McVicker's theatre) where his skill as a mechanic soon gave promise of large returns.—The faithful wife often carried his meals to him, cheered him, and sometimes chided him because he prolonged his labors far into the night. He was then contriving a patent skate. We are told, by the way, that the rooms they occupied were curiously adorned. The man was a rebel, and on his side of the house were hung pictures of rebel chiefs and other indications of his sympathies. On hers were a tiny "stars and stripes," Lincoln, Grant and Union heroes. But this humble estate was soon to be abandoned.

Simultaneously with the appearance of the paragraph to which we have made reference, came a dispatch to the lady from Mobile, and another from Washington, notifying her that in her father's right she was heir to the great estate that was as yet unclaimed. The sewing machine was gladly abandoned, and the locksmith threw away his tools. Before this time, no doubt the subjects of these freaks of fortune are merrily laughing over their little episode somewhere in the vicinity of Moblile bay, and with chastened spirits humbly enjoying the goods that have fallen to them.—*Chicago Republican.*

TRANCIENT YOUNG MEN.

Girls beware of transient young men; never suffer the addresses of a stranger; recollect that a steady farmer boy or mechanic is worth all the floating trash in the world. The allurements of a dandy Jack with a gold chain about his neck, a walking stick in his paw, some honest tailor's coat on his back, and a brainless skull, can never make up the loss of a father's house and a good mother's counsel, and the society of brothers and sisters; their affections last, while those of such a young man are lost in the wane of the honeymoon. 'Tis true.

The Boston Post, in an editorial article on Mr. Eliot's bill, takes occasion to reveal the state of civilization in the Northeast:

"Newspaper offices have been mobbed—individuals seized and tarred and feathered, ridden upon rails, and executive influence interposed to shield the culprits from the punishment the court decreed. Robberies and murders have been alarmingly prolific—garroters, bank robbers and burglars have plied their vocation as vigilantly here as in Louisiana, and whith as much impunity; but this is goring a different ox, and Mr. Eliot and his radical friends are not at all alarmed by the fact. The murders all all around us—in Roxbury woods, in Franconia, N. H., in Auburn, Me., speak a depravity the South cannot exceed; while the robberies in New York and New England are unprecedented in magnitude and numbers. If crime be the gauge whereby to decide upon the right of self-government, New England would be in imminent danger of territorialism at once. But it is all a trick—a mere subterfuge to prolong power and patronage in the hands of the Radical party by shutting out one-third of the territory and one-third of the people of the United States from any representation or any voice in its government."

GOOD ADVICE.—John H. Prentiss, in his recent valedictory, on retiring from the editorial chair, which he filled for forty-one years, has the following: "No man should be without a well conducted newspaper; he is far behind the spirit of the age unless he reads one; he is not upon an equal footing with his fellow man who enjoys such advantage, and shows a disregard of his family, in not offering them an opportunity of acquiring a knowledge of what is passing in the world, as the newspaper furnishes the cheapest possible teaching. Show me a family without a newspaper, and I will venture to say there will be manners of ignorance most strikingly in contrast with the neighbor who allows himself such a rational indulgence. Young men, especially, should read newspapers. If I were a boy, even of twelve years I would read a newspaper weekly, even though I had to work by torch light to earn money enough to pay for it. The boy who reads well will learn to think and analyz; and if so he will be almost sure to make a man of himself—hating vicious indulgences, which reading is calculated to beget a dislike for."

THE DIFFERENCE.

The Emperor Napoleon recently received information of the dilapidated state of the tombs of the English officers killed at the battle of Toulouse, in which Wellington defeated the French under Soult, in April 1814. He at once took upon himself the reparation of these tombs, at his own expense, and wrote an autograph letter to Viscount Hood, in which he said: "Soldiers who fall upon a foreign soil are the property of that country, and it is the duty of all to honor their memory." The English have acted no less handsomely in an analagous. The burial ground of the French prisoners of war who died in Dartmoor prison, in the early part of the present century, has recently been thoroughly inclosed, ornamentally painted, and a handsome granite obelisk reared, bearing an inscription—'To the memory of the French prisoners of war who died in Dartmoor. *Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori.*"

Per contra, the committee charged with the preparation of the Federal graveyard at Gettysburg, were exercised about a proposition to blast to pieces a rock on the grounds because it is said that General Lee stood on it at one period of the engagement at that place!—illustrating the difference between loyal people and Christians.—*Richmond Examiner.*

SENSIBLE SUGGESTION.

We find the following sensible suggestion in a Florida paper credited to a Georgia exchange.

'Let the planter take the $150 which he proposes to pay an extra hand, and invest it in manures, judiciously, and he will increase the amount of his crop more than the work of an extra hand. Besides he makes clear above this the board and other extras necessary to the obtaining of hands the present day. Then, take the $200 that he would pay for the mule, and invest in the same way, to say nothing of the harness and plough, and any one can readily perceive the advantage a man would have over his neighbor who uses none of these fertilizers. We are glad to see so many of our better planters taking this thing into consideration, and procure large supplies of guano and other manures. Although the numbers of laborers has decreased by hundreds in the lower count's during the past year, yet the next crop is anticipated to far surpass that of 1865. We trust that they will not be disappointed.'

A large number of counterfeit $20 and $50 greenbacks have lately been circulated in Toronto. They are an excellent imitation of the genuine notes.

The Louisianians who came hither in search of laborers for their plantations, returned home a few days since without having obtained a single man.—*Norfolk Journal.*

PORTRAIT GALLERY.

Mr. Boyer who presented the minority report of the New Orleans Massacre, concluded his report with a brief sketch of the character and antecedents of the leading 'loyalists' of New Orleans. It will seem to show the claim these patriots have on the sympathy of the Union:

"Judge Howell, the ostensible leader of the Conventionists, being a president of the Convention, had been a Confederate office-holder, and as such had taken the oath of allegiance to the rebel government, the exact phraseology of which will be found on page 389 of the testimony.

"Ex-Governor Michael Hahn, prominent leader and orator of the Conventionists, had also been, in the early days of the rebellion, a Confederate office holder, and had taken a similar oath of allegiance. He had also officiated as orator in presenting Confederate flags to rebel regiments when about to march against the Union armies.

"Rufus King Cutler, perhaps the most influential of the leaders, had distinguished himself in equipping, at his own expense, a rebel company, known in the Confederate army as the 'King Cutler Guards.'

"W. R. Fish, a member of the Convention, had been secretary of the 'Southern Rights Secret Association,' a secession society organized during the Confederate rule, and exercising espionage over the movements of Union men. He was, also, one of the committee of extreme secessionists who voted for hanging Mr. Flanders and helped to take him from his house and family and force him beyond the lines, on account of his Union sentiments.

"J. Randall Terry, a member of the Convention, and 'a moving man in the processions and demonstrations' of the conventionists, in March, 1862, at a review of Confederate troops in New Orleans, paraded in a rebel company, carrying a black flag, with scull and cross-bones, indicating no quarter to Union soldiers.

"William Henry Walters, another member of the Convention, raised a rebel company and commanded it himself. R. F. Dannoy, Assistant Sergeant at arms in the Convention, and candidate for delegate, volunteered in the rebel army, fought against the Union at Shiloh, had paid money to thugs to knock down voters and drive them from the polls. He had also been a thug himself; had knocked down a judge in the street, on his way to court, and was accused of murder.

"These men were all prominent among the conventionists. They were political adventurers known to have favored the Confederacy, when it seemed strong, and deserted it when it became weak. Others of lesser note, who had, like them, been rebels when rebellion seemed to prosper, were active in the Convention movement."

THE TEETH OF A HORSE.

At five years of age a horse has 40 teeth—24 molar or jaw teeth, 12 incisor or front teeth, and 4 tusks or canine teeth, between the molars incisors, but usually wanting in the mare. At birth only the two nippers or middle incisors appear.

At a year old, the incisors are all visible on the first or milk set.

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At four years old, the permanent dividers next to the nippers are out.

At five the mouth is perfect, the second set of teeth having been completed.

At six, the hollow under the nippers called the mark, has disappeared from the nippers, and diminished in the dividers.

At seven the mark has disappeared from the dividers, and the next teeth, or corners, are level, though showing no mark.

At eight the mark has gone from the corners, and the horse is said to be aged. After this time indeed good authorities say after five years the age of a horse can only be conjectured. But the teeth gradually change their form, the incisors becoming round, oval and then triangular. Dealers sometimes bishop the teeth of old horses; that is, scoop them out to imitate the mark; but this can be known by the absence of the white edge of enamel which always surrounded the real mark, by the shape of the teeth, and other marks of age about the animal.—*Rural Gentleman.*

The French papers say that a Hanoverian counsellor has committed what may be called hydraulic suicide; and they add that the device, though unknown in France, is common on the Rhine. It appears that this gentleman killed himself as running birds are killed. He placed a stout wad in the pistol, and loaded the barrell with water, whereby, says the French Translator, when the explosion took place the victim perished, and had his head blown off.

It is supposed the Nebraska Legislature will meet on the 20th, and accept the conditions imposed by the Congressional act of admission of that territory as a state.

The following is one of Josh Billings' best sayings: "A man running for office puts me in mind of a dog that's lost; he smells of everybody he meets, and wags himself all over."

NEWS OF THE DAY.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Washington, February 23.—In the Senate a motion to restore the monitor Onondago to Gen. Quintard on his refunding of seven hundred thousand dollars, passed.

The bill ordering disbursing officers to refuse the payment of claims which accrued before the war except on the establishment of persistant loyalty by the claimant, passed.

The House was in committee of the whole on the civil expenses. A numebr of light houses on the Pacific coast were ordered.

Mr. Schofield opposed the further appropriations for the Capitol. He had no idea that the Capitol was going to remain here. He abused the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The appropriations include over a half million for improvements, hereabouts. Also for the survey of the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, a quarter of a million; for the survey of the South Florida reefs, twenty-five thousand; also ten thousand for the marine hospital at Louisville, forty thousand for the removal of the wrecks in the Mississippi.

Section Sixth directs the clerk of the House to select papers in the unrepresented States, not exceeding one in each Congressional district, to publish the treaties and laws at a rate not exceeding a dollar per square of eight lines. The discussion developed the fact that the object was to foster loyal papers throughout the South.

The Paris Exposition.

New York, February 24—The steamer Laurient took several hundred tons of goods for the Paris Exposition.

Report of the Minority of the Carolina Murder Committee—Foreign Ministers.

Washington, February 24.—Mr. Cooper's Minority Carolina Murder Report says: That it is true that Gens. Thomas, Sickles, Wood and Baird say in testimony that the State courts do not administer full and impartial justice, where Union men, soldiers and freedmen are litigants, and that they are not safe. But they, in answer to a direct question, could furnish but one case in Tennessee, one in Mississippi, at Grenada and one in Louisiana, none in Virginia except the Watson case, none in North Carolina, Florida, Georgia, or Alabama. They all testify explicitly that there is no fault with the Governors of the respective States, or Judges of the Supreme Courts or other high officials, or the intelligent well informed citizens.

Gen Schofield testifies that negroes arraigned for crimes are dealt with leniently rather than harshly. The general feeling of the respectable people of Virginia is pity for the freedmen. The report takes strong ground against the policy and constitutionality of the proposed military government.

Messrs. Hall, Sanford, Murphy and Norris, ministers abroad, and Consuls, McMath and Perry indignantly deny the truth of McCracken's charge, that they never permit an occasion to pass to vilify President Johnson and the members of his cabinet.

Vetoes—Speaker Colfax—Frauds.

Washington, February 25.—The President is urged by the *Herald* and *Post* to veto the abominable tariff bill, by the *Tribune* to veto the wretched measure inflating the currency by issuing a hundred million legal tenders to retire the compound interest notes, and by the *World*, to veto the outrageous reconstruction bill.

Mr. Colfax has no opposition for speaker.

The revenue fraud Committee closes their report by saying, that there may be some mention of revenue officers in New York, Philadelphia and Brooklyn. Nevertheless frauds are so universal and gigantic, the morals of the manufacturers so tainted, and the confidence in the local officers so shaken that re-organization is necessary.

Mississippi.

Washington, Febru'ry 20.—Gov. Humphreys has sent a message to the Legislature of Mississippi disapproving entirely of the Southern reconstruction proposition prepared by a North Carolina delegation, similar to that which was introduced in the United States Senate by Mr. Dixon.

Shooting Affair.

Philadelphia, February 20.—This morning as George Ezinger was being taken from the prison to Court for trial, on the charge of assault and battery, and an attempt at rape, he was shot dead by the brother, of the girl on whom the outrage was attempted, just as the former crossed the threshold of the Court room. The brother was named Thaddeus.—He gave himself up.

The Italian papers state that, owing to high winds in the Adriatic, Venice has been inundated to an extent which has never been equalled within the memory of any of the inhabitants.—The Pilazza de San Mark was so flooded that boats and gondolas passed over it, and the whole of the space had the appearance of a vast lake.

SENSIBLE.—The Waynesboro' *Times* says:—"There can be no better time than now to urge upon our farmers the very great importance of their planting a very large corn crop. Let them make a sufficiency of cotton in order to bring green backs into the country, but let them not neglect corn, oats, or anything adapted to our soil and climate that will aid in feeding the people and promoting the growth of domestic animals. Don't depend on making cotton, and then buying provisions with the money from the West, but make your own provisions, and some to sell to your less fortunate neighbors.

Some "American Poet" is responsible for the following:

"How brave a soldier Butler was
Let this one fact reveal,
That even silver spoons and forks
Were worthy of his steal.