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SWEET REVENGE Captain P. A. MITCHEL, Author of "Chattanooga," "Chickamauga," Etc. Copyright, 1807, by Harper & Brothers. ┝┝┉┝┿╔┥╋╋┥╋╋ CHAPTER L

the wound. BUSHWHACKED. arm within 48 hours you'll be in dan-Why he shouled the ger of your life, Keep quiet, and you'll words I don't know, for ia come out all right."

"I must go on at once, doctor." another moment he gave "You'll go part way as a corpse if me one barrel, and before I could raise a finger I heard a click, admonishing you do." me that I was about to get the other. The old lady declared that I should A thin film of smoke floating above the Bot stir out of the house till the doctor fence to the right and two malignant gave the word, the old gentleman bade

eyes peering at me from between the me welcome as long as I needed to stay, rails betrayed his position. Like a flash the young lady who had brought me I whipped out my revolver, but before there said nothing, while the boy look-I could raise it there was another re- ed as if to lose a subject so fruitful of port, and my right arm dropped, be- interest would break his heart. numbed by a charge of buckshot. Seiz-"I'll send a young associate of mine," ing my weapon with my left hand, I said the doctor. "If the wound opens, brought it to a level with the eyes be- you must have attention at onco." "Thank yea, doctor. There seems to hind the feuce and fired. There was a sound of a body failing, and I knew be a great deal of commotion about a supper.

very small matter. I don't care to put Spurring my horse to the side of the so many people to so much trouble." road, I emned my neck over the fence, No one paid any attention to my proand there in the ditch lay the bash- test, all busying themselves to make whacker. His hat had fallen off and me confortable. Pillows were laid be- taking her efes off me she began to apleft bare a head of red, shocky hair, neath my head, a silk quilt was thrown proach by slow, very slow, steps, 1 In his belt was his revolver, beside him over me, and a stand with a silver bell a shotgun. His body, clad in "butter- on it was placed beside me that I might bird. nut," lay on an incline, his feet in the ring for anything I wanted. All being "Don't be afraid of me," I said. "I water, which flowed lazily past. The satisfactorily arranged, the doctor or-, won't hurt you." sun, shining through budding branches, dered everybody out of the room and

lighted up his face, and I knew that I then departed himself. had seen him before. Indeed, a vivid Apellyon.

MANDS up!"

that I had struck home.

I drew an involuntary sigh. It was my way northward toward Fayette- way. Come and kiss me." not that I had taken a life (lives were ville, Tenn. The plants in the yards | I reached out for her hand. She cheap enough in those days, and he had beside the road were putting forth shrank away, but I gently pulled her sought to take mine); it was not my their buds, the leaves on the trees were to me with my well arm, drew

on northere Alabama. I begged him itatingly. to let me go down and bring back a "Your state?" report of the country, the railroads, its "Tennessee." "East, middle or west?" rolling stock, machine shops, bridges, "East." everything - a knowledge of which would assist in its capture.

But this low cur who had tried to kill information as to my sentiments in the could go now just as well as not." I me-he was at the massacre. With my fact that I hailed from cast Tennessee. paused. I was very weak, "May I own hand I had applied fire to his mis- More than two-thirds of the people of ask you to hand me that glass?" I adderable hut. How had he known that I that section were with the Union. was in Alabama? Had he heard of me "May I ask, sir," said my host, with brandy. during my stay at Huntsville? It had an evident intention of ending all doubt been brief, for as soon as I reached the in regard to the side with which I was town I learned that my enemy was not affiliated, "are you a Union or a Con. me the glass and when I had taken a there and, disappointed, turned my face | federate sympathizer?" northward. Or had the bushwhacker I was about to declare myself an coolness was beginning to britate me.

met me by chance? I did not know. 1 ardent supporter of the Confederacy do not know now. Of one thing I was when my little friend Ethel, who had certain-he was one of my old enemies. visited me on the day I was shot, ap-"There," he said, "if you move that and they would hunt me like a bare. peared in the doorway, her blue eyes I lay for hours unwillingly turning looking straight into mine. Had my over these war horrors as if they were intended falsehood been rammed back

a wheel on which I was obliged to into my throat with the butt of a retread. No one came into the room, and volver it could not have been more ef. you will get up and go on-in other I called no one. Doubtless they wished fectually stopped. Then something imme to be quiet. I was weak and tired- pelled me to turn my glance to Helen.

world might vanish for all me. eyes fixed on me intently.

I fell into a troubled slumber, and "Mr. Stanforth," I said, "you and when I awoke I saw standing in the your family have been too kind for me doorway a girl of 8 or 9 years-a frail, to deceive you. I will not do that, but do so." blue eyed little thing, with her hair cut it would not serve my purpose to desquare about her neck and held by a clare myself."

semicircular comb. She was gazing at "You are an honorable man, sir, who, then to fence with this cool creature, me intently, as children in fairy tales ever and whatever you are!" exclaimed stand on tiptoe and look at the sleeping ogre who is intending to cat them for

"Come in," I said encouragingiy.

She shrank back. But, though she seemed to dread me, she could not keep away from me. . Without for a moment felt as if I were a snake charming a

"You killed him." She pointed like an accusing angel to the opposite side

Cumberland plateau-and was working "Sweetheart, don't look at me that

regret expressed. It was simply a well Mr. Stanforth paused. There was no | had not been in the way. I believe 1

Without noticing the proof of my in-

danger."

"What did the doctor say?"

ued my life." "You don't value your life; therefore

words, commit suicide.

"Then why not declare it?" "Because it doesn't suit my plans to

"Shall I leave you?" she asked, without appearing at all offended.

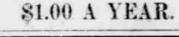
"I don't need your attention." "You need some one's attention. I will have Jackson sit in the hall, where he can hear you if you ring" And she walked out of the room.

CHAPTER III. A DEFINITE OBJECT. 66 A PILL this unlucky wound

and I, who should be up and doing, am caged

like a tiger walking back and forth within the limits of its inclosure." accidental reopening of my wound. My impatience was not without cause. I complete knowledge of the points es-

sential to the capture of north Ala-



bred way of noticing that she had failed to elicit the information she desired. "I should have got on well enough." I continued. "if that confounded stand ed, looking at a tumbler containing

Tribune.

ability to do as I asserted she handed swallow put it back on the table. Her "I have a mind to get up and go on." I said. "I don't believe there is any

"He told me to keep quiet as I val-

"You know very well that it gails me tired in mind, tired in body, tired of She was about to pour a liquid from a to be obliged to impose upon a family existence. If I could only find him, the vial into a glass and had paused, her that has loaded me with kindness without declaring my identity."

I was acting ungraciously, recklessly, and I knew it, but I was in no condi-

never heal? Time flies,

This was my complaint as I paced gather information. I had falled in questions. finding my enemy, but had gained a "Does it hurt?"



starting in the feet or ankles comes from a weak or diseased heart-a heart that cannot keep up the circulation. The blood then settles in the lower limbs where the watery portions ooze out into surrounding tissues causing bloat and swelling. The heart must be strengthened and built up before the dropsy can be cured to stay; and the best of all heart medicines is Dr. Miles' Heart Cure.

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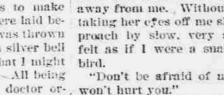
gives new strength to the heart, regulates the circulation, stimulates the digestion and restores health. Sold by druggists on a guarantee.

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DUCK STRIKED INTO THE FOOPL ALS DOVISI face as free from passion as if he had my room one morning shortly after the never been rufiled. He had made several attempts to visit me, notwithstanding that he had been forbidden the had gone south, as I have said, with room. Seeing the coast clear, he sliptwo objects-to find my enemy and to ped in unannounced and began a fire of

> "My arm? Yes, it hurts some." "I'm glad vo' plunked him. "Why do you sympathize with me in-

What a singular transition! Half an of the road, where I had left the body scene in which he had borne a part hour before I had left Huntsville- of my would be assassin. Her voice came up out of the past to fling over beautiful Huntsville, nestling among was soft, but her eves were big with mea cloud of gloom like the wing of an the hills that slope away from the the enormity of my net.



William Morgan and wife, Eva Morla Justice, and others.

The defendants above named, will take notice that an action ontifled as above has (of Rutherford county by the plaintiffs above faceed, George C Justice, as administrator of Samh A Justice, deceased, who, as such admistrator, asks that the hand belonging to the estate of said girl. Serah A Justice, deceased, be sold to make assets, for the purpose of paying lifting my hat with my left hand. door against said estate, and by the of intiffs George C Justice, L A Justice, Justice, William M Justice, W W the road. Daniel and wife, Etla H Daniel, for the purpose of selling the lauds belonging to estate of John A Justice, deceased, for the purpose of making partition and division among the tenants in common cloccased. The said hand belonging to the its glassy, staring eyes. said estate of said John A Justice, deceased, tving and being in Rutherford county, North Carolina, on the waters of Cathey's creek, adjoining the lands of Alex Forney on the east and north, and on the south by the Solomon Geer lands, and on the west by the lands of Mrs. down, sa Morris, and the lands belonging to dress. .

ceased, which is sought to be sold by arterial blood." said administrator, to make assets, lies scribed tract of land, and adjoins the lands above described and consists of about fifty (50) acres, the lands belonging to the essate of said John A Justice, deceased, consisting of about 190 acres.

in Eutherfordton on the 31st day of Ju-ly, 1901, and answer the complaint, of plaintiffs a copy of which will be deposited in the office of the said Clerk of the Superior Cont of said county within ten days from service of this summons, or the plaintia's will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This 13th day of Jane, 1901.

M. O. DICKERSON. Clerk of the Superior Court.

Incorporation.

NORTH CAROLINA, / Office of Clerk of RUTHERFORD COUNTY | Superior Court. Notice is hereby given of the filing of articles of incorporation of the Forest City Telphone Company ; that the names of the incorporators are J. N. Moore, C. R. Simmons, W. W. Poole, Dr. G. E. Young, McD. Harris, J. C. Head, E. J. Barnett, J. F. Alexander, M. C. Padgett, Lee W. Lynch, J. C. Green, A. J. Whisnant, C. J. Young, C. R. Moore, T. L. Sanders, H. L. Hyder, J. B. Long, W. T. Long, L. A. Moore, Ed Thompson, S. B. Tanner, and such others as may associate

and its general purpose and business is brary. I must have fainted, for sud- pistol. A sudden collapse, and I knew side me, began to talk. It was plain to me." tem, to buy and sell, the necessary prop- coming, I found myself in the midst of bered of the massacre. terry, real or personal, the field system, that the duration of the said system, that the duration of the corporation is unlimited, and hence controlled by the general law, limiting the barred of gentleman with pink cheeks. M. O. DICKERSON, Clerk of the Saperior Court.

NOTICE.

narrow escape from death, but an over- opening, insects were awakening, birds down and kissed her. As I touc gan, Mote Turner and wife, Lil-, powering consciousness that the spirit singing-all revived by the rays of the pure young lips with mine the Turner, Charles C Justice, Mary J of war lurked everywhere; that the versal sun. Justice, Mary Justice, Willie Justice, beautiful face of Nature about me- I permitted my horse to drop into a the day they were committed, service served to cover assassing.

> "Is he dead?" which I had been intent, stood a young At any rate, I watched the sun glisten 1 wished-that it had not been neces-

"Where did you come from?" I asked, shoulders, and listened to the singing ing. of the birds with a consciousness that, "There." She turned her head and after all, sometimes it is pleasant to gianced at a house on the other side of live.

"You must have stepped lightly. 1 It may have been something in the didn't hear you coming." restfulness, the security I had felt, in-

Without reply she continued gazing congruous with pestilent war; just as

"Why did you kill bim?" "I will tell you."

contiguous and adjacent to the above de-scribed tract of hund and adjacent to the above de-following, to a side gate. This she There was no name barsh enough as though I was an ordinary person I started up. I was too preoccupied pecially. I tried to unloosen her she called to him:



"Is he dead?" she asked.

face. Beyond all was a dark back- There was one, I had not yet pun- my daughter Helen, Mr. Brander- standing looking at me with a certain some pet rabbits and a nook in the garground of house servants. My coat had ished, one whose punishment I longed stane."

of my mishap, I naturally ex- ber, should have no place in her mind. trust him with the message? There The undersigned having qualified as been removed, and a negro had a tight for more than all the rest-the Confed- Helen inclined her head slightly, and d she would refer to it, perhaps Amid all the turmoil, the runbling of was every reason why I should not do adu matratrix of the Estate of W. E. grip on a bit of wood twisted in a crate officer with the smoking pistol. I raised mine far enough from the Toms, deceased, notice is hereby given handkerchief tied around my arm just I sought for him without success. Then lows to do the same. so except that he was devoted to me cannon, the tramp of men and horses per ous indebted to said estate to come above the wound. A long, thin man I tried to forget him, but whenever I "Mr. Stanforth," I said - there ress some regret. She was think and I had no one else to send. While forward and settle same at once. Also in a rusty suit of black came hurrying remembered that beloved figure flee- gratitude both in my voice and in per ling of an entirely different matter. bushwhacking, skirmishing, battles, I was deliberating Lib came in, surparcies having claims against said estate are required to present the same daly in with a leather case in his hand and, in whipping out his instruments, began in that sinking away before the blight of that beloved figure nee-ing to me for protection, that tremor, whipping out his instruments, began in that sinking away before the blight of that sinking away before the blight of that beloved figure nee-set the same daly ing to me for protection. That tremor, whipping out his instruments, began ing to me for any service. prised him, dragged him out of the out of place. Her mother came in presout of place. Her mother came in pres-ently and took her away, fearing that I heard footsteps on the verauda. syment on or before 10th day of Jn. the work of picking up a partly sever- death, I would start again on my long You have placed me under an obliga-"You overheard?" she would annoy me. I was loath to then in the hall, then ascending the Ix, 1502, or this notice will be pleaded ed artery. He first took out a plece of hunt I joined the army it is "Yes." tion which"-"You have a right to require me to part with her. No healing balm had staircase, as of people carrying a burin har of recovery on claims not so my coat sleeve, which had retarded the war's greater horrors might for a time "Tut, tut! You know our southern customs-we are nothing if not hos- disclose my affiliations in the great been applied to my wound so soothing, den. The door had evidently been shat presented. This July 10th, 1901. hemorrhage and doubtless saved my enable me to forget my feud. All went well till I heard of him. He was at pitable. You are a southern man, of struggle in which we are involved, but so grateful, as was her prattle to my ADORAH TOMS, Administratrix life, then a half dozen shot, did some Huntsville. I burned to reach him. course?" of W. E. Toms, deceased. fevered brain and chilled heart. my private griefs"-TO BE CONTINUED. stitching and then carefully handaged MBrayer & Justice, attorneys. Ora manageal was easting coverance aves "Of course." I'snoke the words hes-"I ask, your pardon." There was no They had scarcely left me when

of which I had been thinking, vin-

Munie Justice, Arabelle Justice, Manil- frees, fences, bushes, everything-best walk. A pleasant languor stole over to move far from me, like a retreating Mr. Stanforth warmly. "It may be after finishing my military mission, I This was too much for him to exme, replacing a bitter mental turbu- storm muttering in the distance. And sometimes necessary to withhold con- might still wish to continue my search plain. I could see that he had conceivlence which had been ever present with somehow, with this bit of henocence in fidence, but never to lie, sir. Keen for my enemy. Besides, there were ed an admiration for me, but he could Startled at the sound of a voice, I me for months. Perhaps it was the my arm, my beard brushing her cheek your secret; I shall not trouble you for other contingencies, such as arrest or not tell why. beer commenced in the Superior Court glanced aside. There, leaning against genial warmth, the balmy air; perhaps looking into her mild eyes, it seemed as the fence, her arms resting on the top an absence of war scenes with which if there had come a patch of blue sky. part in the national dispute." rail, gazing at the disagreeable sight on I had long been familiar; perhaps both. and I wished-yes, strangely enough.

on the dewdrops, felt its rays warm my sary for me to shoot a man that morn-

CHAPTER II. INCOGNITO.

Then came an unaccountable sinking. HESE kind people with whom I was lodged persisted in considering me always in danger. his daughter sternly.

at the body of the bushwhacker. I, too, amid the luxurious foliage of the trop- times within reach, a stripling of a he said, "sacred above all others, it is trust the message, and heirs at law of said John A Justice, looked again at the opturned face, with ics one feels that behind every leaf and medical graduate must sleep in the the right of hospitality. Mr. Brander- I chafed till I had exhausted my small flower lucks invisible fever. Suddenly same room with me, the old gentleman stane cannot be forced to divulge his store of strength, then threw myself the shots rang out; then came my reply was constantly coming into the room opinions."

But I did not tell her then, for as I at the dead bushwhacker; then my wife was as tender and motherly as if papa?" spoke I felt something warm trickling entry into the house, and now I was I had been her own son. Even the "While our guest he has." over the back of my hand and, looking lying on a comfortable lounge an ob- servants vied with each other in wait- "Mr. Stanforth," I said, "your daugh- held in her hand a bouquet of flowers down, saw blood dripping upon her ject of tender solicitude on the part of ing on me, and when anything was or- ter is right. No man should remain un- which, it was easy to see, she intended people who, from being strangers, had dered for me with haste unusual to der the roof of one who has succored for me, but needed encouragement to the estate of said Sarah A Justice, de- "Come into the house, quick. That's suddenly become very dear friends. the negro they scrambled to see which him without revealing his identity offer. I finally induced her to do so But suppose they knew me-that I one would bring it. Only the girl who when it is called for. May I ask you and to admit that she had been out a Seizing the reins, she led my horse, I was a renegade, a traitor to the south. had brought me there came and went to order my horse?"

opened, and we went up to the veran- among Confederates for those of their with an ordinary wound, to be treated to notice the stand beside me covered tongue, to induce her to confide in me, da. Catching sight of a colored boy, own people who were not with them, in an ordinary manner.

and all who were not with them were All this attention and sympathy tried to alleviate my confinement, and mained shy, and there was ever present "Well, perhaps it was because my ex-"Mount quickly and ride for the doc- against them, and doubtless these new vexed me beyond measure. What right struck my arm at the very spot where that awe she had shown before of one And the defendants will further take tor! Tell him a man has been shot, found friends were all Confederate had I to accept it-I, a Tennesseean, in | I had been wounded. notice that they are required to appear an artery cut, and a life is in danger." [Sympathizers. The bush whacker could arms against the south, in search of a A shiver passed over the father; the before the Clerk of the Superior Court | 1 had a dim image of the boy tearing tell no tales. 1 was thankful for that, Confederate enemy? Yes, and more- daughter gave an involuntary start. I asked. for the county of Ratherford at his office down the road, and, tottering into the for he had known me well. The was I not the bearer of information My coat, which had been thrown loose. She made no reply, casting down her thought of him took me back to that that would enable the hated Yankee to ly over my shoulder, had become dis- eyes at my brown hand, which held her rabbit once, but that's purty small night of horrors. I was again at the swoop down on this fair region and re- arranged, exposing the arm, upon dimpled fingers. head of those Tennessee Unionists en- claim it for the Union? The least sus- which every eye was turned. Both Mr. deavoring to lead them to a haven of picion of my true character would turn Stanforth and Helen bent forward in. obliged to fight," I continued. "These when I'm 16." safety. We were near the Cumberland the devotion lavished upon me to con- tently. We were congratulating our- are wartimes. There are a great many gap. One more day and we should be tempt. My very life would be in dan-selves that no damage had been done soldiers in the land who think nothing The boy dropped behind a sofa. An cl at Camp Dick Robinson, where we ger. Pooh! What cared I for my life, when on the white shirt sleeve ap of killing one another." should find Federal troops. Then the except that I dreaded to go to my long peared a spot of bright red blood. attack. By the flashing of guns I home detested by those who had suc- "Jackson, run! The doctor! Quick! could see their faces, and here and cored me. Besides, the information I Tell him the wound has opened!" there recognize a neighbor-men beside possessed-information of vital impor- I sank back on the sofa. Mr. Stanwhom I had lived for years, and whom tance to the Union cause-must be car forth began running about wildly; Mrs.

down. There was one dearer to me evening, and I was reclining on my mouths. than all besides. Through the dark- sofa looking out upon the beautiful "Papa, your handkerchief." and found refuge in my arms.

done this last, this crowning atrocity. been thinking, wondering what kind of after to what I tell you, sir."

expiration of corporations in North Car- a towel in one hand, a decanter in everything they possessed - passed away with us three days, sir, and we don't clina; the capital stock is \$1,625.00 with the other, was bending over me. A boy in black spark spangled clouds, which know even your name." privilege to increase to \$10,000.00, divid- of 12 with a toy gun was staring at me, shot upward as if to carry vengeance "Branderstane, John Branderstane, I "I will relieve you, doctor," she said et in shares of the par value of \$25.00. while the girl who had brought me to the very heavens. These men had am equally ignorant to whom I am in- quietly. there looked on with far more interest made my life a waste; I had made debted for all this attention."

pathizer?"

"But I do, papa."

"Helen!"

he is with the Yankers"-

it. I am merely a citizen and take no illness, which needed to be provided "What did he try to kill yo' fo'?" he

general's favorite scout should be at I looked at Helen. She was regard. Huntsville on the morning of the 1st ing me earnestly. "If this gentleman is of April to receive any communication with us," she said-"us of the south- 1 might find it necessary to transmit. he need not fear to declare himself. If . If 1 were prevented from meeting him, 1 was to send a messenger and had devised a code of signals by which he There was an uncomfortable silence, might be recognized. The appointed during which Mr. Stanforth regarded day was drawing near, I was not able

to keep my appointment, and there was A doctor must needs be at all "If there is one right in the south," no one at hand to whom I could in-

to the girl standing beside me looking to ask if I wanted anything, while his "But has he a right to conceal them, and. like a soft ray of sunlight break-

with books, with which I had vainly but in spite of all I could do she re- asked.

Stanforth entered in wonder; the serv-

ate cavalry. 1 felt the figure 1 held had been in use during the day. Sud the bleeding stopped at once. quiver and slip through my arms. 1 denly the door opened, and my host en- "Now, see here," said the doctor when moaned and kissed the white lips; then, tered. I saw at once by his expression he had arrived and repaired the damlike lightning, the wild beast jumped that something had occurred to put age, "you've had a close call, sir. Perwithin me. I looked up to see who had him on his guard, or perhaps he had haps you'll pay some attention here- he shot through the door by which the 'plunked' my enemy? Is that your

A Confederate officer sat on his horse person he was harboring. At any rate, "Next time, doctor," I said feebly, looked after him with frightened eyes, place of business is in Forest City, N. C., house, I sat down on a sofa in the li-staring at me, in his hand a smoking he came up and, drawing a chair be-"let me go. My life is of little moment evidently dreading a catastrophe.

to construct and operate a telephone sys- denly, without being conscious of their that I was hit. This is all I remem- that he wished to ask me questions. As I spoke Helen, who had gone out but he was too kind, too generous to of the room for something, returned.

> ly, what to do. Let the others keep : away."

bama and was-carrying it to the gen-"Are you a Union or a Confederate sym- eral on the day I was shot. It had oc. stead of the other? You have only seen curred to me before setting out that, me a few times."

for. I had therefore arranged that the

on my couch. Little Ethel came in

ing through stormclouds, turned my thoughts into gentler channels. She

long while looking for them for me es-

: who had taken a life.

"Don't they?" She raised her eyes, wide open with surprise.

"Of course war is cruel, but-but it calls out much that is noble." "When they kill each other?"

What puzzling questions to come One by one I saw my friends shot A crisis came soon enough. It was flocked in with open eyes and from such untutored lips! I was cast- ral distaste at giving away a fellow ing about for some explanatory reply creature caused me to desist.

when a sudden interruption relieved ness, guided by the flashes and the bills lying to the eastward. The girl Helen Stanforth spoke the words as any embarrassment. A negro boy dash- The woman stood still a moment, but, sound of my voice, she darted to me, with the cool head and impassive face coolly as if she had been at experienced ed into the room, through it and out hearing no sound, humbered out of the was standing by a table rearranging surgeon. With her father's handker. of another door. He was followed by room. The boy popped up from his Then that sudden dash of Confeder- books and bottles and what not which chief she improvised a tourniquet, and the white boy I had noticed on the day hiding place as soon as she had gone. of my arrival, who was screaming:

"Doggone yo? Zac; I'll break every bone in yo' consarned black body!" The words were scarcely out when fugitive had vanished. Little Ethel mammy?"

"Buck."

"Your brother?" "Yes."

"That's habit. He doesn't mean anything by it. But it's a habit that should

be broken." The doctor gathered up his belong- I soon got her quieted, and she prat-"Our name is Stanforth, sir. This is ings and left the room, leaving Helen tied about her dolls, her playhouses, earnestness that I could not den where she kept them. How singu- out hearing any of the questions he et. As she had been the indirect har that war, which absorbed all about continued to fire at me. Why not in-



"Yo', Buck! Yo' hidin somewhar!" said

istence annoyed him."

"What did yo' want to kill him fo'?" "I found it inconvenient to have him shooting at me."

"I'd like to shoot a man. I shot a game. Pop, he won't let me have a "You mustn't dread me because I am gun yet. He says I may have one

> "Buck!" called a voice from the hall. negro woman entered and looke around.

"Yo', Buck! Yo' hidin somewhar! Yo' maw'll spank yo' sho' of she cotch yo' hyar troublin the gemmlen. Come out o' dar! I knows whar yo' air!"

1 was about to interfere, but a natu-

"I thought I hearn dat chile talkin." "I like yo'," were the first words he uttered. "Yo' wouldn't tell on a feller,

would yo'?" "How could I when you are glad I

"Yes; that's Lib." "Nursed you from a baby?"

"Yes, an she reckons she's goin to nurse me all my life." "Is your name Buckingham?"

"Buckingham! No; I ain't got any "Don't be alarmed. That's only & such doggone name as that! My name's

"How did you happen to get that

I contemplated Buck for awhile with-

"'Cause I was borned ther." "Where?"

"Reckon 'tis the same."

"In Buckeye."

"In Ohio?"