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"Pulchrumque mori sucurrit in armis."—Vergil *Aeneid*, B. 2, V. 317).

Often and often during my childhood and High School days did I visit the scene of this action, hoping to find some relics of an engagement in which our arms suffered a reverse, but I was always unsuccessful in my little explorations. In fact I met with very indifferent success when I turned to the people who I thought might possibly know something concerning the details of this struggle, which after all seemed to be nothing more than a mere memory, the particulars of which were beyond a hope of successful resurrection. When again I looked into the current histories of my native land which I was able to lay hold of, at that time, I was again doomed to disappointment, and very bitter disappointment too, as this conflict in many of them was not even mentioned, while in others it was only barely alluded to, and thus my curiosity was not in the least degree satisfied.

Some of those whom I questioned thought that the Americans were the victors, and others thought that the British were the victors, while a third party seemed only to be amused at my youthful anxieties respecting the details and result of an almost forgotten fight, and skillfully concealed their want of knowledge of the matter in hand by a knowing smile. And thus the affair dropped almost entirely out of my own mind for more than a decade.

Maturer years, however, brought the subject back to my recollection with increased interest, as the scene of this struggle is located within a very few miles of the home where I passed the earlier period of my life. As succeeding years followed, greater facilities presented themselves to me for acquiring contemporary documentary evidences of what did actually transpire in connection with this action, thus enabling me to give at least a tolerably correct account of an event so intimately connected with the past history of a locality, now embraced

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