

head of the Vandal schoolmistress. I was seized and overpowered. My pen falters as I reach the climax. English readers will not give credit to this sickening story,—the civilized world will avert its head,—but I, Mary McGillup, was publicly SPANKED !

CHAPTER III.

But the chaotic vortex of civil war approached and fell destruction, often procrastinated, brooded in storm.† As the English people may like to know what was really the origin of the rebellion, I have no hesitation in giving them the true and only cause. Slavery had nothing to do with it, although the violation of the Declaration of Independence, in the disregard by the North of the Fugitive Slave Law,* might have provoked a less fiery people than the Southern. At the inception of the struggle a large amount of Southern indebtedness was held by the people of the North. To force payment

† I make no pretension to fine writing, but perhaps Mrs. Hardinge can lay over that. O, of course !

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* The Declaration of Independence grants to each subject "the pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness." A fugitive slave may be said to personify "life, liberty, and happiness." Hence his pursuit is really legal. This is logic.

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