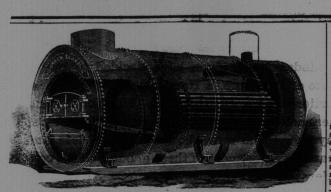
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patiently.

"He's rid aff, sor," the woman answered, "afther lavin' this note for the masther."

"Was that not he?"

"At th' dhoor? Shure it was wan av thim blue-coats, bad luck to e'm! He fetched this: 'Wid despatch from hid-quarthers," be th' same token!"

With an angry toss of her head, she laid the note on the table. It was an official envelope, printed in the corner, Head-Quarters Department of Maryland, Adjutant-General's Office. Official business," and directed to Carroll Meredith, Esqr., in prim, clerical hand.

McKee stared hard at the missive, taking it up more than once, as though his curiosity would force him to open it. Could it be an arrest? he wondered. His friend made frequent trips to "the Ferry," but his ordinary huntsman's life left him presumably without suspicion. Besides, were it an arrest, it would come in very different manner. A warning, perhaps? Yet Meredith had no friends among the Federals,—had avoided the officers, and even lectured McKee roundly for his courtesies to Major Bond for sake of passes. Anyway, no warning could come from that office. What could it mean? Again he took up the envelope, handling it as though it burned him, then holding it close to the ruddy blaze, only to find it densely opaque.

"Who brought it, Mary?" he asked of the servant, still lingering by the table 'An orderly?"

Virry, sor! A dacint-shpoken lad eno, barrin' th' blue," she answered, in an accent that long residence nor long devotion to the Meredith family had been potent to conquer. "He sid it was immayit; and I sid I'd hand ut to th' massing the rin three winks av a pig's eye! I wunt's be afther littin' th' likes o' thim kings. The potential of the servant, still that the massing the same of the servant still that the massing the same of the servant still that the massing the same of the servant still ingering by the table 'An orderly?"

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"I should have thought you would ride faster," was the reply. "Here's a letter for you."

"Faster! Selim and I did the thirty' miles in an hour less than usual, Meredith answered, taking the letter garelessly. "It was broad day before old Pete paddled into the creek; said the river was full of transports passing up. Wonder if they can be massing for a move, this weather."

"Were the creeks freezing?" the other asked, anxiously. "Carroll, if the river freezes, how can we get her across?"

"Upper route,—Harper's,—and cross on the ice," Meredith returned, promptly.

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"Read your letter," McKee retorted, Id take these PHLS.

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