

It is an official gruff demand of a slightly wounded French officer just brought in, if his countrymen were yet engaged. 'Yes,' was the equally gruff rejoinder, 'or I should not be here. Only a part, though, as yet of Boquet's division: but the rest are not far off.' This must have occurred about one o'clock.

The signs of defeat now multiplied apace; and by three o'clock, it was acknowledged that the Russians had sustained a sanguinary repulse. The roar of battle died gradually away; the mob dispersed in sullen discontent; and each side was free to count the bloody cost—the Anglo-French, of victory; the Muscovites, of shameful overthrow. It was quite dark when I got back to the hotel, where I was much surprised to find my aunt and cousin. They had sent frequent written messages to me during the day, and receiving no reply, had worked themselves into a panic of alarm for my safety, which nothing would allay but themselves ascertaining in person what had befallen me. We had not exchanged twenty words, when the landlord of the hotel, a civil, obliging person, informed me, that I was asked for help. 'A wounded Russian officer,' he whispered, directly we were out of the room, 'with hardly sufficient life remaining to bid the litter-bearers, who carried him off the field, bring him here. It is your friend, Monsieur Hartmann!' added the man in a still lower whisper, and with a perturbed stare. I sprang, without replying, down stairs. It was indeed poor Dalsell! At sight of me, a smile gleamed over his pallid face; and grasping me by the hand, he made a mighty effort—feeling, no doubt, that death would be swift and sudden with him—to acquaint me with the circumstances under which he had lost his life. 'I know all,' said I, interrupting; and I slowly and distinctly repeated what I had heard at the cafe. His grasp of my hand tightened as I spoke, and the darkening eyes flashed with a glow of military pride. 'You think it was well done, Mark?' came from his lips in a pleased, bubbling murmur.

'Think it well done! Ah! my brave friend, it is to the unshrinking devotion of such hearts as yours, that England owes her glory and her greatness. 'You will tell Viola—Marian!' he murmured yet more faintly than before, 'and that—that—'

He fainted, and I thought he was gone; but pungent restoratives brought back consciousness, and I caused him to be gently carried upstairs and placed in bed. Slight delirium superadded, and for the next ten minutes, the idle comments of his brain ran upon the incidents of the day in which he had taken part. The 'light before death,' as it is called, suddenly chased away those confused and shadowy images. His eye rekindled with intelligence, and his voice was full and clear, as he said: 'Viola will hear from you, Mark Henderson, that my death was not unworthy her, or of my name and country. Ah! sweet wife—fair child, had I but—'

A loud scream interrupted him, and in another moment the wife so tenderly apostrophized—guided by Marian—had clasped her dying husband in her arms, and was pouring forth a torrent of broken, passionate words—words of tenderest love, of bitterest grief, of undefined but direst apprehension.

'Blessings! blessings on you, Viola!' interrupted the moribund, in that strange, solemn tone which cannot be mistaken—'on you, and on my child—blessings multiplied—unworthy as I—' We listened intently for several minutes, but the voice returned not, and looking more closely, I saw that he was dead!

I had cautioned the landlord not to inform Major Krieff of what had occurred, and just after ten o'clock, that gentleman came into the room where I sat alone, and swaggeringly announced, that on Gabriel Derjarvin was below, by appointment, to meet Monsieur Hartmann. Gabriel Derjarvin was desired to walk up; and after a moment's hesitation, he followed me to the death-chamber; Major Krieff accompanying.

'We must see Monsieur Hartmann alone,' said the major, as I opened the door. 'I shall not remain an instant. There, messieurs, I added, quickly withdrawing the concealing curtain—'There is Captain Dalsell! You might have felled them with a feather and at a sign from me, they followed down stairs like whipped spaniels.

'Captain Dalsell's papers, messieurs, apprise me of the particulars of the bargain you hoped to conclude with him; and I now inform you, that unless Madame Dalsell's legacy be immediately forthcoming, and passports for our dear friend provided, I shall at once place those papers in the hands of Prince Menschikoff.'

The terror of the villains was really pitiable; they promised everything; and effectually the next day but one. On the 20th of the month—four days after the terrific storm in the Black Sea—my aunt and cousin embarked with me at Yalta; and on the 18th of January 1855, the Sancy Gipsy dropped her anchor off Staten Island—all well!

I have little more, I think, to add likely to interest the reader, except that Ruth Henderson condescended to become Mrs Mark Henderson on the very day I well remember, that intelligence of the death of the czar, with—startling apportionment of retribution!—the echoes of a Turkish victory upon Russian soil, the first for two centuries, sounding in his dying ears—reached America. I may add that Ruth—but it is young days with us yet—is the same provoking, saucy gipsy as—

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'Take my advice, Mark, and leave that out, or no sensible person will credit a word you have been writing.'

'You there, wife! I was not aware you were peeping over my shoulder.'

'Neither should I have been here, but for my usual silly good-nature prompting me to come and tell you that Dr Barton says the operation has been capitally performed, and that dear Aunt Viola will see again as well as ever. Cousin Marian is crying for joy; and as young Carden seemed inclined to sympathetic tears, I slipped away.'

'Young Carden, of Wall Street! What sympathy should he feel with Marian's joy or sorrow?'

'Now, is not that a sensible question? Positively, Mark, you can have no eyes in your head; or, if you have, they must want coughing quite as much as aunt's did.'

'Well, that may be a fact, and accounts for the blunder I made some time ago, in mistaking a certain damsel for a divinity, whereas—'

'There! do hold your tongue: so my scribbling is turning your brain it is, indeed. Now, don't be ridiculous, Mark!'

'Aint that odacious now!' chuckled my father, who that moment looked in; two months married, and kissing! Well!'

'Your son, Mr Henderson!' exclaimed Ruth! flaming up as red as fire, 'is one of the rudest, most unmanly!'

'It's nothing to nobody,' interrupted the deaf mariner, with a consenting nod. 'It's what is right, only it shouldn't keep other people's dinner waiting.'

Some of the effects of ignited gunpowder are very wonderful. When it is heaped up in the open air and inflamed, there is no report, and but little effect is produced. A small quantity open and ignited in a room, forces the air outwards, as so blow out the window; but the same quantity confined in a bomb, within the same room, and ignited, tears in pieces the whole house. Count Rumford loaded a mortar with one twentieth of an ounce of powder, and placed upon it a 24 lb. cannon-ball; he then closed up every opening, and fired the charge, which burst the mortar with a tremendous explosion, and lifted up its enormous weight. He also put 18 grains of powder in a cylindrical space, which it just fitted, and upon being fired, it tore asunder a piece of iron, which would have resisted a strain of four hundred thousand pounds.

'I see in this world,' said a good man, 'two heaps of human happiness and human misery; now if I can take the smallest bit from one heap, and add it to the other, I carry a point. If, as I go home, a child has dropped a half-penny, and if, by giving it another, I can wipe away its tears, I feel that I have done something well. I shall be glad to do greater, but I will not neglect this.'

When we record our angry feelings, let it be on the snow, that the first beam of sunshine may obliterate them forever.

The liquor dealers of New York are about to issue a newspaper to be called 'The Age.' They have evidently forgotten one word of the title—it should read 'Behind The Age!'

Liquor Law in New-Hampshire.—The Legislature have passed a Prohibitory Liquor Law. In the Senate it was passed by 10 to 1 votes, and in the House the vote was 213 to 50.

Some of the domestic evils of drunkenness, says Franklin, 'are houses without windows, gardens without fences, fields without tillage, barns without roofs, children without clothing, principles, morals, or manners.'

A TERTIUM QUAERITUR.—Colonel Dacres, who is practice and precept is a supporter of the total abstinence doctrine, has never had an hour's illness during the whole campaign, although, like others, necessarily exposed to epidemic and endemic influences, as well as the fatigues, hardships, and privations attendant on warfare.

If folly were a pain, there would be groaning in every house.

He who has all he likes, shall often hear what he does not like.

Discontent is the root of riches.

Collegiate School, Windsor, N. S.

The dates of this School will be resumed on Wednesday, 18th August.

Pupils will at any time be received into the family of the Principal, whose constant aim it will be to exercise over them a christian influence and control, and, as far as possible, secure for them all the comforts and advantages of home.

The course of study will embrace every branch necessary to fit them either for College or business. Prof Stiefelbogen will attend daily to give instruction in the German, French, Spanish, and Italian Languages.

Terms.—Quarterly in advance. Boarders, £35 per annum. Day Scholars, £8. Modern Languages (one or more) £8.

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D. W. PICKETT, Principal. July 24th, 1855. 4w

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HASZARD & OWEN have JUST OPENED, and now offer for Sale, an extensive Stock of HARDWARE, among which are the following:—

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REMOVAL.

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N. B.—WANTED, three or four Journeymen, to whom the highest wages will be given, and who must be able to finish their work in first rate style. JAMES McLEOD, Tailor. June 15, 1855.

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PETER SCOTT. 23rd July, 1855.