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MISS EUSTACE.

Your hand, that I must stoop to gather it... Miss Eustace.

Months afterwards father and daughter sat together... She slipped her arm about his neck.

She slipped her arm about his neck, and laid her soft, fair cheek against his withered one.

After such an exhibition of good nature on the part of Matthews, I should be ashamed to excuse myself, should I not?

On the threshold of the sitting-room she paused, and, drawing the curtains aside, entered with her light, gliding step.

"What am I indebted for the honor of this visit, Miss Farsworthy?" she said, with cutting courtesy.

"Thank you. I have something to tell you that cannot be hurried over, and I am very weary."

"Miss Eustace stood grave and calmly indifferent in the centre of the room. Her visitor, meanwhile, seemed to be gathering courage for what should follow.

"Miss Eustace smiled gravely. 'Shall I help you?' she said.

than twenty steps away; but because he hated him—had always hated him—when the country rose up and called him guilty my father said no word.

"Wait—wait," said the other, brokenly, "give me time."

"My noble father; I must go to him, I must be the one to break the news; I, who have always trusted in him."

The visitor thus left alone in a strange room, left the last remnant of her courage forsaking her.

"Do not praise me, you can not know how I shrink from coming. No one but I knew at first."

"Yes, yes, and you might never have told; you might have persuaded yourself that your father was raving, but you were brave and honorable. Do you not think I can appreciate true courage?"

"And have you forgiven me?" The tears rose in Miss Eustace's dark eyes.

"What had you to fear from me? I suppose your brother told you what my answer was?"

"Loves you still, but with every thing so changed what can it avail him?"

"I thought of course you had heard. After my father's death we discovered that he contracted debts so heavy, that when they are paid it will be impossible for us to live at Arleigh. I will remain until December, but Roger goes to Australia within the month."

"To Australia, Roger! Does he not mean to tell me good-by?"

"Nothing else?"

"I wash my hands of them, they are a vindictive family, ungrateful and false to the core. To think after all these years of friendship, I should not have been invited to Roger's wedding!"

"Dear Lady Grant, if I remember rightly, you were never very fond of Miss Eustace."

"He alone knew the truth, for he was at Rodney Cliff the day of the accident. He saw the old man slip and fall—saw Stephen Eustace, standing like one in a dream, more

ways loved her, when the rest of us stood aloof and had no welcome for her, he was her faithful friend; she has but rewarded him for his loyalty.

"Oh, that is your version, but there is two sides to every story, the one I have heard is not so creditable. So you were at the wedding, was it a handsome affair?"

"Very beautiful, there were not many guests present, only the family friends. Kitty Daynor and that handsome husband of hers were positively radiant. Why how dark it has grown, I fear it rained; I must be going. Come and see me won't you? I am with Lady Adelaide at Vaneleigh; as you know, I will return to London in a fortnight, where Nelly joins me. You know her engagement to my brother is announced. Rather foolish of them? Well, no, I can't agree with you, they will not be rich, but love goes a long way, my own marriage has taught me that. Don't trouble yourself to come to the door, the carriage is already at the steps. A cool afternoon! Yea, the wind is rising. Good-by."

Peter S. Ney was Very Like the Brave French Marshal. From the Charlotte Observer.

Rev. J. A. Weston delivered his intensely interesting lecture on Marshal Ney at the city hall last night to an audience not at all commensurate with the merits of the lecture.

After a brief biographical sketch of the Marshal, the lecturer proceeded to discuss the execution of Ney. He was convicted of treason on Dec. 6, 1815, and sentenced to be shot at 6 o'clock or shortly after the next morning. The official report says Ney was shot by 60 veterans (doubtless men he had led to victory, said the speaker) in an unfrequented part of the yard of the palace of Luxembourg. He proceeded to within 8 paces of the wall and crying out "Comrades, straight to the heart, fire," he fell dead. His body was exposed 15 minutes on the place of execution, as was customary.

Other reports by eye witnesses, however, show that the body was instantly covered with a cloth and carried away to the hospital. An account by Sir William Frazer, M. P., shows that Ney's own soldiers loaded their own guns and fired at him. While the official report went to show that the face and body were mangled, an eye witness said an officer made a sketch of the marshal after death and that Ney's countenance wore a placid smile. Another body could have been substituted for Ney's after the sham execution, said Mr. Weston.

Because of the lack of space only a little portion of the lecture can be produced by the Observer.

Marshal Ney four days after Waterloo expressed an intention to going to the United States. Peter Stuart Ney told Mrs. Mary C. Dalton, who is still living in Ireland, that he whispered to his soldiers "aim high," as he passed them going to his place at the execution. He left Bordeaux for Charleston and landed there in January, 1816. Three years he was in his hiding and preparing himself to teach.

Every characteristic of Peter S. Ney were shown by Mr. Weston to have been possessed by Marshal Ney. Ney was called by his soldiers "Pete, the Red." Perhaps this was the reason he assumed the name of Peter in this country. His father's name was Peter. His mother was descended from a family of Stoarts.

The iron frame of the greatest of Napoleon's marshals could defy wind and weather. Peter S. Ney commonly made out with four hours sleep. He never sat near the fire. He was too fond of his cup but no drunkard. He commonly drank more after hearing bad news from France.

Peter S. Ney wrote very good poetry. There is no record that Marshal Ney ever did, but that doesn't prove he couldn't. The Marshal played the flute. Peter S. Ney owned and played a costly flute.

Peter S. Ney is known to have had every wound on his person that the great Marshal had, except one on his neck. His acquaintances cannot remember as to that. He had a severe sabre wound on the left side of his head, which he said he received at Waterloo.

Marshal Ney was the best fencer in France; Peter S. Ney the best in America. The latter told Burgess Gaither, of Davie county, that he and Murat used to fence with each other in Napoleon's presence. Marshal Ney could speak English. An expert told Mr. Weston that two specimens of the handwriting of both the Marshal and Peter S. Ney were undoubtedly the same. Both Neys were marked with small pox.

Peter Stuart Ney lauded in the school room at Darlington, S. C., when the news of Napoleon's death reached him. He told Col. Peuj. Rogers afterwards: "With the

death of Napoleon my last hope is gone." He was recognized several times by foreigners as Marshal Ney. One of these occasions at Statesville a German named Larr created a sensation by saying, "There's Marshal Ney." On his death bed Peter S. Ney solemnly affirmed, in the presence of Mr. Matthew Lock and others that he was the French Marshal. He died in 1878 and was buried at Third Creek.

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