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mother standing in the doorway of ations of Austins.

His eve rested upon the pictures been over to the grist-mill at the are all I have in the world.' village, came to the door and ing."

ing till you get through." dishes, and he knew that in her good son," he murmured. weak state of health it had cost her much exertion.

"Dinner was first-rate, mother," he said, when he had finshed eating. "I hope it didn't tire you too much getting such a spread for the table and put his arm around mother and kissed her.

She looked up at him with tear- ef tears and bitterness. ful eyes and said: "Lincoln, I believe you want to go to war, and you are just staving home because you promised father you'd take care of me. If your heart is set on going, I don't want to hinder you. I'll get Jim Blake and his wife to come in and stay with me. They'll

be glad enough to come." "Now, mother, you know you and Jim Blake's wife never would get along in harness pulling together here in the house. ways are entirely different from yours. I've been turning this question of duty over in my mind, and I've settled. While you live it is my duty to be loyal to my promise to father and take care of you. We will do all we can to honour those already in the field by our prayers

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feel. With all the glory he has got and our loyalty to our country in

That afternoon a peddler came Lincoln tacked the pictures on along with United States flags to the wall and went back to his work. sell, and the mother went to the "If it wasn't for mother," he said sugar-bowl in the cupboard and aloud, as he resumed his hoeing, got out a dime and bought one. "I'd put up this hoe and enlist This she draped over the front to-morrow. No trouble about my door while Lincoln was hoeing in not passing muster with the doc- the cornfield. "I'll let folks know tors. I'm as sound as a nut." In that we're patriotic here, if it isn't proof of which statement he Lincoln's duty to go to the front doubled up his right arm and just yet. If it keeps on he may be able to go, for I have not been feel-Just at that moment he saw his ing very strong lately."

"Well, mother," exclaimed Linthe kitchen blowing the tin din- coln, with a pleased look on his ner-horn, which had been used to face, "you're as enthusiastic over announce the coming of that diur- the war as I am. Think of your nal circumstance for many gener- buying the United States flag and putting it up over our front door!"

"I thought I would do what I as he sat down to dinner. "The could for my country's honour," pictures look first-rate up there, was the reply. "I'm thinking of don't they, mother?" he said all those other mothers whose But on looking up into his sons have gone to the front. I'm mother's face, he saw that she look- so sorry for them. Lincoln, I ed paler than usual, and a sad don't know but I ought to be willexpression had come over it. One ing to give you up in defence of of the neighbour's boys, who had your country, but you know you

"And you are all I have in the threw in the daily paper. "There's world, mother. The question of your paper, Lin; there wasn't no duty for me seems to be easily more mail for your folks this morn-solved. I'll stay right here with you and fight quackgrass and cut-"Now, don't go to reading that worms up in the east corn lot for paper till you eat your dinner," a spell." As he took up his milk Lincoln," said his mother. "It will pails and went to the pasture he all be cold and just good for noth- drummed on the bottoms of them, ing, for when you once begin on while he heard his mother's voice that war news, you'll keep on read- coming through the south window Her singing, "My Country, 'Tis of son noticed that his mother had Thee." "I'll be a man and a prepared some of his favourite patriot even while I try to be a

-"No man denies God until after he has departed from God; for as long as he delights in the sunlight and fellowship of God he cannot bring his heart to the state your boy;" and he got up from of denial; but once we are separated from God, as Peter was, it the slight frame of his little is easy to deny him. And then return to him must be by the path



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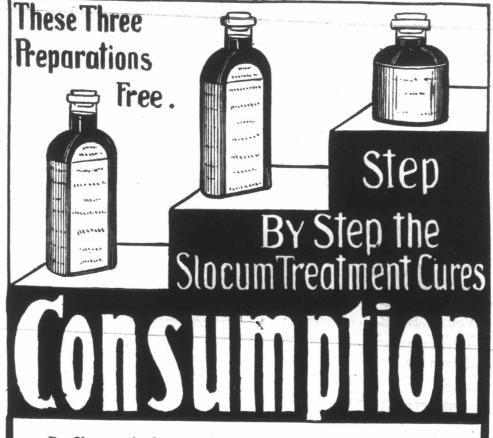
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