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Then hast my better years, These last my earlier friends—the good, the kind, Yielded to these with tears.

Although Capt. Kirk and I are not consanguineous, I claim kinship because my father was a Pennsylvanian...

WAR-TIME DIARIES. Vicksburg Park Commissioners Search for Those Dealing With Campaign.

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Now all is calm, and fresh, and still; Alone the chirp of fitting bird, And talk of children on the hill.

No solemn host goes trailing by, The black-mouthed gnat and staggering wain.

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A FRIEND WITH THE COUNTERSIGN.

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In confirmation of the negro's words, we reached the end of the field; a road was leading to get to the river, and then came up its bank, and into the Confederate lines from the rear, if possible.

With little trouble I succeeded in reaching the river. I could see nothing on the further side of the river, but saw and full. At my right I could hear cars rolling.

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It must have been about an hour before day when we started to return. We had gone about a mile, when I heard a noise; it seemed to come from our side of the road.

"What is it, Jeter?" I whispered. "Horses," he replied. "Hurry, they are coming."

"No, I think not. Seemed to be kicking. Guess they are feeding." I was very tired and very sleepy, and thought it was better to creep forward cautiously and try to learn what kind of party we had stumbled upon.

"If these people were Confederates, we could catch them and take them to the north. But suppose there was a brigade or two, with pickets thrown out. We must be careful. Stuart was dead, but these men were not. They were not pickets; they were a regular force."

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"That's Capt. Johnson's company— from Appomattox, ain't it?" I understood from this that the regiment was from the 11th.

"I made no reply; I needed no stronger testimony that the aforesaid company was under the said Captain; yet that distinguished leader, with my rifle on my side, sent from his command, and Lieut. John Doe, or words to that effect, might not be in charge."

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