

THE SPY.

EVERY one has heard of the civil war, which, in the days of Lincoln, for several years desolated the United States and which had for its results the abolition of slavery in that country. During this war a man in the southern army was chosen and sent by the general as a spy into the northern army. Spies as a class are not treated with much consideration when they are discovered. This man was taken, the court martial summarily passed sentence on him, he was to be shot. He was placed temporarily in the guard-house, but whenever anyone entered his cell to bring him his rations he vomited forth a broadside of curses against President Lincoln. The soldiers were indignant, some spoke of shooting him on the spot, others of stopping his food to let him die of hunger. Shortly after he was transferred to another prison. The time for his execution had arrived when an officer of the northern army entered his cell. The spy, always furious, believed that his last hour had come. "CALM YOURSELF," said the officer, "I BRING YOU A PARDON. PRESIDENT LINCOLN HAS ACCORDED IT TO YOU, YOU MAY RETURN TO YOUR FAMILY."

The prisoner, theretofore full of rage and bitterness calmed himself suddenly, and said: "LINCOLN HAS PARDONED ME? WHY IS THAT? I HAVE NEVER SPOKEN A WORD OF GOOD OF HIM."

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