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The Start

In married life is generally made on an equal footing of health in man and wife. But how soon, in many cases, the wife loses the start and fades in face and fails in flesh, while her husband grows even more rugged and robust.

There is one chief cause for this wifely failure and that is, the failure of the womanly health. When there is irregularity or an unhealthy drain, inflammation, ulceration or female weakness, the general health is soon impaired.

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FEMALE WEAKNESS

542 1-2 Congress St.
PORTLAND, MAINE, Oct. 17, 1902.

I consider Wine of Cardui superior to any doctor's medicine I ever used and I know whereof I speak. I suffered for nine months with suppressed menstruation which completely prostrated me. Pains would shoot through my back and sides and I would have blinding headaches. My limbs would swell up and I would feel so weak I could not stand up. I naturally felt discouraged for I seemed to be beyond the help of physicians, but Wine of Cardui came as a God-send to me. I felt a change for the better within a week. After nineteen days treatment I menstruated without suffering the agonies I usually did and soon became regular and without pain. Wine of Cardui is simply wonderful and I wish that all suffering women knew of its good qualities.

Wilhelmina Brunn
Treasurer, Portland Economic League

Periodical headaches tell of female weakness. Wine of Cardui cures permanently nineteen out of every twenty cases of irregular menses, bearing down pains or any female weakness. If you are discouraged and doctors have failed, that is the best reason in the world you should try Wine of Cardui now. Remember that headaches mean female weakness. Secure a $1.00 bottle of Wine of Cardui today.

WINE OF CARDUI

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve
For Piles, Burns, Sores.

THE SIAMESE TWINS

A Visit to the Home of These Famous People.

Born in Siam, May 11, 1811, They Died January 17, 1873, Aged 62 Years, 8 Months and 6 Days—Their Dust Reposing in the Soil of Surry County, N. C., Where They Bought Land and Settled Down to Agricultural Life After Touring the World—Married Sisters and Both Have Numerous Descendants Living.

J. A. Crews in Wilmington Messenger.

Having made a brief but very enjoyable visit to Mt. Airy, N. C., I became strongly imbued with a desire to visit the spot where, nearly half a century ago, those physical wonders of their age, the Siamese Twins, forsaking the traveling museum, put the savings of an exhibition tour through the world into many broad and fertile acres of North Carolina soil, and settled down to a farmer's calling, with the ties of married and domestic life.

From my childhood I had heard of these wonderful people, but had had no opportunity of seeing them; and now, when I was in the vicinity of the homestead where they had lived and toiled, married and reared families and passed away, a pilgrimage to the scene was well worth a stay of half a day more.

Capt. Samuel G. Pace, proprietor of the Inn, soon had a horse and buggy at my service, kindly sending his little son with the conveyance to direct and assist me. In less than an hour we had surmounted the succession of wooded hills, forded the Ararat river, and were at our journey's end—standing on the American possessions of this strange pair from the far away Orient, on the doorsteps of the roof that sheltered them in sight of the grave where rests one in the shelter of the beautiful hills of Surry county.

The home consists of a large tract of land—more than five hundred acres—and a comfortable, commodious wooden building, with a brick chimney at each end. I was told that the house is fifty years old, or more, and in the rear is a walled up well of fine water. On the homestead there live now only two survivors of the family, Mrs. Chang Bunker and her unmarried son, Albert Bunker. The latter only was at home, and I was thus deprived of the pleasure, much desired, of seeing the mother, who was a short distance away at church. Her son informed me that, although nearly 80 years of age, she was well preserved, active, and insisted on still performing many of the household duties which had been her habit through many years.

On reaching the gate Mr. Albert Bunker courteously invited me to enter the house, but I asked permission to visit first the grave of his father, fifty or more yards away. It is enclosed by wooden frame work, and at the head is a tombstone, perhaps six feet high, on which is plainly inscribed the following:

In Memory of Our Father,
CHANG BUNKER,
Born in Siam May 11, A. D., 1811,
Died Jan. 17, A. D., 1873, Aged 62 Years, 8 Months and 6 Days.

There are numerous descendants of these two world renowned men—children, grand-children, and I think Mr. Bunker informed me, great grand-children—living mostly in Surry county. Feeling grateful for the privilege of making even a short visit to what I felt to be a noted spot of earth, I returned to the hotel with the pleasing consciousness of having added something to my store of information worth preserving.

For the benefit of the younger readers of the *Messenger* a closing descriptive paragraph will not be amiss. The Siamese Twins were known as Eng and Chang, their bodies united by a band of flesh stretching from the ends of their breasthones, and enabling them to stand side by side. They were bought of their mother at MeKong, a city of Siam, when they were fifteen years of age, and were brought to America by Captain Coffin and Mr. Hunter, after making a tour of Europe in 1829. After realizing a competence by their exhibitions, they married sisters and purchased separate estates, on which they erected dwellings, passing a certain time at each by agreement, which they were always scrupulous in observing. They were comfortable livers and good managers, and were frequently found by visitors threshing wheat in the barn and doing other farm work.

Their lands were productive, but the devastation of the Civil War, paralyzing farming as well as every other industry, straitened them in circumstances, and in the sixties they made a last exhibition tour of Europe. When the fatal illness of one occurred an effort was made to save the life of the other by severing the ligament binding them together, but they died within an hour of each other.

A Purgative Pleasure.

If you ever took DeWitt's Little Early Risers for biliousness or constipation you know what a purgative pleasure is. These famous little pills cleanse the liver and rid the system of all bile without producing unpleasant effects. They do not gripe, sicken or weaken, but give tone and strength to the tissues and organs involved. W. H. Howell, of Houston, Tex., says: "No better pill can be used than Little Early Risers for constipation, sick headache, etc." Sold at Parker's Two Drug Stores.

If that Raleigh congregation is satisfied with its minister, why that is all right, but it should not have tried to make it appear that there was no truth in the report and that he had been misrepresented.—Durham *Herald*.

TWO RELIGIONS.

The Ram's Horn.

I.

A woman sat by the hearthside place
Reading a book with a pleasant face,
Till a child came up with a childish frown
And pushed the book, saying, "Put it down."
Then the mother, slapping his curly head,
Said, "Troublesome child, go off to bed;
A great deal of Christ's life I must know
To train you up as a child should go."
And the child went off to bed to cry
And denounce religion—by and by.

II.

Another woman bent o'er a book
With a smile of joy and an intent look,
Till a child came up and jogged her knee,
And said of the book, "Put it down—take me."
Then the mother sighed as she stroked his head,
Saying softly, "I never shall get it read
But I'll try by loving to learn His will,
And His love into my child instill."
That child went to bed without a sigh
And will love religion—by and by.

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Sets a Good Example.

Charlotte Observer.

In passing a resolution condemning the bringing of unjust suits and in other ways harrowing corporations, the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce has set a good example We talk about equality before the law, and yet it has reached the point in North Carolina when one does not expect a large corporation, especially if it happens to be a railroad, to get justice in the courts. A sharp lawyer can get a verdict in almost any kind of a case, but suppose he should have—as he has often—no ground whatever to stand on, still the corporation is put to the expense of defending itself. An attorney brings a suit for a client on condition that he get a portion of the damages secured. The suit is often instituted in forma pauperis, and no matter how trivial the case of the plaintiff the defendant is forced to the necessity of defending it, while plaintiff and his contingent fee lawyer are at no expense whatever. It is time this matter were being looked at in its true light, and the condemnation by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce of the "unprofessional practice of attorneys seeking such litigation and accepting same on contingent fees" is well deserved.

What is Life?

In the last analysis nobody knows, but we do know it is under strict law. Abuse that law even slightly, pain results. Irregular living means derangement of the organs, resulting in Constipation, Headache or Liver trouble. Dr. King's New Life Pills quickly readjusts this. It's gentle, yet thorough. Only 25 cents at Melville Dorsey's drug store

MORE "HOG AND HOMINY."

How Tobacco Farmers May Avert the Calamity of Low Prices.

Rocky Mount Motor.

The good business judgment of the country is that the tobacco growing belt will not suffer absolute bankruptcy because of the exactions of the American Tobacco Co. The public is coming to believe (and what better tonic than a belief that a brighter day is coming?) that tobacco will rise to a price above the cost of production, so that when at the close of the year our farmer friends come to add up profit and loss, they will find the former to much exceed the latter on the whole transaction. It is believed, also, that some good and very valuable lessons will be learned from the experiences of this year. If we shall learn enough from trust methods to DISTRUST the support and aid they give, to not depend on Chicago meat packers to furnish the meat, or raisers of timothy, etc., in different parts of the country to supply feed, along with the great corn farms of the West and Middle West for our teams, in a word raise on the farm what is needed there, we shall profit immensely by the severe scare we have had this year. This is old doctrine many times preached by the wise men of the country, and those men who have practiced it are in no fear of the sheriff at this time, the poor tobacco crop, the trust and many other things to the contrary notwithstanding. We have no love for the trust. We readily credit them with the most perfect and single minded purpose to get all they can for the least money, in fact others known as "trust busters" are of the same mind. The business management of the country some time ago adopted in practice the well worn rule, "each man for himself and the devil take the hindmost." The sooner farmers, mechanics, carpenters and all the professions learn this and act accordingly the better it will be for them. The way to do this is to have the means of subsistence, aye for a long siege, at our command, and our farmer friends are in a position to do this better than any other class. We sympathize with them; we hope great and good results from the organization they have perfected, but have not hesitated to say much present trouble might have been saved by a closer adherance to Dossey Battle's old rule: "More hog and hominy."

The Genuine vs. Counterfeits.

The genuine is always better than a counterfeit, but the truth of this statement is never more forcibly realized or more thoroughly appreciated than when you compare the genuine DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve with the many counterfeits and worthless substitutes that are on the market. W. S. Ledbetter, of Shreveport, La., says: "After using numerous other remedies without benefit, one box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured me." For blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles no remedy is equal to DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Sold at Parker's Two Drug Stores.

Building and Loan Associations.

Some of the Great Benefits to be Derived From Them.

Mr. Samuel Wittkowsky, President of the Mechanics' Perpetual Building and Loan Association, of Charlotte, Talks to Asheville Business Men on the Subject and Gives Some Interesting Facts and Figures—There is No Institution, Association, Industry or Plan Yet Devised by Man Which is so Far Reaching in its Benefits, so Equitable in its Dealings, so Just and Profitable to all Parties Concerned as a Properly Conducted Local Building and Loan Association.

Special to the Charlotte News.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Sept. 10.—At a special meeting of business men held in this city last night for the purpose of organizing a home building and loan association, Mr. Samuel Wittkowsky, the well known capitalist and business man of Charlatte, addressed the meeting on the great benefits to be derived from properly conducted associations of this kind.

Mr. Wittkowsy's address was patiently listened to and elicited interest and enthusiasm. He said:

It gives me unfeigned pleasure to meet with the good people of this famous city of the West, perched like a beautiful setting on the heights as it were among the many jewels in the untarnished diadem of the good Old North State, and this pleasure is greatly enhanced by the fact that I am here in the interest of a cause which is near and dear to my heart, to which I have for a quarter of a century devoted my best efforts, but for the past twenty years entirely so, to the upbuilding of the Mechanics' Perpetual Building and Loan Association, of which I have the honor to be President from its very inception in March, 1883, to this date. I have labored in the cause without fee or reward, excepting only such as is derived from the consciousness of a duty well performed, and of having to some extent been helpful to my fellow man and leaving to my posterity the heritage of the verdict of my fellow citizens, "Thou wert a good and faithful servant."

This institution is today one of the largest and most successful of its kind in the South; and it has today in force in round numbers 13,500 shares equal in value in matured stock to $1,350,000, and it has 4,500 stockholders. It has handled during this time over $3,000,000 gathered together in weekly stipends of 25 cents per share. This vast sum of money came chiefly from the wage earning classes and every cent of which was consecrated by drops of sweat from honest toil—this vast sum of money was handled by us without the loss of a single cent and at the nominal expense of about ⅞ of one per cent. (exclusive of taxes) and of 2 per cent. including taxes. Now, my friends, if Charlotte can do this, and it is but the history of every other local Building and Loan Association, then surely Asheville can and ought to do the same.

We have at this time loaned out $500,000, of which 75 per cent. is to a class of our people whose combined financial strength could perhaps not have secured a loan from a bank or source other than a Building and Loan Association the sum of $10,000. Where else in the whole economic system of affairs can there be shown such marvelous results? This will give you food for thought for the present, and later on in my remarks I will go more into details as to the practical working of local Building and Loan Associations.

My friends, would that I could invoke some power, if for this occasion only, to give me the magnetic and oratorical gift of him who was North Carolina's best beloved son, your former citizen, the late lamented, inimitable Zebulon Baird Vance; then, and then only, could I hope to present to you the subject with such force and such hues as its importance deserves; then only could I hope to inspire and enthuse you with the same zeal in the cause which my close observation and long experience has given me and my directorate working with me.

I have for over half a century been more or less intimately identified with commercial, financial, benevolent and social institutions, which, while each and all have their sphere of usefulness, and in the main are more or less beneficial to their respective communities, yet I have found no institution, association, industry or plan yet devised by man which is so far reaching in its benefits, so equitable in its dealings, so just and profitable to all parties concerned as a local Building and Loan Association; as there can be neither the dotting of an I nor the crossing of a T in its affairs but that every share fares alike.

In every other corporation the stockholders thereof derive all of the profit and the rest of the community pay that profit, but in the Building and Loan Association every share receives its pro rata of the profits. There has as yet no other scheme been devised by man which has such immediate and direct effect, not only in the permanent upbuilding of a community, but also the uplifting to a higher plane of morals and self-respect and of good and loyal citizenship of that large and worthy class of every thriving community, the "wage earning class." I have often been inclined to believe that the first originators of a Building and Loan Association must have had their inspiration from above.

Now, my friends, as some of you may think that the subject under discussion is a new and untried speculative scheme I will, before proceeding further, give you a succinct statement of the origin, scope and aims of Building and Loan Associations.

It is not easy to assign a given date when and where these societies originated, but some writers assert that they existed in a crude form as far back as the Greeks, during their Republican form of government, and also later among the Anglo-Saxons of Great Britain; but the earliest authentic information that we have is that when a society for the purchasing of dwellings was formed in Birmingham, England, in 1781, and so beneficial and in such favor have they become that England has today perhaps no less than 75,000 such institutions, with a capital perhaps of a billion dollars, and a membership of two million stockholders.

In this country Pennsylvania was the original home for them. The first of these societies was organized in what is now a suburb of Philadelphia, called Frankfort, in 1831, and today over 100,000 homes in Philadelphia and suburbs is the result in that State.

In this country there were in existence in the year of 1902 in the 21 States forming the National League of Building and Loan Associations 5,302 associations with a membership of 1,599,394, and the matured value of the shares was $565,000,000; and if the value of the shares of all of the associations in the United States be considered they will exceed in amount by far the paid up capital of all of the National Banks in the United States (which according to the Comptroller's report up to September 15, 1902, amounted to $665,000,000.)

The State of Ohio alone increased $44,000,000; Pennsylvania, $33,000,000; New Jersey and Massachusetts each $17,000,000; and I might go on and name many other States throughout this Union, but will desist for fear of tiring you; but I presume I have said sufficient to show the importance and magnitude of these institutions.

We now come to our own State. North Carolina has over 40 such institutions, and as most of them are new, I will assume they average only 2,000 shares each, making an aggregate of 80,000 shares, equal in par value to $8,000,000, which is one-fourth more than all of the banking capital of the State. And as statistics show that about one-third of the amount of the par value of the stock is generally paid in and loaned out, it follows that in North Carolina today there must be loaned out nearly $3,000,000, and it is further shown by statistics that the average loan in the South is about $900 each, it follows that nearly 33,000 heads of families in this State alone are at this time obtaining homes through the Building and Loan Associations, and as the average American home consists of five persons to the family it follows that there are at this time 165,500 people in North Carolina made happier and are benefited through the instrumentality of these institutions, to say nothing of the thousands of others which derive benefits from them in an indirect way.

The great aim of Building and Loan Associations is one which challenges the admiration of the most philanthropic. Their aim is to enable men of moderate means to acquire—and who, by no other system yet devised, can so readily, so cheaply, and so surely, acquire—their own homes. Nay, more; it teaches, and to some extent, forces him to save his hard earnings little by little. See the toiling workman as he goes with resolute step and proud mien to the secretary's office and there with hands begrimed with soot (a far more honorable covering than the gloved hand of the spendthrift) and his tin bucket on his arm "a shield entitled to far more respect than the coat-of-arms of idle nobility," deposit his honestly earned money on the counter, its metallic ring making sweet music to his ears, for he knows it has nailed more planks on to what will soon be his own home.

Now, my friends, once again follow me to the secretary's office at the end of a matured series and see the stockholder, (as I have repeatedly seen him) in the knowledge that his home is all paid for and is all his own, and see him with proud and happy feelings carrying the cancelled mortgage to his wife with the, to them, ever memorable sentence, "This is now our own home," and your hearts would swell in unison, as does mine swell with pleasure at the sight.

What word painter could fittingly give expression to the hallowing, elevating and ennobling feeling which must pervade that home on such an occasion?

But this is not all the good that is accomplished by these institutions. They make better and more law abiding citizens, for the very moment one becomes a property holder from that moment also, and in the very nature of things he is converted from what might have been a latent spark of anarchism and communism into a conservator of the peace and a conservative in his votes and actions.

Hancock's Liquid Sulphur should be in every home. It cures eczema, pimples, tetter, ringworms, dandruff, cuts, burns, open sores, dyphtheria, sore throat, and all blood and skin diseases. No home should be without it. Ask your druggists for a book on **Liquid Sulphur.** For sale at The Eagle Pharmacy.

The negroes are going to remain in the South and the thing to do is for both races to make up their minds to get along as best they can together. And but for outside interference this would be easy.—Durham *Herald*.

Distress After Eating Cured.

Judge W. T. Holland, of Greensburg, La., who is well and favorably known, says: "Two years ago I suffered greatly from indigestion. After eating great distress would invariably result, lasting for an hour or so and my nights were restless. I concluded to try Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and it cured me entirely. Now my sleep is refreshing and digestion perfect." Sold at Parker's Two Drug Stores.

Railroads and Taxation.

Pittsboro Record.

The railroad companies will pay a large part of the taxes in this State this year. The total valuation of this property, as recently assessed by our Corporation Commission, is the large sum of $70,716,273.32.

Robeson county has the largest valuation of railroads of all the counties in the State, being $2,825,536.63, besides being the largest county in the State. The Seaboard Air Line traverses the entire length of Robeson and the Atlantic Coast Line runs across it from North to South. There are several local railroads in Robeson.

In several counties the valuation of the railroads is almost as much as all the real and personal property, and in five counties the valuation of the railroads is more than all the real and personal property. There is no railroad in only seven of our ninety-seven counties, and they are Alleghany, Ashe, Clay, Graham, Tyrrell, Watauga and Yadkin.

BEST REMEDY FOR BLOOD AND SKIN DISEASES.

For eczema, pimples, dandruff and all skin diseases, use **Hancock's Liquid Sulphur** In such cases as scale eczema and sores of any nature, when the skin becomes dry and harsh, you should use **Hancock's Sulphur Ointment** in connection with the Liquid. A few applications of Hancock's Liquid Sulphur will cure the worst cases of prickly heat. For sale at The Eagle Pharmacy.

NEW HOPE IN THE SOUTH.

In the Immensity of Her Resources and Ability to Use it.

Baltimore Herald.

Recently we have heard considerable of the progress farming is making in the South. Still more recently we have had renewed assurances of the South's abundant prosperity. That the latter report should follow closely upon the former is obvious. The South's great gain, commercial and otherwise, in the past decade is due primarily to the fact that her agricultural pursuits are being conducted on a scientific plan. Her land-owners and soil-tillers are working after improved methods. The industrious, up-to-date Southern farmer regards farming as a business and attends to it as assiduously as if he were managing a grocery store or a manufacturing plant. There is no idling or trusting to luck. Everything connected with it is put on a practical scale. The result is the average Southern farm is a market the year around.

The indications are that the South will eventually outrank in agriculture the North and the West. It is an ideal country for farming, combining as it does a climate and soil favorable not only to the production of all fruits and cereals indigenous to north temperate latitudes, but to most of those of the tropic belt. This diversity of production places the Southern farmer at the head of the market. He is invincible.

Prosperity the like of which she has never dreamed of awaits the South. Already statistics show that the per cent. of increase of her population is greater than that of any other part of the United States. Her sons are becoming expert agriculturists—which is the wedge that cleaves to commercial greatness.

It has happened to the Raleigh preacher just as it always happens to a preacher when he dabbles in things which do not come within the scope of his calling. When a preacher goes off after matters which cause the community to lose confidence in him he makes a mistake which is hard for him to overcome. Unless the pews are filled by those who have faith in the preacher, the sermon falls upon deaf ears.—Lexington *Dispatch*.

Stomach Trouble.

"I have been troubled with my stomach for the past four years," says D. L. Beach, of Clover Nook Farm, Greenfield, Mass. "A few days ago I was induced to buy a box of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. I have taken part of them and feel a great deal better." If you have any trouble with your stomach try a box of these Tablets. You are certain to be pleased with the result. Price 25 cents. For sale at Parker's Two Drug Stores.

The action of that Raleigh congregation in rushing to the defense of its minister makes one tired. It denies everything and disproves nothing.—Durham *Herald*.

DAVIS AND MILES.

Incident of Thirty-Eight Years Ago Recalled.

Jefferson Davis Now Sleeps Peacefully With the Love and Reverence of His Own People and the Growing Respect of the World for His Character and Principles, While Gen. Miles Retires to Private Life Wounded Deeply in His Vanity, Doomed to Obscurity, Mortification and Humiliation—Is it Retribution?

Richmond News-Leader Aug. 15.

Thirty years ago tomorrow two men were walking side by side on the ramparts of Fortress Monroe. One of them was Jefferson Davis, 57 years old, the defeated, crushed and captive leader of a government overthrown, a country desolate and beaten, the representative of a people's bright dreams vanished and blotted out in their best blood. He was feeble, wasted, stooping and helpless, barely able to walk, compelled to pause now and then for rest, gasping at the free air which he was permitted to breathe as a special favor and after long denial. The other of the two men was Nelson Appleton Miles, stalwart and sturdy, 25 years old, in the very flush and prime of vigorous young manhood, having risen from the ranks to brevet major-general, commander of an army corps, one of the favorite heroes of a triumphant country and a conquering army.

At the order of General Miles, about three months before, on May 23, 1865, Mr. Davis had been shackled. The former President of the Confederate States of America was physically a weak, worn and sick man. He was confined in a fort with great thicknesses of stone wall, with many locked iron doors, trebled lines of armed sentinels and a deep moat with high walls between him and the possibilities of escape or rescue. Yet he was thrown to the stone floor of his cell by four strong young soldiers while guards stood by with cocked and loaded muskets, and shackles were fastened on his emaciated ankles. Thus degraded and tortured, he was kept day after day in a hot, slimy and fetid cell, denied a moment of solitude or peace, with a light blazing in his eyes all night and an armed soldier standing guard over him every moment of every hour. He was denied the commonest comforts and necessities allowed to the vilest convicts in our penitentiary. Private soldiers were given the right to insult him, and it was part of their duty to offend his natural human instincts and tastes in small and large details of life. All this was done by the order of General Nelson A. Miles.

Now after these thirty-eight years Mr. Davis sleeps peacefully in Hollywood, with the rushing waters of the James river singing endless requiem near by, with the love and reverence of his own people for his memory expressed daily in a thousand ways, with the growing respect of the world for his character and principles demonstrated daily. General Miles, after a career of apparent brilliant success, after years in which to do him right, he did good and valiant service for his country, is dismissed from the command of the army of the Union, with scant courtesy, with curt words from his commanding officer, which must sting and rankle in his soul and which will stand to belittle his record all through history. He is wounded deeply in his vanity, a sensitive part of every man, but in him abnormally developed and peculiarly sensitive. There is for the moment some outburst of sympathy for him—or rather simulated sympathy from those anxious to find cause for quarrel with the President. But he is doomed to obscurity, to mortification, to humiliation. We wonder if the memory of those days at Fortress Monroe comes to him in these times of his own disaster and suffering in his old age, and if he thinks now and then that perhaps it may be retribution. Be it remembered, as he knows well, that the torture of the prisoner was Miles' own act and will. He and his friends attempted to throw the shame on the secretary of war, but the documents stand to show that the commander at Fortress Monroe was left free to follow his own judgment and feeling in the treatment of his prisoner.

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