

discussion with Misses Nelly and Eva. I am curious to know the subject of debate.

PARKER.

Yes, indeed, the combat was quite keen. Alone against two. I should have ended by capitulating.

CHAMBERS.

Like Lincoln at Savannah.

MADISON.

You forget an example of capitulation more celebrated still : that of Burgoyne at Saratoga.

ANDRE.

Gentlemen, you overlook the fact that the cases are far different. Who would refuse to surrender to such amiable persons as these ladies ?

EVA.

Always gallant, Major.

ANDRE.

We must not stray from the point. We have asked Mr. Parker the subject of discussion between the young ladies and himself. Let him speak.

CHAMBERS AND MADISON.

Come, Mr. Parker, come.

PARKER.

Gentlemen, I don't care to be charged with indiscretion a second time. Address yourselves to Nelly. I give her leave to say everything.

NELLY.

You are all anxious ?..... I will satisfy you..... Eva and myself maintained that love and patriotism are two sacred sentiments which must pass before ambition and personal interest.

MADISON.

You will allow me to add, Miss Nelly, that, without love,