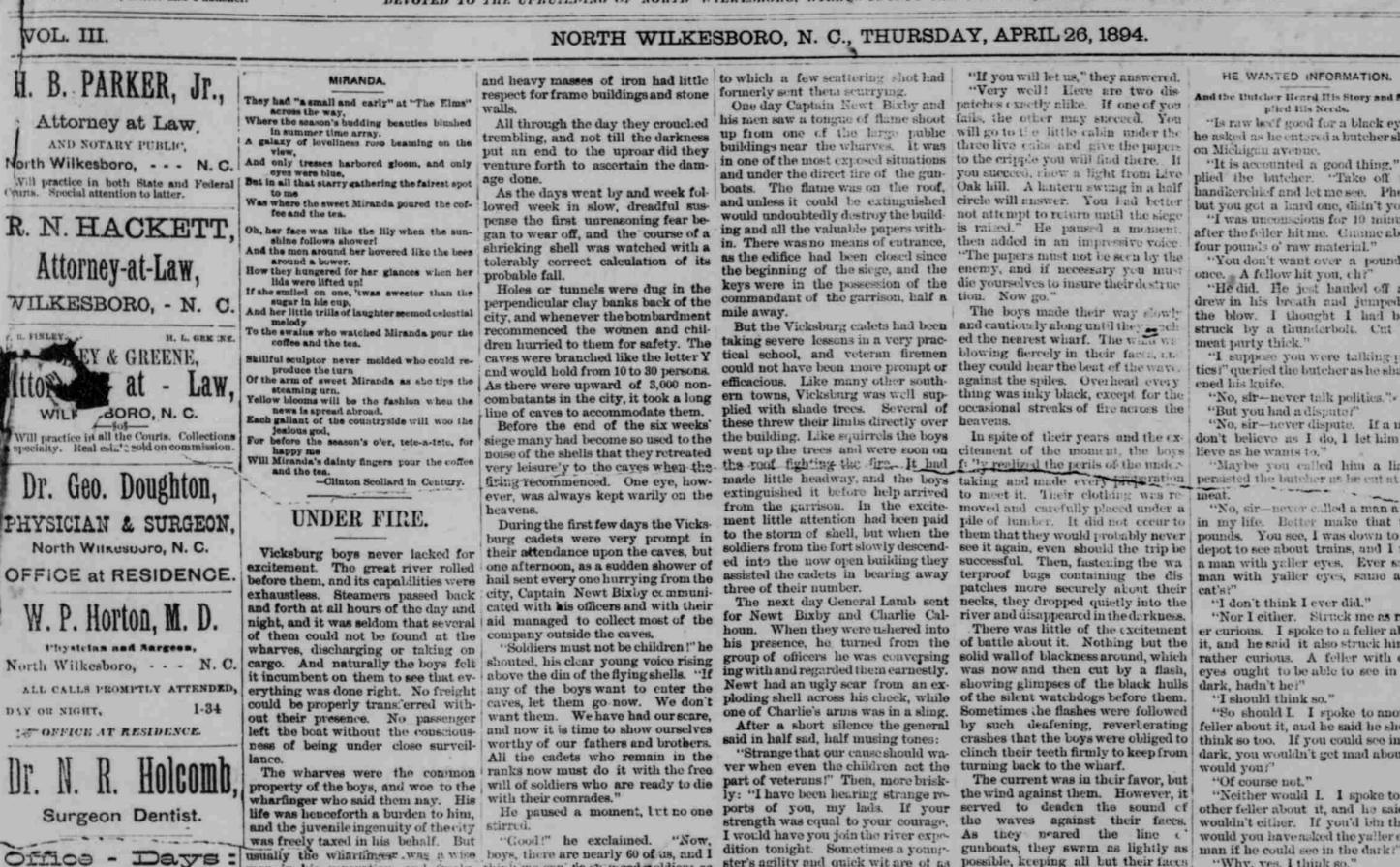
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All through the day they crouched trembling, and not till the darkness put an end to the uproar did they

venture forth to ascertain the damage done. As the days went by and week fol-lowed week in slow, dreadful sus-

pense the first unreasoning fear began to wear off, and the course of a shricking shell was watched with a

tolerably correct calculation of its probable fall. Holes or tunnels were dug in the perpendicular clay banks back of the

recommenced the women and children hurried to them for safety. The

and would hold from 10 to 30 persons.

line of caves to accommodate them.

During the first few days the Vicksexhaustless. Steamers passed back city, Captain Newt Bixby communiand forth at all hours of the day and cated with his officers and with their of them could not be found at the company outside the caves. it incumbent on them to see that ev- above the din of the flying shells. "If

All the cadets who remain in the

heavens.

Before the end of the six weeks'

"Soldiers must not be children !" he

siege many had become so used to the

and heavy masses of iron had little to which a few scattering shot had respect for frame buildings and stone formerly sent them scurrying. One day Captain Newt Bixby and patches exactly alike. If one of you

his men saw a tongue of flame shoot fails, the other may succeed. You up from one of the large puble will go to the little cabin under the he asked as he entered a butcher shop buildings near the wharves. It was three live cake and give the papers on Michigan avenue. in one of the most exposed situations to the cripple you will find there. If and under the direct fire of the gun- you succeed, rhow a light from Live

would undoubtedly destroy the build- not attempt to return until the siegeing and all the valuable papers with- is raised." He paused a moment. in. There was no means of entrance, then added in an impressive voice. as the edifice had been closed since "The papers must not be seen by the

commandant of the garrison, half a tion. Now go." city, and whenever the bombardment mile away.

But the Vicksburg cadets had been and cautiously along until they such taking severe lessons in a very prace ed the nearest wharf. The when we caves were branched like the letter Y tical school, and veteran firemen blowing fiercely in their facts, the could not have been more prompt or they could hear the beat of the wave, As there were upward of 3,000 non- efficacious. Like many other south against the spiles. Overhead every ened his knife. combatants in the city, it took a long ern towns, Vicksburg was well sup- thing was inky black, except for the line of caves to accommodate them. plied with shade trees. Several of occasional streaks of fire across the these threw their limbs directly over heavens.

noise of the shells that they retreated went up the trees and were soon on citement of the moment, the boys lieve as he wants to." very leisure'y to the cayes when the the roof fighting the fire. It had f: "y realized the perils of the under "Maybe you called him a liar?" firing recommenced. One eye, how made little headway, and the boys taking and made every preparation persisted the butcher as he cut at the ever, was always kept warily on the extinguished it before help arrived to meet it. Their clothing was re-iment.

three of their number.

night, and it was seldom that several aid managed to collect most of the for Newt Bixby and Charlie Cal- river and disappeared in the darkness.

ver when even the children act the turning back to the wharf.

"If you will let us," they answered, "Very well! Here are two dis-

and unless it could be extinguished circle will answer. You had better but you got a hard one, didn't you?" the beginning of the siege, and the enemy, and if necessary you must once. A fellow hit you, ch?" keys were in the possession of the die yourselves to insure their destruct "He did. He jest hauled of

The boys made their way slowly

the building. Like squirrels the boys In spite of their years and the ex- don't believe as I do, I let him bo-

from the garrison. In the excite- moved and carefully placed under a "No, sir-never called a man a liar ment little attention had been paid pile of humber. It did not occur to in my life. Better make that two burg cadets were very prompt in to the storm of shell, but when the them that they would probably never pounds. You see, I was down to the their attendance upon the caves, but soldiers from the fort slowly descend- see it again, even should the trip be depot to see about trains, and I met excitement. The great river rolled one afternoon, as a sudden shower of ed into the now open building they successful. Then, fastening the wa a man with yaller eyes. Ever see a assisted the cadets in bearing away terproof bags containing the dis man with yaller eyes, same as a hree of their number. patches more securely about their cat's?" The next day General Lamb sent necks, they dropped quietly into the "I don't think I ever did." houn. When they were ushered into . There was little of the excitement er curious. I spoke to a feller about houn. When they were ushered into There was fittle of the excitement er curious. I spoke to a feller about J. W. BARBER cargo. And naturally the boys felt should, his clear young voice rising group of officers he was conversing solid wall of blackness around, which rather curious. A feller with cat's ing with and regarded them earnestly. was now and then cut by a flash, Newt had an ugly scar from an ex- showing glimpses of the black hulls dark, hadn't he?" could be properly trans erred with- caves, let them go now. We don't ploding shell across his cheek, while of the silent watchdogs before them. "I should think so." one of Charlie's arms was in a sling. Sometimes the flashes were followed "So should I. I spoke to another After a short silence the general by such deafening, reverlerating feller about it, and he said he should said in half sad, half musing tones: crashes that the boys were obliged to think so too. If you could see in the

The wharves were the common ranks how must do it with the free property of the boys, and woe to the will of soldiers who are ready to die will of soldiers who are ready to die will of soldiers who are ready to die part of veterans!" Then, more brisk- the wind against them. However, it "Of course not." "Of course not." life was henceforth a burden to him, He paused a moment, lut no one ports of you, my lads. If your served to deaden the sound of other feller about it, and he said he strength was equal to your courage, the waves against their faces. I would have you join the river expe- As they neared the line c ster's agility and quick wit are of as possible, keeping all but their faces "Why, yes, I think sa

HE WANTED INFORMATION. And the Butcher Heard Ilis Story and Supplied His Needs.

"Is raw beef good for a black eye?"

"It is accounted a good thing," replied the butcher. "Take off the boats. The flame was on the roof, Oak hill. A hantern swung in a half handkerchief and let me see. Phewt "I was unconscious for 10 minutes after the feller hit me. Gamme about four pounds o' raw material."

"You don't want over a pound at

"He did. He jest hauled off and drew in his breath and jumped on the blow. I thought I had been struck by a thunderbolt. Cut the meat party thick."

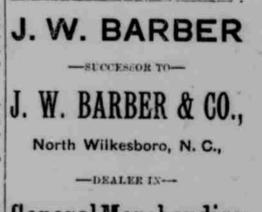
"I suppose you were talking politics?" queried the butcher as he sharp-

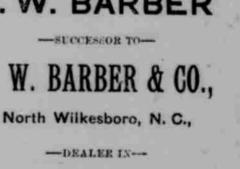
"No, sir-never talk polities.". "But you had a dispute?"

"No, sir-never dispute. If a man cines; is better than pills, and takes the place of Quinine and Calomel. It nots directly on the

"Nor I either. Struck me as rath-

Strange that our cause should wa- clinch their teeth firmly to keep from dark, you wouldn't get mad about it, would you?'





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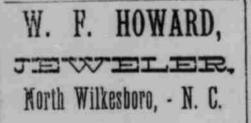
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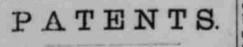
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ELATE, -- OYSTERS, -- &c. Give Me a Call. G. W. ADAMS.

T. M. BUTNER, those who expected to be called to the The city vas becoming more deso-

Main Street, - - Elkin, N. C. Then soldiers and batteries seemed a bushel, bacon \$5 a pound, and cof-



J. R. LITTELL,

-attorney and Connector in -

Thank you. I thought I was der withheld. There were many cozy the army. We are too young for nooks among the piles of freight and that, so we must look after the duties cotton bales, and here the boys met our fathers have been obliged to to discuss the present and lay plans leave. Corporal Johnson will deploy for the future, and generally the fu- 20 men between the caves and the ture oscillated between steamboating city to assist such as need it, while the rest of us will return to the and piracy.

But when the early sixties saw the streets and do what we can to help freight of steamers gradually change stragglers and to prevent fires." from cotton bales and merchandise to Even as he spoke there came a wild you for a different purpose. Are there soldiers and munitions of war the shrick from a group of women who any good swimmers in your comambition of the boys veered round to were hurrying toward one of the pany? I mean boys who could swim the possession of muskets and re- more distant caves. A fragment of volvers. Ewimming contests and shell had struck one of their number piratical schemes were forgotten in and torn away part of her left arm. the quickly formed military com- A small child held by that arm had pany and in marches and counter- fallen to the ground, apparently unmarches up and down the streets. hurt. At the same moment the The question of social distinction storm of shell increased, and the

had long ago been settled, and those forms of the woman and her who could outswim, outdive and out- child could hardly be seen for the run the others had taken easy prece- clouds of dust. The rest of the wom-

en fled shrieking to the caves, and So it was that ragged Newt Bixby, most of the spectators quickly followwhose father fired on the River Belle, ed their example. Even the cadets wavered for a moment as the iron became leader and Charlie Calhoun second in command. Charlie's father rain began to fall about them. But was colonel of the ---- Mississippi only for a moment. Then Captain and was with Lee in Virginia. Char. Newt Bixby's voice was heard formlie was a born aristocrat and had ing the men into a compact body, been "raised" on a large sugar plan. and as they mare od back to the city tation, where there were always Corporal Johnson and one of his men hundreds of negroes who were ready were seen moving the wounded wom. river and can swim under water to obey the slightest wish of the an to the nearest cave. "young mas'r." He had thus natu- Reaching the center of the desolate

rally acquired a haughty manner, but city, the boys separated into squads position and a universal favorite with town. Some of the mained in their homes, and occa-the boys. His knowledge of tactics remained in their homes, and occa-sionally a store door was found open, was generous, brave and noble in dis- and sought different parts of the ful, and it was not long before it be- and its proprietor peering from became a saying among the boys that hind a pile of barrels or boxes. Dur-he furnished the brains and Newt ing the afternoon several incipient the dash for the company. fires were put out and a bomb taken All the leisure time was now spent care of before it had time to explode.

in drills and maneuvers. There were After a few weeks the boys became few able men in the city outside the accustomed to the noise of battle and garrison. Even the older boys were could hear the shells whistle by with on duty with the guard or away in supreme indifference. The excitethe regular army. Provisions were ment of ac ion they found to be im-getting scarce as the river communi- measurably preferable to being half face grew anxious and expectant. their number had been more or less The boys forgot their years and went hurt, and brave Corporal Johnson into the drill with the earnestness of had met a soldier's death.

late every day. Most of the grocery front at any time. WATCHMAKER & JEW ELER. Gradually the gunboats of the en- and provision stores were closed. emy crept toward the city until the They had nothing left to sell. entire water front was occupied. Flour was \$200 a barrel, and corn \$10

to spring up from all the land sides, fee and poultry not to be had at any much what happens to me." Is prepared to do all kinds of and the city awoke to the fact that it price. Mule meat had to take the Watch, Clock, and Jewelry Re- was besieged. It could be only tem- place of poultry, beef and mutton. pairing. Fine Watch Repairing porary, of course, for were there not The streets were littered with bro-27,000 of the bravest of the southern ken shells and bombs. Here and The streets were littered with bro-A Specially. Satisfaction guaranteed in every particular Anything in my line ordered promptly at the lowest price possible. It will pay you to see me before buying Watches or Jewelry. Ites t. Yours. T. M. BUTNER. T. M. BUTNER. 27,000 of the bravest of the southern the bravest of the southern army on guard? What mattered it how superior were the forces of the enemy? But it became terribly real when the bombardment commenced. The under wore intered with bro-there a citizen, for want of other em-more of broken iron and piled it up in his front yard. The strange pyra-

But it became terribly real when in his front yard. The strange pyra- It would be a bad night. the bombardment commenced. The mids were ghastly reminders of the The general was writing times. There were no newspapers or previous silence had seemed almost oppressive, and when it was suddenly visitors to give news of the outside world. Nothing but the incessant bomb shelling from the implacable broken by the thundering crashes of artillery, which made the ground and the very foundations of the build- circle outside. The streets were de- reach Cane point?" ings tremble, pandemonium itself serted, fruit and candy booths a The boys started. Cane point was

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breath. The general smiled.

"All in good time, my boys. You seem to have the soldier's ambition of being rewarded for one bravedeed with the opportunity of encounter-

you for a different purpose. Are there Sometimes their hands would ena mile and pass half the time under counter the side of a vessel before water if necessary. They will have they were aware of its vicinity. Since to pick their way in the dark, dodge deadly perils, and if they succeed be rewarded with the consciousness of having done the cause inestimable he was becoming exhausted. service.'

While he was speaking the boys listened with flushed cheeks, and they now pressed forward eagerly. But as the general nodded significantmet their eyes. ly at Charlie's useless arm the latter drew back in confusion.

"Never mind, my boy. I have other work that you can do. So you understand the river thoroughly" he continued, turning to Newt are speaking in a quick, sharp voice. 'He's the best swimmar on " most as well as a fish," said Charlie,

before Newt had time to reply. The general looked pleased.

"I think you are the man we want. The success of the enterprise means more than you could understand. I have been cautioned against intrusting the affair to a boy, but I think a sharp lad can pass the lines with less difficulty than a man. You may sestorm increased in violence. Limbs lect two of the hest swimmers in were torn from the trees and hurled your company to accompany you into the streets. The blank expanse and report to me here at 12 o'clock tonight for instructions. In the meantime I would advise you to get lowed up in the world of darkness. as much sleep as you can."

In his quarters the general paced up and down uneasily. He had reck-As he turned away and resumed his conversation with the officers, the cations began to close up, and every smothered : the caves. Several of boys concluded that the andience was oned much on the success of this enterprise. It meant much to the cause. over and slowly left the room.

In spite of its apparent impossibility, When they reached the corner where they must separate, their hands met for a moment.

to believe that they would. "Perhaps we shan't see each other again," said Charlie soberly.

"It'll be a tight squeeze," replied Newt, "but if we get the message through the lines I won't mind so Well, they had met a soldier's death

and somewhere would find a soldier's Late in the afternoon a dark mass of clouds overspread the sky, and had met the same fate or probably when the boys went to the general's would meet it in the near future. quarters for instruction they had to literally feel their way. A strong he uttered an exclamation of surprise. wind was blowing, and a drizzling Surely there was a light on Live Oak more of broken iron and piled it up rain had set in from the southeast. hill, a lantern being swung to and

The general was writing when they fro. Even as it moved a brother ofilentered, but presently he turned from his desk. face, and the two grasped hands.

"It will be a terrible night," he said abruptly. "Do you think you can

might have broken loose. The sky thing of the past. The noncombat- over a mile down the stream, and was cobwebbed with the crisscross- ants had no energy for anything but surrounded with such a network of ing red lines streaming from flying to walk back and forth, back and snags that it was considered dangerroom. The boy was covered with bruises and cuts, and blood flowed

of a men." of ears now, and even the wind and only fashir Alizhigan, and it consoles Country "Try use cried both boys in a waves could not smother unusual ne to find a partner! I put the ques sounds. One hy one they felt, rather tion to him, and the depot, and a than saw, the dark hulfs glide by, wheat elevator, and a warehouse all Frequently they had to sink under hit me in the eye at once, and w'en 1 water as a sudden flash showed sen- recovered consciousness valler eyes HE MAKES A SPECIALTY IN tinel forms within a few yards. A had departed on the train. Better dozen times they were on the point make that 10 pounds, for I can feel

ing still greater perils. But I sent for of being discovered, but escaped by my whole head swelling, and I'll Groceries, Drugs, Hats, Shoes, a seeming miracle. Their progress beef it clear down to the chin!"-Dewas slow, laborious and uncertain. troit Free Press.

> French "Etills." The number of phrases of the class

leaving the wharf neither had dared which we call "Irish bulls," but gunboats and river sentries, meet to speak. In spite of its seeming desolation the river was keenly alert. written by Irishmen, is very large in-Once or twice Newt fancied from his deed. A novel which was recently companion's labored breathing that crowned by the French academy as

Suddenly, as they were moving a sentence of which the following is along side by side, a great light flash- a translation:

ed upon them from the deck of a ves-sel close by, and a dozen stern faces in ambush listened to their conversa-"It was midnight. A man who lay tion, but suddenly a dense, dark cloud The boys sank instantly, and as passed in front of the moon and pre-

they disappeared from sight a shower vented him from hearing more." of bullets rained upon the water. Here is another phrase, written in AI Second after second passed, and a full carnest by a master of those duels glimpse of a white face was seen sev-eral rods down the river and was metrin which one of the blades literally. They are damaging every day f the want of Tsint. Don't seen for an instant and received a on a dramatic performance lately similar welcome. Several minutes ended with these words, which are passed, and a dark spot appeared still worthy of Bir Boyle Roche:

lower down. A perfect storm of bul-"Mme. Judic's talent is like the lets almost instantly fell about it. froth on good champagne. Beware A few more seconds, and then some- of thrusting the scalpel into it, for if STYLES :-: DESIRED. body said, "I guess they're done for." you do there will remain naught but The lights disappeared, and the ves- a pinch of ashes at the boltom of the sel returned to its dark watchfulness. alembic."

Hour after hour went by, and the Another French journal in speaking of the results of certain false roports declared:

"This is the handiwork of evil of the river gave no intimation of the tongues, manipulated by cruel silent enemy. His presence was swal- hands !"-Youth's Companion.

The Flying Turk.

In Knolles' "History of the Turks" there is an eloquent account of a flying man, whose feat was part of the amusement provided for the visit of he had hopes that the boys might the Turkish sultan to the Greek cm-succeed—had almost brought himself peror in 1147. He was to fly a furperor in 1147. He was to fly a furlong from the top of a high tower, But as the hours went by he ceased on which he appeared "in a long and to glance toward Live Oak hill. The light white garment in many plaits I. N. CASILION. enterprise had failed, and the brave devised for the gathering of the boys were at the bottom of the river. wind."

He hovered on the battlement, unwilling to venture into the unaccusreward. Their fathers and brothers tomed element, and not until the impatient and began to cry, "Fly, Turk, Suddenly, as he passed the window, fly," did he take flight. Instead of mounting aloft he came tumbling down and broke every bone in his body. During the 800 years that have intervened little better has been done. In Scotland a criminal condemned to death was offered by the savants of the day the alternative of trying his luck with wings from the gotten his supposed crippled condi-tion as he moved quietly about the was not flying, but falling.

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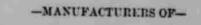
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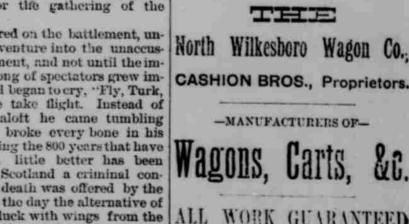


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cer entered the room, with beaming Meanwhile a half unconscious boy -only one-was being cared for by a tall man, who seemed to have for- top of Stirling castle, and he came

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