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It was understood that he was send- I asked him: ing troops off west, and I was particularly charged to discover if there was

any foundation in the report. I left the rebel cavalry outpost at 10 There was about a mile of neutral ground between outposts, and when I had crept down the highway almost to the Union videttes I took to the fields

The advised me to give up all hope and make my peace with God, and I gave him to understand that I might be home to understand the would have sworn in the control of the took to the fields. and flanked 'em. I knew every rod of more contrite on his next visit.

was a matter of no trouble.

wind was cold and the ground frozen. as he grasped my hand, he said: It so happened that I struck a part of "The papers have come back, and French's corps. Knowing that Lee you must prepare to die !" was going into winter quarters, and " " Pray for me !" says I. gin me the show I wanted. I riz up from the cold ground, bore off a little showed signs of coming to. It was put under his plate an accepted check for \$10,000. The hour came, and the com. to the right, and entered the gap with- some more.

I was among the tents and shanties. saw a soldier come out of a tent and go off. I reasoned that he was on guard, and had come to his tent on some as he locks the door.

errand, and I was probably light. It was half-tent, half-shanty, with a and off I goes. termined to keep awake, but I had no day, and that the chaplin would be sooner got fairly warmed through than laid up for a month. I went off to the land o' Nod, and the

next thing I knew it was daylight. None o' the chaps under the blankets were awake, and I slipped out without stranger, should attract his attention. laid aside her sewing and announced her Further, it was jist as nateral that he intention of accompanying me. I saw was a sour-faced, beetle-browed chap, and the minit I looked into his eyes 1 bonnet Lassumed an annoyed tone and knew we should have a row.

faced him." "At what?" I coolly axed.

"Stealing, of course!" git warm."

"Who be you?" "George Smith." "What regiment?"

"Sixth Maine." with some prisoners.

come in."

brought out his coffee-pot, and in mov- The sudden concussion set my brain in a and down the street.

separates us and asks:

"What is this row about?" out my opponent.

"He lies!"

Marine."

"Where's your regiment?" 'Don't know, sir. I was captured by the 'rebs,' got away and am looking for my regiment.'

'When did you come in?' 'Last night.'

'How did you pass all the outposts and sentinels?

He had me there. I had as good as betrayed myself by that one answer. 'I'll see to your case !' he growled,

corps headquarters and questioned.

he pronounced me a liar and an im- offices. The firm, of course, retained in Newest Shades & Patterns,

Next day, when a court-martial was convened, I had no defense to offer. They tried me as a spy, and while nothing could be proved, I was condemned and sentenced to be shot. I was given to understand that, but I reckoned that some of the officers were not quite satto understand that, but I reckoned that some of the officers were not quite satisfied. Instead of carrying out the sentence right away, the findings were sent to a higher court for approval.

What I am telling you in a minute the value of \$100,000. They had evidently got mixed up with Mr. Seney's dently got mixed up with Mr. Seney's accurities through one of those unexplains able mistakes that happen very rarely in brokers' offices.

"The clerk cut off the coupons that he had come after and restored the package of the package

BY AN EX-REBEL.

When Gineral Meade fell back from Mine Run, in the fall of 1863, he went into winter quarters between the Rapidally expecting to hear their approval, daily expecting to hear their approval, when, one night just before dusk, the chaplain of a Pennsylvania regiment chaplain of a Pennsylvania regiment On the 15th of the month I received came in to console me. He was about is as straight as a string. orders to cross the river, penetrate his my size and age with the same colored "You are sure that there were

'How did you git in?' "Why, I showed my pass to the guard," he answered. o'clock one night, being on foot and talked for about a quarter of an hour, broker recognized them instantly, and wearing a blue uniform throughout. and I made him promise to come and mentioned the name of the person to

that country, and passing the vidette I tell you, that next day seemed a clerk was asked to accept \$100 as a souweek long. I had a plan, and it prom- venir of the occasion, but he declined." It was when I reached the first line | ised success. When the day did begin of sentinels that I had to go keerful. to fade away I was so nervous and It was now midnight, and winter had excited that I could not keep still. he put on his hat and started for the car set in. There was no snow, but the The chaplain came in just at dark, and, -New York Times.

knowing that a strong picket was out, He knelt right down, and he had York and Boston were bidding for his the sentinels were not over watchful. skeercely uttered a word when I had work, Chicago undertook to waylay him the sentinels were not over watchful. Skeercely uttered a word when I had in by the throat. It was so sudden, and grip on him, that he skeercely kicked. I didn't want tokil thinking more of keeping warm than of the word when I had him by the throat. It was so sudden, and scurre the prize for herself. To this end a dozen rich and prominent Chicagoans arranged for an elaborate dinner, with him by the throat. It was so sudden, and I had sich a grip on him, that he skeercely kicked. I didn't want tokil him by the throat. It was so sudden, and I had sich a grip on him, that he skeercely kicked. I didn't want tokil him by the throat had a dozen rich and prominent Chicagoans arranged for an elaborate dinner, with him by the throat him by the throat had a dozen rich and prominent Chicagoans arranged for an elaborate dinner, with him by the throat had a dozen rich and prominent Chicagoans arranged for an elaborate dinner, with him by the throat had a dozen rich and prominent Chicagoans arranged for an elaborate dinner, with him by the throat had a dozen rich and prominent Chicagoans arranged for an elaborate dinner, with him by the throat had a dozen rich and prominent Chicagoans arranged for an elaborate dinner, with him by the throat had a dozen rich and prominent Chicagoans arranged for an elaborate dinner, with him by the throat had a dozen rich and prominent Chicagoans arranged for an elaborate dinner, with him by the b looking for spies. While I was waiting him, but I choked him until he was like in truth, was given on his account, to infor a chance to skulk in, the two-came a rag. Then I off with his coat, vest duce him to cast his lot in the Garden together and stood talking, and this and pants, and was into 'em before he City. As an insurer of their purpose they

out being seen. In ten minutes more Poor man! I felt powerful sorry to being the chief guest. The dinner was do him sich injury, but my life was at delayed, the dishes cooled and the gentle-I must find a place to pass the night. stake. In about twenty minutes 1 felt men warmed with impatience and vexa-It was too cold to go, prowling 'round, it was safe to go out. I dragged him tion. Still they thought that he would saying nothing of the danger to be in- into a corner, sat him up on end, and arrive at the last moment, or at least send curred. I walked up one; street and down another, looking for a place to opened at once, and as I squeezed out opened of his o

Mr. Brown's Experience. I went to the skating rink! the other night. I didn't tell anyone I was going, disturbing 'em. Everything would not even my wife. I knew if I did she have been all right 'cept for a man in a would want to go, too, and as I intended tent across the street. He had come to try skating I preferred to make my out after wood, and was standing there debut unattended by my friends and relaas I appeared. As both tents belonged tives. So I teld Mary Aun—that's my to the same company, and as all the wife—that I was going to prayer-meeting. men in each company knew each other, She looked rather surprised—for I am not it was only natural that I, a perfect generally a regular attendant—but at once should suspect me of being a thief. He that wouldn't do, and so when she appearsaid : "I declare, Mary Anu, I have a "Ah! I caught you!" he growled as I pressing business engagement for this evening which had entirely slipped my mind. "However," seeing her countenance fall, "I'll go round by the church and leave you at prayer-meeting." She looked "You are wrong. I went in there to rather grieved and disappointed, and altogether was so innocent that I almost repented and mentally called myself a brute for deceiving the dear little woman so, but I had determined to go to the rink, so I quieted my conscience by regis-

I wasn't answering at random. I tering a solemn vow that just as soon as knew that the Sixth Maine was in the I had learned to skate I would take her fight at Rappakanuock Station, about a along with me—to look on. Well, after month before, | because I had talked leaving my wife at the charch door, I brought up at the skating rink in due "Where's your regiment?" he asked. time. I somewhat timidly took my place "That's what I'm looking for," I replied. "I was took by the rebs fifteen days ago, and have just escaped and come in." diately-if not sooner-struck something I answered him so promptly, and else, too. It was the floor. Yes, I sat told such a straight story, that he could down a little more "forcible than elegant. have no suspicions, and I might have My head flew back and my jaws snapped got away but for an accident. He had together like a turtle catching at a fly.

ing away I fell over it. He was aching whirl, but after two or three vain efforts, whiri, but after two of three varieties of the was aching for asfuss with somebody, and ithat was a good excuse. He jumped for me without a word. I returned his blow, and then we clinched and fought up and down the street. and down the street.

I was getting the oest of him, when we fell upon and wrecked a tent and began to draw a crowd. In five minutes there were fifty men around us, and pretty group an effect comes. and pretty soon an officer comes up, they went like chain lightning, and you either had to keep up with them or you would be most unceremoniously left be "I caught the chap stealing," sings hind. I got left. So did several other hind. I got left. So did several other fellows. At about 12 o'clock that night I reached my own door. With the assist "Who are you?" asks the officer.
"Private George Smith, of the Sixth
aged to hobble there from the doctor's

call an ambulance. My wife-unsuspecting little woman—is in a constant state of worriment lest I have another attack of acute inflammatory rheumatism. I don't think I shall-rot this fall. He Might Have Stolen \$100,000. After a brief pause, the banker who

had told no story said: "I can tell you a true story of a young broker's clerk who, from deliberate huesty, threw away an and he called the guard and had me opportunity to steal \$100,000, when marched off. The guard-house was a he knew that he would never be detected. log stable, and as soon as he reached it When George I. Seney was speculating log stable, and as soon as he reached it
I was stripped and searched. The next
move was to hunt up the Sixth Maine

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I changed my line of defense, claiming to be a deserter from the One Hurdred and Twenty-fourth New York, who was voluntarily coming back to his regi-ment, but the next day the Colonel of cated securities were handed to him, and that regiment came to look at me, and he was left in one compartment of the th its possession a list of all the hypothe-Next day, when a court-martial was cated securities, which it was accustomed

consumed about two weeks. I was of securities to a representative of the pretty comfortably fixed in the barn, firm. The extra \$100,000 of bonds had

chaplain of a Pennsylvania regiment pared to put away the box. Everything

at a plan. When we had talked a little " 'Perfectly,' answered the broker with NOTARY PUBLIC, ETC. inixed here.'
"'Well, how about this \$100,000 or

bonds?" asked the clerk, drawing the DesBrisay & DesBrisay That, was all I desired to know. He extra securities from his pocket. The There was about a mile of neutral see me next evening at the same hour. whom they belonged. His astonishment certain place in his private safe. The Warren C . Winslow. "That fellow will get away with a mi'lion yet,' said the brisk, natty banker, as RENSO

How Bret Harte Lost \$10,000. When Bert Harte came East in the first flush of his California fame, and New pany, with one exception -the exception

down another, looking for a place to stow myself away; and bye-and-bye I the guard shut it without even glancing spaired of his presence. To this day he has never offered any excuse for his stay-How is he, chaplin?" asks the guard been told, that Mrs. Harte had not been SIDE BAR PIANO BOXES. invited, at which she took grave offense, "Resigned, poor man," I answers, communicating her temper to her husband The fact that it was entirely a man's din- SIDE-SPRING CONCORDS fre-place in it. I crept in at the door As I afterwards learned, I had a good ner, where any woman would have been and found a fire going and three men hour's start. I didn't head for the as much out of place as in a bar room, asleep under the blankets. There was river, as might be expected, but for the seemed not to have occurred to either a heap of wood at hand, and the best I north, and it was over a month before I of them. It is possible that Harte may could do was to stir up the fire and saw Lee's lines again. A Washington not have needed any pretext for violating hover over it. I didn't mean to fall paper had a long story about my escape, a formal engagement. He has often done asleep; that is, I was bound and de- and it said I would have bin shot next the same thing in the East without breakpossible to define, for he is usually very amiable and polite, a delightful fellow so cially. Extreme and unpardonable rude ness on prandial occasions must be set

down as one of the idiosyncracies of genius. The Chicagoans who had contributed the \$10,000 were, naturally enough, very angry at Harte for his gross incivility and kept their money, No further effort was made to prevail upon him to remain in the Northwest and he continued his journey



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