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tortions of the pooter, the manaut of tasting and swallowing in a mas to show that peach-and-honey was no stranger
to his gustatory organs. to his gustatory organs.
'La, Marse Capting,' tary salate. 'Nebber 'spected to heah 'bout dem times out here on dis railroad. Thought knowed yer face, tho', at the berry fust.' 'What's that? Were you there, too, John?
asked the brownsbearded man in pleased surprise ; for after all old-comradeship takes smal account of color.
' Wal, not adzackly dar, bat I warz tha
bouts,' said the porter, showing his teetb. Where?'
' Wal, sir, I war jest ober de odder side ob
at big swamp wid a crowd of Marse Jobn Morg'n's raiders, sir. An' when you was got ter carryin' on so, dey jes' lowed dat wor de berry time ter go in un' stampede the whole lot. Dey wasn't enuff on 'em, yer see, ter fite. But de tuk an' sent out some sconts that crep
up clas and spy out de lan', yer kno, an' fore God dey cum back, dey did, an' said dem damm Yankees wasn't drunk at all, but war jes' lettin' Dey said dey hed der gyards all out an' war jes' cold sober singin hymns and psalm tchun :s
ez if ther war a big meetin' gwine on thar. So
our folks-de Confederates, yer kno'-dey our
thout hit war best ter git up and git outer dar and let Marse Margin kno' all 'bout hit, yer
kno'. Bat I wasn't able ter march myself dat night. Leastways I got lost in dat der swamp,
nin an' nex' mornin' blundered inter de camp an'
got tuk pris'ner, I did. So I'cluded ter change sides an' been wukkin' fer myself ebber sense. 'Bat I never heard of taat betore, said
Captain in surprise.
' 'Spect not,' said the porter with a shrug 'Hit all so, do', an' I went back to Nashville
with you uns an' stayed dar till mos' de s'ren-
der, an' den come norf.'

- Why didn't you tell us about there rebs?
'Wal, ye see, in de fus place nobody ax me,
an' in de nex' place $I$ been roun' dese camps
long nuff to know dat de best ting a nigger do long nuff to know dat de best ting a nigger do
on either side was t'jes keep his mouf shat jez The porter's philosophy was greeted with a round of approving laughter, after which the Captain, as I shall call him hereafter, wh
had gained confidence by this interruption an had gained confidence by
confirmation of his narrative, continued:
conirmation of his narrative, continued:
- Well, gentlemen, I suppose you think I
ant I will not detain you much longer.
happened that there was in our regiment, the
- Indiana, a lientenant, who, for no special
the line officers. His name was Bridges-
provocation to ridicule in itself. He was a
good fellow in his way, but his way was not a
popular one. He was not far from 40 years
of age, rather below the medium height, with
a squeaky voice and fussy manner-not a bit
of dignity nor power of command in him. He
was quite well educated, however, and was a
successful man of business in a little town
just before the regiment left for the field, and
I think the inclination to talk about her wa
the chief reason of our combining to make fan
of him. He knew he was being laughed at,
but kept on doing his duty fairly well-very
well, I should say, under the circumstances.
He was no coward, but his young wife made
He was no coward, but his young wife made
him wish to live, and caused him to be more
careful of his health and safety, I think, than
he otherwise would have been. He had taken did not take part in the general mirth at bis expense. I am afraid he was mistaken. Be
sides that, the second lieutenant of his company
was a great friend of mine, and I was ansions
to see a bar on his shoulder-straps. I should
say that I was probably the only man in the
command who was familiar with the appearance and location of the little Kentucky town which was our real destination. It was hoped that we would reach it about daylight of the 26 th and defeat or perhaps capture a force of the
enemy supposed to be stationed there. The enemy sapposed to be stationed there. The
Colonel ambitious and would spare no effort.
- After our little caroosal-which was no extensive enough to produce any unpleasan
results-I looked over matters to see if I had forgotten my duty, and turned in on a bed of cedar boughs with a saddle for a pillow. I was
cen wakened by some one shaking me and calling in an instant and rushed to the opening in the tent to see what was the matter.
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