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which looked out upon him from its

glass covering. Precise, puckered and

prim, with a decided best-clothes air.

Who could it be? Tom asked this question aloud, while his companions

laughingly declared it some lady-love he

had left behind, suggesting at last that

he read the note which lay just be-

neath it, as that might explain the mys-

low-officer looking over his shoulder and

reading, too. But there was too much

tery. So Tom did read it, with a fel-

of the anxious, genuine mother-tone

about that letter to cause more than

three or four hearty laughs at the ex-

pense of Tom and the widow. Tom

knew now for whom the picture was in

tended, and he carried it to Isaac, but

it was many a day ere Tom Carleton

heard the last of Mrs. Belinda Simms

Company R to Rose for her kind thoughtfulness in setting afloat a plan

which brought them so much good, and

Rose, as she received the messages, wished it was all to be done again, and

wondered what she could find to do

next. One of Will's letters told her at

last what to do. She could be kind to

the soldiers, if there were any in Rock-

land. She could visit their families; speak to them words of comfort, and

supply, if needful, their necessities. This

was just what suited her, and she com-

menced her task with a right good-will.

startling many an awkward youth wearing a soldier's dress by accosting

him in the street, inquiring into his his-

tory, and frequently ending the inter-

view by offering him her soft, white

hand, and leaving in his rougher one a

piece of money, which affected him less

than the brightness of the brilliant eyes

he remembered long after the silver

was spent. Every soldier's, wife and every soldier's mother was looked after,

and the Mather carriage was oftener

seen in the muddy Hollow and by-lanes

in Rockland than at the gates of more

pretentious dwellings. Harry's mother

and Bill's, and others of her standing,

blessed the little lady, for the sunshine

brought so often to their squalid homes

while Annie and Widow Simms pray

ed from a full heart that no evil should

befall the husband or the brother of the

CHAPTER VII.

Brightly, beautifully the Sabbath

morning broke over all the hills of the

Northland, covering them with floods

of rosy light, burnishing the forest

trees with sheens of gold, and cresting

each tall spire with colors which seem

ed born of Paradise, so radiantly bright

they looked, flashing from their lofty

resting-place, and glancing off across

the valleys where the fields of waving corn and summer wheat were growing.

To the westward, too, where prairie on

minable space, the same July sun was

hining, as quietly, as peacefully, as if

n the hearts of men there burned no bitter feeling of fierce, and vindictive

blood. Oh, how calm, how still it was

that Sunday morning both east, and

north, and west, and as the sun rose

higher in the heavens, how soothingly

he bells rang out their musical chimes.

From New England's templed hills to

the far-off shores of Oregon, the echoes

rose and fell, ceasing only when ceased the tramp of the many feet hastening

up to worship God in His appointed way. Old and young, rich and poor, father and mother, sister and brother,

husband and wife, assembled together

to keep the holy day, the best day of

the seven, praying not so much for their

own sins forgiven as for the loved ones

-and little, little dreaming as they

prayed, how the same sun, stealing so

softly up the church's side, and shin-ing on the church's wall, was even then

looking down on a far different scene,

For, off to the southward, near where the waters of the Potomac ripple past

larina

leaving it glossy, smooth and

sweet. The fine stockholm

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to cure dandruff and allays the

itchiness of the scalp which

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-a scene of carnage, blood and death.

gene to war,-the dear ones far away,

-no thirsting for each other's

airie stretches on into almost inter-

heroic Rose.

Numerous were the thanks sent by

Company R was remembered, thanks to he indefatigable Rose, who procured a ist of the names, and when she found any without friends in that immediate vicinity, she supplied the deficiency from her own store of luxuries, ourse Will and Tom fared the best, while next to them came Lieutenant Graham and Isaac Simms, Rose writng a tiny note to the latter, telling him how much she liked him for speaking so of Tom. and sending him a pair of her fine linen sheets, because she couldn't think of anything, else, and hought these would be cool to sleep on in hot summer nights. Dear little Rose! how fast she grew in popularity, the people wondering they had never seen before how good she was, and imputing some portion of her present inrest to the presence of her mother who had made arrangements to remain for an indefinite length of time in Rockand, and who, far less demonstrative than her active daughter, did much by her sensible advice to keep the wheel in motion, and Rose from overdoing the

matter so zealously taken in hand. The box was packed at last; every chink and crevice was full. Mrs. Ba-ker's Dutch cheese and fried apple pies were there, wraped by Rose Mather in innumerable folds of paper, tied around with yards of the strongest twine she could find, and safely stowed away where they could not be harmed; Widow Simme's ointment, too, and the condy she had made, occupied a corner, together with her daguerreotype, sent to Isaac, and a letter to Captain Carleton. That leter was a mammoth undertaking, but the widow felt it her duty to write it, groaning and sweating, and consulting Perry's old leatherbound dictionary for every word of which she felt at all uncertain, and driving poor Annie nearly distracted with asking "if this were grammar, and if that were too lovin' like for a widder to send a widower." Not a little amused.Annie gave the required advice, smiling in spite of herself, as she read the note the widow handed her, and

which ran as follows: "My Dear Mr. Captain Carleton,-I can't help puttin' dear before your name, you seem so nigh to me since Isaac told me how kind you was to I'm nothin' but a shrivelled, dried up widder, fifty odd years old, but I've got a mother's heart hig enough to take you in with my other ooys. I know you are a nice clever man, but whether you're a good one, as I call good, I don't know, though bein' you come from Boston I'm afraid you're a Unitarian, and I'll never quit prayin' for you till I know. That's about all I can do, for I'm poor a'most as Job's turkey; but if there's shirts or trouses, or the like o' that wants makin', let me know, for I don't believe your mother or sister is great at sewin'. Mrs. Marthers ain't, I know -though as nice a little body as ever drawed the breath. Your wife's dead, too, they say, and that comes hard agin. I know just how that feels, for my man died eighteen years ago last October, a few weeks before Isaac was born. "I send you some intment for your

feet; and some bits of linen rags to bind round your toes: also, some red pepper candy, and my likeness to Isaac. He'll let you see it if you want to. It don't 'pear to me that my eyes is as dull as that, or my lips so puckered up, but we can't see as others see us, and I ain't an atom proud. Heaven bless you for being kind to Isaac, and if an old woman's prayers and blessin's is of any use you may be sure you have mine. If you come to battle, be as good as to oversee him, won't you, and git him put 'way back, if you can. Excuse haste and a bad pen.

"Yours with regret,

"MRS. BELINDA SIMMS." .This was the widow's letter, sent with Tom's parcel to Washington, where the box was greeted by the company with exclamations of joy, and could those who sent it have seen the eager, happy faces of each one as he found he was remembered, they would have felt dou-bly repaid for all the trouble and anneyance it had cost them. Only one growl of dissatisfaction was heard, and that from Harry Baker, who, with a muttered oath, exclaimed, as he undid his paper parcel:

"Apple turnovers, by jing! Sourer than swill, and mouldier than the rot. Halloo, Bill, got some too, I see. What in fury is this? Dutch: cheese, as I'm alive. Make good bullets for Secesh, so here goes!" and the next moment there whizzed through the air the cheese poor old Mrs. Baker had found it so hard to smuggle in. The apple pies followed next, and then the reckess Harry amused himself with jeering at Bill, who, after carefully stowing away in his pocket the large, strong twine Rose Mather had bound around the paper parcel, seated himself upon the ground and was munching away at his pie, not because he liked it, but beeause his mother had sent it, and Billy's mother was dearer to him now than

when he was at home Meanwhile, in another part of the camp, Tom Carleton was opening his parcel, while around him stood a group of officers, some his personal friends whom he had known in Boston.

"There must be some mistake," he said, as he daubed his white fingers with the sticky candy. But Rose had packed his things in a separate box, and directed it herself. There could be no mistake, and he continued his investigations, coming next upon the widow's picture, which Rose had carelessly placed in his parcel.

trilled his matin song, they had been on the move, their bristling bayonets glittering in the brilliant moonlight like the December frost, as with regular, even tread they kept on their winding way, knowing not if the pale watching their course so pityingly, as it were, would ever shipe on them again. Onward -- onward still pressed; over the hills, through the rarines, down the valleys, acress the fields, till the same sun which shone so softly on their distant homes rose also over the Federal Fly, as it has been aptly termed, moving onward to the Web which lay beyond, so well concealed and so devoid of sound that non could guess that the treacherous woods wearing so cool, so inviting a look were sheltering a mighty, expectant host, watching as eagerly for the advancing foe as ever spider waited for its delud ed prey. Backward,-backward, stretch ed the Confederate army, line after line rank after rank, battalion after battalion, until in numbers it more than qua drupled that handful of men steadily moving on. From out of their leafy co vert the enemy peered, exulting that the fortunes of the great Republic, their whilom mother, were so surely within their power and pausing for a time in sheer wantonness, just as kitten sports with the mouse she has already captured and knows can't escape, Onward,-onward,-onward swept the Federal troops; their polished arms and glittering uniforms flashing in the morning sunlight just as the flag for which they fought waved in the morning They were weary and worn, and their lips were parched with 'fe verish thirst, for hours had passed since they had tasted food or water. But not for this did they tarry; there was no faltering in their ranks no fainting beat ing heart, no wild yearning to be away, no timid shrinking from what the woods, now just before them, might hold in store, and when the whisper ran along the lines that the enemy was in view, there was maught felt save joy, that the long suspense was ended and the fray about to commence.

There was a halt in the front ranks, and while they stand there thus, let us look once more upon those whom we have known. Just where the goodhumored faces of the Irish regiment and the tall caps of the Highlanders are perceptible, the 13th appears in view, our company marching decorously on, no lagging, no faltering, no cowards there, though almost every heart had in it some thought of home and the dear ones left behind. Prayers were said by lips unused to pray, and who shall tell how many records of sins forgiven were that morning written in heaven? Bibles, too, were pressed to throbbing hearts, and to none more closely than to George Graham's broad chest. He had prayed that morning in the clear moonlight, and by the moonlight he had tried to read a line in Annie's wellworn Bible, opening to where God promises to care for the widow and the Was it ominous, that passage? Did it mean that he, so strong, so vigorous, so full of life, should bite the dust ere many hours were done? He could not believe it. He was too full of hope for that. He could die toned her Bible over his heart, and prayed that if a bullet struck him it might be there, fondly hoping that

would break its force. There was a shadow on his handsome face, and it communicated itself to Isaac Simms, who was glancing so stealthily at him, and guessing of what he was thinking. Isaac, too, had prayed in the moonlight, and he, too, had thought, "What if I should be killed!" wondering if his mother ever would forget her soldier boy, even though she might not weep over his nameless grave. This to Isaac was the hardest thought of all. The boy that would not tell a lie for the sake of promotion was not afraid to die, but he preferred that it should not be there 'mid piles of bloody slain. He would rather death should come to him up in the humble attic, where he had lain so oft and listened to the patter of the rain on the roof above, or feigned to sleep when his mother stole noiselessly across the threshold to see if he were covered from the cold and shielded from the snow, which sometimes found an entrance through a crevice in the wall, 'Tis strange when we are in danger what flights our fancy often takes, gathering up the minutest details of ur past life, and spreading them out before us with startling distinctness. So Isaac, with possible death in advance, thought of his past life; of every object onnected with his home from the grass plat in the rear, where his mother bleached her clothes in spring, to the blue and white checked blanket hung ound his attic bed to protect him from the winter storm. The widow, so stern, harsh, so sharp to almost every one, had been the tenderest of parents to him, and a tear glistened on the cheek of the fair-haired boy as he remembered the only time he was hateful to her. He had asked her forgiveness for it, and she surely would not recall it when she read the letter Eli of John would send bearing the fatal line, "Mother, poor Isaac is dead." He knew they would call him "poor Isaac," for though they sometimes teased him as his "m ther's great girl baby." they petted him quite as much as she, only in a differ ent way, and he felt now that both would step between him and the bullet they thought would harm himwould, any way, but John, perhaps would hesitate, as he now loved Susan best. Isaac was proud of his brothers, and he glanced admiringly at them as they marched side by side, keeping even step just as they did down Main street with his mother and Susan looking on.
One now was thinking of Susan, and
one of his widowed mother.
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