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INDEPENDENCE DAY.

Independence Day has come; Squeak the fife and beat the drum! Let the fathest pig be bled And quick twist off the rooster's head? Let the cannons off with vim, Boom! Tum! Fuzzle lum! Dingo Bim!



BY J. H. CONNELLY.

[Copyright, 1889, by American Press Association] Business took me out to California a couple of years before the Transcontinental railroad was opened, and, after a fortnight in San Francisco, I found it would be necessary for me to go away up toward the northern end of the state to examine some hydraulic mining property, in which parties whom I represented had an interest. Of course, I kept my object to myself and passed for simply a "tenderfoot" vaguely "prospecting : around for an opening." Day after day 1 rode on the box of the stage with the driver, whom I concileated with burnt offerings and libations - cigars and brandy-and from whom in return I got not a little useful and entertaining information. One afternoon, while we were slowly toiling up the steep slope of a mountain, he remarked:

"There'll be great doin's in Jupiter." I thought he must be dreaming, though his eyes were wide open and he kept flicking the offwheeler mechanically.

"Indeed!" I responded, interrogativehis fancy was taking.

"Yes," he went on, "goin' to have a schemed it all out. People comin' from | contained. fifty miles 'round to take a hand in.

I soon found that Si Ransom, the the mountains, started orginally as a center of an agricultural community While he was telling me about it we came to a fork in the road and there were two sign boards:

THIS WAY TO HOGBACK,

7 MILES TO 21. "Looks funny, don't it?" commented Si, with a grin; "But that was the way Abner Joyce seed fit to put it up. Swore he'd make the ignorant cusses bout here learn one planet's sign; an' I guess he did Even the greasers that come along this way now know that stands for



I made up my mind that I would stop over and see how a small town with so surprisingly large a name celebrated Independence day.

As a result of somewhat extended observation, I am inclined to think that earnest patriotism-or, perhaps, I had better say intense Americanism-does not flourish so vigorously in the "effete civilization" of the east as in the untrammeled freedom of the west. And you find it more pronounced among the mountains than down in the valleys. Appreciative love for our glorious land grows with knowledge of its grandeur and beauty. And how can they help "though," he remarked, "I've no doubt their hearts swelling with affection for some of them may, in the excitement, and pride in our country's starry banner. forget themselves, and taking aim, just who live close up to where the heavens spread it? But I have never anywhere else found patriotism at quite such a white heat as it was just then in that little California town.

Si took out of the boot of the stage and delivered to the local committee of arrangements several big rolls of red. white and blue flannel, the nearest approximation he had been able to make toward filling their order for bunting which had been intrusted to nim. It was a great deal more expensive, so they were perfectly satisfied. Nothing was too good for Fourth of July.

Within an hour after my arrival old Bradley, landlord of the Golden Eagla hotel, where I stopped, had told me all about the arrangements for the celebration and enlisted my co-operation in carrying them out, as he was rather overweighted with the burden of details, Abner Joyce, the originator and moving spirit of the affair, having been inopportunely "taken down with a fever." Joyce, I learned, was an eccentric Yankee, who chose to consider himself the local schoolmaster, and was so recognized ey everybody. It was quite true that there were, as yet, no children there for him to teach but he was on the ground

that first grand old that Same feeling nat stirs in the hearts they rise up to pay. on this glorious day,

shound conde.

He had announced himself as a schoolmaster when he came there among the earliest arrivals to work a "rocker" on Grizzly Run, and it was at his insistance that the name of Jupiter was given to The camp that had subsequently developed into the town. Everybody liked and respected him, so that his present illness was deeply regretted for his own sake as well as the consequent deprivation of his directing genius suffered by the enthusiastic celebrants. How sick he was may be inferred from an incident that occurred the day before my arrival. Opinions were divided among the com- deadly dock, in carnest, between them, mittee as to the number of stars that | Chancollass helped them by putting one should appear in the li bl of the flag to | on the American and the other on the be borne by the Continental soldiers in | British side, just as they hoped for, the sham buttle, and there was notonly | While others will be banging away in who had a clear idea of how an English | the air, just to make a noise, they will

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'ARE YOU THE STRANGER WHO IS HELP ING BRADLEY?

flag ought to look. They went to hundo "On the Fourth," he added after a decide both questions, and found him in bed, red, glaring and delirious with fever. When they asked hum about the ly, amused and curious as to the course stars he howled: "As many as there are in the firmament!" and when they just mentioned the Eaglish that the sulphursham battle; Americans and British; and | one decorations of his speech completely wind up with a dance. Almer Joyce shrouded any information it might have

Having had, like all New Yorkers, far too many opportunities to become family driver, was talking of mundane and not | iar with the British flag, through its preplanetary affairs, and that the Jupiter he dominance among the shipping in our meant was a little settlement, up among harbor, I was enabled to tell them how heit was made, and the other matter they mining camp, but now the promising | had already settled by deciding on thir

We had a great deal of difficulty in getting a British army. There were in all 137 men enrolled for service, and they all wanted to be in the patriot forces. Yet it was fully recognized that there ought to be a larger British than American army in order that the final victory of the latter should appear in properly bright and historically correct colors. Bradley finally settled the mat ter in an autocratic fashion, that was re-Inctantly accepted by all. He wrote the word "British" on eighty slips of paper. "Continentals" on fifteen and "Patriots on forty-two. Then he chucked them all together into a powder keg, shook them up and made each man draw an assignment of place in the coming strife from which allotment by chance no appeal was allowed. The respective force elected their own officers.

"Are the blank cartridges made?" innocently asked Bradley.

"Blank nothin"," he replied, with evi dent surprise at such a question; "the boys all use fixed ammunition and it would be no end of trouble to change it. "But," I remonstrated, "it will be terribly dangerous to have all those fellows pumping lead out in the excitement of even a sham battle."

"Well," he responded with calm in difference, "some agcidents may happen, but if they do, why, they'll only make the racket seem more natural like and dialogue; give an air of earnestness to the exhilaration.

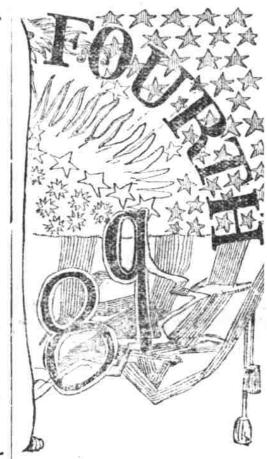
"At the expense of human life." "No fellow ever gets killed without his time has come; and if it has, a bean Notwithstanding his fatalistic philoso-

dropping off a shelf will do him up just as fine as a cannon ball could." phy I did succeed in getting him to promise that he would request, and even urge, the men to shoot up in the air, trom force of habit, unthinkingly and innocently plug a friend and neighbor."

An Irishman named Michael Garrity came in from a prospecting tour the evening of the 3d, and was wild with engerness to be enlisted in the patriot army, but even Bradley thought be was "too excitable to be permitted to mix in the proceedings if the health of others was any consideration." By dint of great persuasion Michael was induced to fore go the pleasure of "taking a pop at even a sham Englishman," and to lend his invaluable aid in certain work Bradley and I had cut out for us as soon as the tide of battle should have swept through the town. When that was satisfactorily settled I started out for a stroll.

Just outside the town a young woman entering the road from a steep mountain path accosted me, demanding:

"Are you the stranger who is helping Bradley get up the fight to-morrow? I admitted that I was doing what could in that direction, and, although I said nothing of the sort, I could not help thinking what a superb Goddess of Liberty she would make in an allegorical tableau if we had time to arrange such thing She had a mass figent hope



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4TH OF JULY EDITION!

expression, and a natural grace of movement and attitude worthy of a poddess.

"I am glad that I met you without

having to send after you to the hotel, na-I expected I would have to," she said. I was so more it surprised that I could only stammer some stapid nonsense about other way being good enough for the, which she of course took no notice

"There is something I wanted to speak to yoursbont—something you must attend to. Two young men have, as I. happen to know, agreed to make the sham fight to-morrow the cover for a be aiming to kill each other. You must that some way to prevent it."

"Is it not possible that you ma mistakens. How do you know that they entertain and each purpose?"

Her hand once face flushed deeply ashe replied, with a harle contest assument.
Finds has been to see me, for what he know height be the last time, and though neither betrayed the purpose in words, 1.

represent it. I comprehended. They were rivalfor her love, a prize well worth risking. life for in the estimation of such fearless and resolute young men as abounded in that country. I could do no lesthan promise that I would do what I could to prevent the carrying out of their deadly purpose; but really I did not suppose that anothing I could say would have the slightest effect in influ energy them. She told me who they were, and when I got back to the hotel I found them both there, in the Janroom, drinking and talking together in the friendliest fashion possible, to all outward sessions. Surely, I thought. the and is no when Still, as I had promised but that I would struk to thera. I did so, having first learned from Loradity, who pointed them out to me, that they were, as they appeared to be, triends incommunical off in fittle to one side will in soft the request and I said lightly, forms, that my to I was much



WE SAUNTERED BACK TO THE BAL. "I am ghal to see that you two are friends, as from something I have heard I rather fancied that such might not be

the case. They both eved me very sharply for a minute of very uncomfortable silence. and then the one whose name I had been told was Jim asked, with that intonation of studently punctilious politeness which one soon learns to understand as a very dangerous symptom in a western

"May I be permitted to inquire what has given rise to such a supposition?" "Why, certainly," I replied, a little uneasily: "I had been told that you actu-

ally contemplated a duel to morrow." "Ah!" exclaimed the one known as Bill, in a tone of surprise, and then he continued, in a tone so obsequiously courteous that it had a sort of blood curdling effect, "Excuse me, but may I centure to ask who has told you so?" Manifestly delay in explicit explana-

tion would be likely to eventuate speedily in trouble, and I answered promptly: known to both of you, who, deeming that by so doing she might save a brave man's life, asked me to speak to you and remonstrate with you against what her woman's intuition caused her to fear

was your joint purpose," They looked at each other with expres ions that seemed to say each to the other, "He is not to blame," and then Bill said with a smile:

"That's all right. But there is no oceasion for you to mix up in this affair. Jim and I are friends, however things turn out, and we know what we're about, don't we, Jim?"

"Cert," assented Jim curtly, adding to me, "There ain't any hard feelings between Bill and me, stranger, but we've just laid out to shoot this match off in a way that will settle it without Mary getting talked about. And she won't be, for nobody will be any the wiser about it if you keep your head shut, which I would if I were you, for it ain't likely we'll both be wined out."

i realized that although he was also orfensively uttered there was in his words a decided threat of unpleasant consequences if I did not keep silence. That, I think, would not have deterred me " so doing I could



knew that I could not. Their evads were made up. If the whole community had known what they purposed, hology would have thought it his business to in

If the ownership of a mining claim had been at issue they would probably have tossed a "double eagle" or "out the cards" to decide it. But the stake here was, in the eyes of both, worth more than all the mining claims in the mountains, and they made their game one worthy of its dignity-life or death, for

We sauntered back to the bar and took a drink together. As I raised my glass I bowed slightly to each and said, "Whithever." They looked at each other, smiled, touched their glasses, repented "Whichever," and drank. They understood me. We had drank to the realth of whichever one should have the luck tocome out alive.

The sun arose brilliantly on the morning of the Fourth, and the people of Jupiter, who had got up ben, before him. were full of the excited budle of final preparation of details. It was Abner doyce's day for a chil, but he had himself helped out and perched up where he could overlook a good share of the procomings, hoping to get some satisfaction out of them before the fever struck him and made him delirious. About II o'clock in the forencon.

Inopping shots in the canyon away up to the northeast teld that the shicked bers of the British line were advancing and the very small Contime head guard falling back before Removement in second the second falling them. Soon the latter were driven Small to Lead who blow no few through the town in full retreat, pursued | When the town is its gleanest on the far frontier Ly the victorious British, whose red flan- Let us round the sumser of Wheeling town, nel blouses and red flannel covered hats made quite an imposing show. The Baght eyes, buyen i azareth Zane Continental uniforms were simply white. This more than a fondred years and flamed fixings puried on the jackets. They were considered to the darks feet and floured that's cocked up to three. They had specially and thouse may store, pointed shape with pins. As the British went through the town they fired a log | Tarener against a none snowledge house, staffed with pine tops and other combustible material, that had been constructed for the purpose. The rapid dis- The powder was slave yards away. charges of the guns, the shouts of the men and the thick, black sanke from the burning loose blown cause the fortunal confidence of the state scene, gave a starting realism to the section is only a section of the section. beimic battle. From all directions then I guest open the feet came the patriot volunteers, supposedly called by the seconds of strike from their. No time had the towns or wait. peaceful exocations, to defend their manes from the ruthless invades - Out of town that too swept, firms and Thendlein waters dec never have veiling the pursuit of the British, and the light point restorts a sugarmous among their went Abser Joses, who the attended from the Linear their sale in Australia had been builted by was sick. Then x ple noted a lot of dynamic carrilges easier than 1 had anticipated it would placed in strongs added the effect of Base newscoss wars solved with taccommon to the uprear

As soon as the battle had moved on Bradley Carrity and myself set to work horsting a trumphal arch of light poles. Thanks to the deed of Disabeth Zing covered with red, white and I he flannel | Landou frame of Paul Revere. streamers and trimmed with evergreeus - X man, on however, with mought refear; that had been prepared in advance and | Norof establia forms with he believe wishful ingeniously rigged with hoisting tackle. Heldan army to back bun, so what of that so that we three could handle it Then we ran up an enormous American flag. Hers is a reseal national a stainon the tall liberty pole before the houl. Frautiful Gixon Engageth Zane. and the strong mountain breeze suread out its glorious stars and stripes as stiff as a board. Hardly were our labour completed when the sound of a drain; and fife, coming from the west, herabled the approach of the patriot forces and their prisoners, the British, who had, according to the programme, surrendered at a point half a mile out of town.

At the foot of the liberty pole the little procession halted and the English colonel, speaking for his men, gave fitting expression to their penitence for having borne arms against a people who were striving to be free, and announced heir readiness to forthwith and invever repudiate alse innce to the king of England, if the Continental army would accept them as recruits. Almer Joyce-whose excitement, exertions and an opportune pall at somebody's flask had quite broken his chill - had leaped into the part of Gen. Washington, for which he had originally been "cast," and, in response to the English colonel, made such an Independence day oration as raised his hearers to the wildest enthusasm of patriotic delight. Then the two armies mingled fraternally; the English flag was raised half mast high union jack down; an effigy of Benedict Arnold was hanged and then consumed in the still smoldering embers of the burned house, and the proceedings wound up with a feast, and a dance

that lasted all night. Much to my surprise only one casualty was reported. My quondam friend Jim had had his right arm pierced by a bullet. The wound was a very severe one, but not dangerous, and he had the nerve to show hierself for a little while at the dance, but he was very pale, silent and distraught, so much so that it was remarked by some that he "seemed strangely broke up, just for a little thing like that." I knew what they did not, that the ache in his heart prevented his feeling the burt of his arm. He danced once with Mary. Then he went away, giving his left hand to Bill, who stood by the door as he passed out.

stage to continue my journey I found that Jim was a fellow passenger. His right arm was done up in splints and tied to his breast.

The next morning when I took the

"Going away," he said to me, with a sad smile. Manfully accepting the fortunes of

war, he was going, never to return. Civil Liberty Well Deflued. This is not the liberty which we can hope, that no grievance should arise in the commonwealth; that let no man in this world expect; but when complaints are freely heard, deeply considered and speedily reformed, then is the utmost bound of civil liberty attained that wise men look for.-John Milton.

Mr. Parnell declares that liberty for Ireland is not far off.



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WICKED FAN FLINT.



I turned over, fulled the coverno around nov ears and trust to o to sleep again: Crack! Crack! "rack/ Phiz/z-z-z I opened one eve to see if it

were not time to get up. It was only gray daylight. The sun hadn't risen, I pulled uy watch from under the pillow Five o'clock" Three hours before breakfast.

There is no use thinking of getting up, or ving here awake. I must go to sleep again: and I turned back on the other side, drew up the covers once more, and in five minutes was dropping off into a slumber, when

in his head and introduce a dozen of each. Between the explosions I slept for five or ten minutes at a time and had litful dreams. I freamed that I was working an immense but cracker, with handles six feet long, and that had the head of Thomas Jefferson in its aws and was cracking his skull. It was ratured with a loud Crnek!

I awoke with a start. It was another of those infernal bombs. I had come up to the country to visit my

riend Tom Flint at his father's place, "Wild wood," to get rid of the firing in the city. My nervous system was always delicate and never could stand sudden noises. Consequently it always seemed to me that every one took delight in banging doors, knocking over chairs and dropping heavy weights right by my ears. Independence day had been a terror to me as a child, and now I was a man grown-a man approaching middle age-1 | wild Indian, with no hat, and a kilt buttoned dreaded it more each year. I had come into the country with another

purpose. I had long admired my host's laughter, my chum's oldest sister. Not the connect one-not that may of minuity Fanso, ran, son ranness of radity, has real She was too wicked to be called anything else. I had no such taste as to want to possess that thorn in the side of every quiet person. him when he struck the ground, and hastened Alice was my favorite-my darling, my to pick up his corpse. Wicked, reckless peoangel. I loved Alice as much as I hated Fun | ple never zz hurt. He had lit right on his



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A comparation representative which had temprery decel, started, wondered. At last 1. less, dut my watch genus. It was Triebeck My window was broad open. It had been twelver the night before to think of closing it. I lay on my back looking out. All at once I saw semething which I, at first,

my wind with xided 4 Prepetiting at the same moment explicited describit in my brain. It was the shell of a thought. And the thought was let out to float about blooked upon me and had the unblushing as free, like the shoke from a tire eracker "It's that conformals I Fan Jovering bombsfrom the window above."

Fretty seem down came another one. It was plannly a bomb tool to a thread and was. Find, by explicitly spiders," smoking slightly. In a moment it began to spiriter Then it exploded. This time I thought I heard a greas ideatic "to be" No more sleep with that flend over me. Fan had begin to open an egg for Dick,

What luck!-that is, for the field-the and it would have taken the magnifying guests' chamber right under her window, power of the Lack telescope for any one ex-I got up and dressed and stroked out on the cept me to see the devitry in her eye. lawn. It was a beautiful morning. The sun What a sister in-law! I had almost a mind



war sparkling on the dew, there was the fre a smell of the country, and not a sound to be heard. The children were not out-for some unexpected reason. What a quiet sleep | clouds. Alice and I were strolling about Who was it that suggested the celebration | I might mave enjoyed had it not been for habolical practical joker. Sweet six con! If ever there is villainy in a giri it is I went up on to the piazzn and stood look-

ng at the poble trees about me; the little ake, covering a dozen acres, a short distance from the house; the broad stretch of ground about the beautiful place where dwelt the family whose guest I was. They were all rich as Crosus, and they all seemed as naturally reckless as rich, all save one-Alice. Alice was gentle and lovely, and guileless. She loved pictures and books and music and verse-and I loved her especially because she loved verse. I loved verse; and when we were together there was a sweet interchange of poetic thought, . "Dear Alice," I thought as I looked at the beautiful landscape, bathed in the light of the morning sun, 'how different from your brothers and sis-

Just then the door opened with a great deal of unnecessary clatter and out rushed a young on to his waist.

"Good morning, Mr. Bliss, Hurrah for the Fourth of July! Isn't it jolly? Get out of the way and I'll turn you a summerset." And before I could stop him he rushed to the rail of the piazza, put both hands on it, turned a handspring and lit six feet below on the sward I was standing where I couldn't see



Then I would into the house At breakfast white old Mr. Frint was say-



seemed that she couldn't how her head low thought was a large labor to a chineself on seemed that she couldn't how her head low to well. When the area of the country of the first assembled touched Lor abid to the was not only wicked, showns Then when the grace was finished, she

surance for ask me "In the consider well, Mr. Phys." I gave her a look, a look that, if she had I lay quiet for a few-maintes watching. Any being, would have annihilated her. "I was kert awake this morning. Mis-

She never wineed "Got 'enggane" eried Tom from the other end of the table

to give it up I have no time or patience to dwell on the events of the early part of that eventful day There were a great many masy chaldren about, and there was a young heatenant just out of West Point. He had not smelled enough powder at playing soldier, or heard enough about forts and guns and things, so he must needs justed on the mane appasement of firing a pistol at intervals of one minute all day. If the shots had come all at once, or even irregular, I could have stood it, but they came at such expected intervals, and I dread ed them so many seconds before the explo sion, that they were me out. I wished the fiercest of wars would break out and that the heutenant would be put right up in the front. I thought what a beautiful corpse he'd make on a cun carriage.

This lieutenant, by the by, was an admirer | I returned from a trip on which I went soon of Alice's He was nearer Alice's age than I, and used to call her Alice in the most dis lice. It announced her engagement with the agreeable and tanninar way. Fan and the Heutenant, who, "poor dear fellow," she said, ientenant were very chummy. They were both disagreeable characters to me, and I woent many an hour trying to make up my mind which I disliked the most. Fan or the lieutenant. During this memorable "Fourth" horror, the two of them spent most of their time together and left. Alice to me.

It was evening. The sun had sunk beneath the horizon and left rosy tints upon the the grounds. There was comparative quiet, Only a crack or a bang once in a while, were each arguing for our favorite poet, Tennyson was mine-Longtellow was Alice's, "Consider." I was saying, "the depth of

cliente sentiment in Tears, idle tears, I know not what they mean, Tears from the depth of some divine despair, Rise in the heart and gather in the eyes.

My cont tail must certainly be entirely blown away That child of Satan, Dick, had stolen up behind me and slipped a lighted bomb in my pocket. Dear Alice' She looked up at me with such sympathy. The poet's words were practically illustrated. There was real despair

Dick ran away with a whoop and we resumed our conversation. "I can't see, Mr. Bliss, how you can prefer Tennyson to Longfellow, who has so much more depth and who teaches us so much, Take, for instance, the 'Psalm of Life:' "Tell me not in mouruful numbers

with me and tears in her eyes.

Life is but an empty dream"-Whiz-z-z-z-z-z-z-z bang! Some idiot who couldn't wait for it to get dark to set off fireworks had tried to send up a rocket. It had slipped from its support, and passed directly in front of us.

My companion was too frightened to say anything. and joined a party on a platform to which | Raleigh Chronicle.

"This is positively dangerous!" I said.

were sitting on the rude chairs chatting. We had not been with them five minutes when the lieutenesst pulled out his pistol and drove us away with his confounded firing.

I had made up my mind to know my fate from Almo Inform I slept that night. I was soon to go on a journey and would have no other opportunity. We strolled about the grounds for half an hour. Occasionally we would look down on the party by the lake. Something was going on. I seemed to have a presentiment of evil. I saw Fan wrap something in a small piece of paper and hand it to the lieutenant. What he did with it I knew not. I was becoming deeply interested in what I was saying to Ance, watching her cheeks that reflected the soft blushes of the evening sky. Presently we heard Fan call-



"Alice! Al-ice! Oh! Alice!" "Dear't let us go," I said. And we didn't. We continued our work.

"Alice! O. Alice! Al-ice." We gave it up. We knew she would screech till we came; so we went, "Come and sit here with us and stop prowling around " said Fan.

"Yes, do," echoed the others. There was nothing else to do; so we sat down. There was but one seat for me. It was a chair on a low flat sled used to push the wirls on the ice in winter. It was also with its back to the water and on the edge of

the platform. Notwitistanding the desire of the party to have us join thehi, no sooner were we seated than two of them went off to sit elsewhere: then, two others followed and others, till all were gone. What struck me as very singular was that they took their chairs with them. There was no place for me to sit except where

I was sitting-on the sled chair. My opportunity had come. I deftly led the conversation on to that subject which most interested me. I began by telling Alice how

when I first saw her I had-"Don't you small smoke?" she interrupted. "No." I replied, somewhat impatiently. "At the very moment of our meeting," I was saying. "I knew that in you I had found

"There is certainly burning powder near," she interrupted again; "I smell it." "You are mistaken. I could smell now der if any one could, for I hate it. Alice. I continued, after a brief pause-I took her hand. I knew lovers always take the lady's hand when they propose, so I took Alice'smay I not hope that those gesthetic tastes which we share, and which can alone form the basis of an ideal love, may I not count

I had been so cattled by the explosions all day that I couldn't find language to express what I wanted to set "Alase," I commenced again, feeling a sudden swelling of something in my bosom, "my

whole fourt-my-speak to me, Alice-tell I felt the chair rise beneath me. I heard a deafening sound. I was tilted backward. I rose a few feet in the air. My head described a circle, and then was suddenly doused in cold actor, and Alice, who had a moment before tell the warm pressure of my hand,

saw the soles of my boots as I sank beneath They say drawning people think of all the sins they have committed. I know not how this is, but I do know that while under water during that uncomfortable ducking I thought of all the sins others had committed "It's that cursed lieutenant, that diabolical Fan:" They had deliberately placed powder

under the sled beneath the chair to blow The fireworks that were expected on that memorable Fourth of July evening did not take place. But other fireworks that had not been anturpated did take place. The children were sent to test. A physician was hastily called to treat. Thee, whose nerves had received a terrible short. The older people vowed that they must know who perpetrated the outrage. Old 7 Final stormed, Mrs. Flint cried.

Tom www i that he'd thrash the perpetrator

within an inch of his life if he caught him. A more uncomfortable Fourth of July party was never assembled under one roof. The next morning Fan was packed off to a s hool where they took summer boarders, only to be expelled at the end of a month for general cussisiness. The lieutenant joined his company in the western wilderness; was we mided in a skirmish with the Indians and was back in sixty days. Alice nursed him. It's absurd to suppose any woman can nurse a coung man, especially one who wears buttons and who has been shot in battle, without being attracted to him, even if he is a fiend incurrate. Alice-the gentle, meek eyed Alice-feil in love with the scapegrace who had assisted Fan to blow me up. When

"has suffered so much from his wound." a resource to scave america and case up my residence in a land which had not achieved its independence; and I may say affirmatively that if the place of my residence ever does achieve its independence and celebrates its anniversary by the firing of guns, pistols, crackers, bombs and such like articles only fit to be fabricated in the abode of Mephis-

after the "Fourth" I found a letter from Al-

topheles, I shall take my departure to such a country as is still under the tyrant's yoke. There was one result of the whole affair of that memorable "Fourth" in the country, which is a matter of daily astonishment to me. When I think of it as an actual fact it is impossible for me to realize it. I hardly

dare state it, for no one will believe me. 1 am married.

And who is my wife? I spent another "Fourth" several years after with my friends at Wildwood. A girl 19 years old got after me and literally hunted

ne down. She bothered me. She flirted me.

She laughed at me. She tortured me in a thousand different ways. At last I told her that if she didn't

marry me and let me get a rest I'd end in a

lunatic asylum. The flend that caused me all this vexation was none other than that barbarian-Fan F. A. MITCHEL Flint.

So Are We. Mr. C.S. Brice has been elected

chairman of the National Democratic Executive Committee-We are sorry. We wanted a pro. nounced low tariff and pronoun-We walked, trembling, down to the lake ced anti-trust man elected .-