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AN ACT OF HEROISM IN PRESENCE

OF TWO ARMIES.

At the battle of New Hope Church,

fought late in May, 1864; an incident

occurred that attracted the attention

and elicited the praise of two gallant

armies. This incident is rather ob-

scurely hinted at, in an otherwise ad-

miration notice of the late Col. Wm.

H. Martin, of the Confederate army,

which appeared in a recent number of

your paper.

In the battle referred to, the Fed-

erals along one portion of the line had

met with a disastrous repulse. The

ground—as is always the case in pine

forests—was covered with fallen leaves.

These had been set on fire during the

action, and the impulse of the Federals

having been sudden and decisive, they

necessarily left their wounded who lay

thick in all portions of the woods, ex-

posed to a more terrible ordeal than

that of battle merely. They were

about to die in the flames, when Col.

Martin, taking the lead himself, order-

ed his men from their fortification,

when with switches they whipped

out the fire. At the same they left

their position, a heavy firing from

the restored Federal line was going

on, but of course this ceased so soon

as it became manifest that the Confed-

erates were engaged in a work of hu-

manity to their fallen enemies.

As we have stated, this act upon

the part of Col. Martin was for a

while the common topic of conversa-

tion into two great armies, and there

are very many who will remember it

distinctly. One who knew all things

deep and true, and sad and strange in

human life, has said that the word

"Honor" is made a lying slave on

many a tomb, while it is often dumb

over the resting place "of honored

bones indeed." That it may not be

thus with Col. Martin, whose un-

known grave is in the sands of a far,

foreign river, we seek, in simple jus-

tice to his memory, to recall a gentle

and knightly incident of his life, which

gleamed out like a star from the deep

murk and gloom of a sanguinary war.

TEA

The physiological properties of tea

are similar to those of coffee. It is

slightly astringent and tonic, and when

used without milk or sugar, is a sim-

ple remedial agent in nausea and in-

digestion; but if sugar is added, it is

converted into a thin syrup, which is

more apt to produce indigestion than

the consumption of many times its

weight of pure candy, since sugar is

more digestible in the concentrated

than in the diluted state. It is a mild

stimulant to the skin and kidneys, pre-

vents sleepiness, counteracts the effects

of alcohol, and reduces the rate of the

waste of the tissues, an action sup-

posed to be due to the theine or peculiar

principle of the plant, the quantity of

which is variously estimated from one-

half of one to four per cent., and

which closely resembles caffeine, or

the principle of coffee. It is also an

aphrodisiac of considerable power, and

the rapid increase of population in

China is, by some, supposed to be

due to its universal use by all classes.

In addition to its other properties,

the Chinese regard it as a preventive

of gout and calculus. It no doubt has

the power of preventing the latter;

but this action is probably due to the

fact that, if water is boiled, the great-

est part of the carbonate of lime it con-

tains, and which would enter into the

composition of a calculus, is precipi-

tated; therefore the drinking of boiled

water would be equally effective in

influencing the prevalence of this dis-

ease. It is also narcotic and sedative,

like opium; and like it, its action varies

with the individual and the dose. To

some it is exhilarating to the nervous

and calming to the vascular system.

In the words of Waller: