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BALLAD OF THE COLORS.

A gentleman of courtly air,
Of old Virginia he;
A damsel from New Jersey State,
Of matchless beauty she:
They met as fierce antagonists—
The reason why, they say,
Her eyes were of the Federal blue,
And his, Confederate gray.

They entered on a fierce campaign,
And when the fight began,
It seemed as though the strategy
Had no determinate plan.
Each watched the other's movements
Well,
While standing there at bay—
One struggling for the Federal blue,
One for Confederate gray.

We all looked on with anxious eyes
To see their forces move,
And none could tell which combatant
At last would victor prove.
They marched and countermarched with
skill,
Avoiding well the fray:
Here, lines were seen of Federal blue,
And there, Confederate gray.

At last he moved his force in mass,
And sent her summons there
That she should straightly capitulate
Upon conditions fair.
"As you march forth the flags may fly,
The drums and bugles play:
But yield those eyes of Federal blue
To the Confederate gray."

"You are the foe," she answer sent,
"To maidens such as I;
I'll face you with a dauntless heart,
And conquer you or die.
A token of the sure result
The vaulted skies display:
For there above is Federal blue
Below, Confederate gray."

Sharp-shooting on each flank began,
And 'mid manoeuvres free
The rattle of the small-talk with
Big guns of reports, e,
Mixed with the deadly glance of eyes
Amid the proud array.
There met in arms the Federal blue
And the Confederate gray.

Exhausted by the fight at length
They called a truce to rest:
When lo! another force appeared
Upon a mountain crest.
And as it came the mountain down
Amid the trumpets' cry,
Uncertain stood the Federal blue
And the Confederate gray.

A corps of stout tree lances these
Who poured upon the field,
Field-Marshal Cupid in command,
Who swore they both must yield;
They both should conquer, both divide
The honors of the day.
And proudly with the Federal blue
Marched the Confederate gray.

His troops were fresh, theirs were worn.
What could they but agree
That both should be the conquerors,
And both should captives be?
So they presented arms, because
Dear Cupid held the sway,
And joined in peace the Federal blue
With the Confederate gray.

Twelve years have fled. I passed today
The fort they built, and saw
A sight to strike a bachelor
With spirit-thrilling awe.
Deployed a corps of infantry
But less for drill than play;
And some had eyes of Federal blue,
And some Confederate gray.

WONDERS OF THE SEA.

The sea occupies three-fifths of the surface of the earth. At the depth of about 3,500 feet waves are not felt. The temperature is the same, varying only a trifle from the ice of the pole to the burning sun of the equator. A mile down the water has a pressure of over a ton to the square inch. If a box six feet deep were filled with sea water and allowed to evaporate under the sun, there would be two inches of salt left on the bottom. Taking the average depth of the ocean to be three miles, there would be a layer of pure salt 230 feet thick on the bed of the Atlantic. The water is colder at the bottom than at the surface. In the many bays on the coast of Norway the water often freezes at the bottom before it does above.
Waves are very deceptive. To look at them in a storm, one

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UNCLAIMED GOLD.

Manager Coffee of Wells, Fargo & Co. recently said to a San Francisco reporter: "You would be surprised to see what stacks of gold coin and gold dust remain here unclaimed for. When we have kept it long enough we send the gold dust to the mint and get it coined, and then credit it to the unknown. Years ago an old fellow living up on the John Day river in Oregon, sent us a bag of gold. We stowed it away until the bag looked like a relic of the middle ages, and would scarcely hold together. Then we sent the bag of dust and nuggets over to the mint and got it transformed into \$3,000. Eight years afterward an old bedraggled looking fellow walked in, and said he guessed he had some money here. We asked him his name, and when he gave it we told him yes, he had, and asked him why he hadn't called long ago. Well, he said he had sent it down in advance of his coming himself and when he got here he didn't need it, and went on to Australia, and finally around the world, and had only just now got back. We asked him why he hadn't taken it to the bank, saying that he could have got a good many thousand dollars' interest on it by this time. Yes, he said, he knew that, but the banked banks might break, and he thought he would just leave it where it was."

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THAT HAM'S WORTH.

"John have you charged that ham?" asked a grocer of his clerk a few mornings since.
"What ham?" was the question in answer.
"The ham that was sold about ten minutes ago."
"I did not know that a ham had been sold. I did not sell any."
"Well, I did and I don't remember to whom I sold it. Do you not remember?"
"This is the first I knew of any ham being sold."
The grocer thought he had lost the price of the ham. Not so the clerk. He looked over the list of orders and tried to remember the persons who had been in the store that morning. Then he charged the ham to every one of those persons, seventeen in all.
"Sixteen of these will kick," remarked the clerk, "and the seventeenth is the man who got the ham."
The proprietor raised the clerk's wages and took a drink.
Both anxiously watched the result. Of the seventeen persons to whom the ham had been charged just four did the kicking act, the rest paid their bills without further inquiry, so the grocer got paid thirteen times for the ham.
—Patterson (N. J.) Press.

A VALUABLE INVENTION.

There is produced annually in the Southern States about three and a-half million tons of cotton seed. The cotton gins fail to remove all the cotton from the seed and it has been found that the average quantity of cotton left on each ton is 200 pounds. As this would amount annually to over one million bales of 500 pounds each with a money value of over ten millions dollars, it can be seen that any machine to remove this cotton must certainly prove of immense value. The inventors of England and America have exercised their ingenuity, and have spent thousands of dollars in an effort to devise some machine that would remove this cotton left by the gins, but until the present time all efforts have been in vain. To remove the cotton was not the only object sought. When the cotton is entirely removed it enables cotton seed oil manufacturers to crush the hulls and kernels of the seed together and thereby obtain from each ton of seed about twenty per cent. more oil and about one hundred per cent. more oil cake than they now obtain.

A machine to remove the cotton from the seed has recently been patented by Mr. Crawford, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who has built and put in operation a number of

them. One of the machines is now in practical operation at 203 Fourth street, Northwest, and Mr. Crawford will take pleasure in showing it to any one interested.

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