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Boots, Shoes and Hats,

No. 15 OLD LEVEE, N. ORLEANS.

Constantly receiving from their own manufactoty a fresh and very extensive supply of

BOOTS, SHOES AND BROGANS,

which they offer on as liberal terms as any other house. Negro Brogans in great variety always on hand. Planters and country merchants will find it to their advantage to give us a call.

The highest price paid for hides. dec28

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CHINA, GLASS AND EARTHWARE
SILVER PLATED, BRITANNIA,

Tin, Wooden, Japanned and Iron ware. Cutlery, Lamps, Brushes, Fenders, Andirons, Coal Scuttles, Shovels and Tongs, etc., etc., etc.

Including every article required to furnish a house (except cabinet ware and dry goods.)

ALSO—The celebrated Republic Cooking Stoves. nov 2, 1853

C. M. SIMPSON,

116 .....Canal street, New Orleans.....116

HAS now on hand a fine selection of

Fancy & Family Dry Goods.

With a supply of

PLANTATION GOODS,

Which enable him to fill a COUNTRY BILL throughly, thus obviating the necessity of a customer resorting to several houses to make his purchases.

Terms cash, or city acceptance.

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TAYLOR, HADDEN & Co.,

HAVE removed their CLOTHING ESTABLISHMENT to No. 66 Canal street. They have just received from their manufactory, New York, a large stock of CLOTHING, comprising every quality and suited to the city and country trade, which they offer to dealers on liberal terms. N. Orleans, July 7, 1853.

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Wholesale and retail dealers in fashionable cabinet

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Chairs, feathers, moss and hair mattresses, curled hair, hair cloth, varnish, etc., Nos. 46 and 48 Royal street, New Orleans. nov 9, 1853

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J. C. SILVY, Agent,
Dealers in

Watches and Jewelry,

And manufacturers of superior Gold Pens, etc., etc., MAGAZINE STREET, NEW ORLEANS.
Watches carefully repaired. oct 4-tf

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SAMUEL E. MOORE & Co.,
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Crockery, China and

GLASSWARE, Plated, Britannia, Japan and Tinware. Their stock of Crockery and Glassware is at all times very extensive, their terms liberal, and packing guarantied in the safest manner. Country merchants are invited to examine their stock. nov 2, 1853

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No. 71 CANAL STREET, (between Camp and Magazine streets,) NEW ORLEANS.

MANUFACTURERS and Importers of Saddlery and Saddleware, have constantly on hand a large and complete assortment of Saddles, Martingales, Trunks, Whips, Skirting, Harness and Bridle Leather, Hogskins. Saddlers' Tools and Trimmings of every description dec 21, 1853

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Every Sunday and Thursday.

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One of the above new and magnificent steamships will leave for Galveston, Indianola and Matagorda Bay every **Sunday and Thursday**, at 8 o'clock, A. M., punctually.

For freight or passage, (having elegant accommodations,) apply to HARRIS & MORGAN,
Foot of Julia street, opposite steamship landing.
nov 15, 1854.

H. P. BUCKLEY,
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8 Camp street, New Orleans,
Watchmaker, Jeweller & Silversmith,

Importer of fine Watches for ladies and gentlemen, of the most celebrated makers of England and Switzerland, made to his own order expressly in heavy cases (gold and silver,) and warranted standard fineness.

Ladies' chatelaines and neck chains;
Gent's guard, fob and vest chains, seals, keys, etc.
Finger rings, ear-rings, breast-pins, cuff-pins, etc.
Diamond pins and rings,
Spectacles for every age, in gold, silver, steel and tortoise shell frames;
Silverware, warranted pure as coin, consisting of table, tea and dessert spoons;
Silver table and dessert forks, ladles, butter knives, mustard and salt spoons, sugar tongs, etc.
Plated ware, consisting of castors, candlesticks, waiters, etc.

Having been always engaged in the mechanical part of the business, all watches sent for repairs will have the strictest persoual attention; and having every facility for making any portion of a watch, he will be enabled to work on very reasonable terms.

☞ Jewelry made to order and repaired. Diamonds reset in the latest style. Canes mounted in gold and silver. nov 15, 1854

House Furnishing Goods,
Wholesale and Retail
Nos. 73 & 75 CAMP STREET, NEW ORLEANS.

DETERMINED to reduce our stock of Goods, we will hereafter sell at **Lower Prices than has ever before been offered** in this city. Those in want of the following articles will do well to call:

Queensware, Glass and China Ware;
Bohemian Ware;
Birmingham Ware;
Rich China Vases and
Fine Silver-Plated Ware.
Parlor and Hall Lamps and Girandoles;
Rich Tea Trays and Waiters, in sets or single;
Fine Table Cutlery, and
Housekeeping Hardware;
Enameled and Hollow-Ware;
Britannia, Planished Tin and Japanned Ware;
Wooden and Willow Ware;
Feather Dusters, Brushes, of all kinds;
Paper Hangings and Borders;
Door Mats;
Window Cornishes, Cords and Tassels;
Curtain Bands and Curtain Pins, etc.
nov8, 1854-1y MILLER, HARRIS & WALDO.

J. West, Practical Dentist,

112 ST. CHARLES STREET, near the corner of Poydras, would respect fully inform ladies and gentlemen visiting New Orleans that he performs all operations on the teeth, in a most skillful and satisfactory manner.

The superiority of J. W.'s Artificial Teeth above all others, have been long well known and appreciated by hundreds who are enjoying the benefits of them. Persons desirous of availing themselves of such, would do well to call and examine his specimens.

Dental depot for the sale of Teeth, Foil, Instruments, etc. Office and residence 112 St. Charles street, near the corner of Poydras. feb 1, 1854-1y

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DR. GUSTINE'S OFFICE

For the Treatment of Diseases of the EYE and Imperfections of Vision, No. 135 ST. CHARLES STREET, opposite Lafayette Square, New Orleans. All surgical operations upon the Eye attended to. Such as Cataract, Squinting, the insertion of Artificial Eyes, etc., etc. jan 1, 1854

MAISON DE SANTE.

Corner of Canal and Claiborne streets, N. Orleans.

THIS Institution now under the direction of the SISTERS OF CHARITY, has been put in complete order, and is ready for the reception of patients. The rooms are spacious, well ventilated, and have every convenience for the sick. Persons visiting this Institution for medical treatment will receive, under the care of the Sisters of Charity, all the attentions and comforts of a home.

Dr. WARREN STONE still continues his connexion with the Institution, and patients will always have his advice and attention as heretofore.

Visiting Physician and Surgeon, Dr. J. C. P. WEDERSTRANDT.

Resident Physician and Surgeon, Dr. P. C. BOYER.

The terms of admission are from one to five dollars per day. Patients depositing in advance for the time they remain in the Institution. Capital Surgical Operations charged for extra.

For further information, apply to the SISTER SUPERIOR OF THE INSTITUTION, or to the Resident Physician. jan 25, 1854

WATER COLORS.

Newman's, Reeves & Son's, Ackeman's, Osborne's.

JUST received a large stock of above COLORS, in cakes and in mahogany and rosewood boxes, with lock and key. Also, **German Colors**, in cakes and boxes, a fine assortment.

Oil colors, in tubs---English and American;
Canvases for Portraits in frames of 8x10 to 42x56
Canvas in rolls, from 36 to 66 inches wide;
Strechers for canvases, of all sizes;
400 doz fine sable and camel hair pencils;
160 " paint and varnish brushes, all sizes;
80 packages gold and silver leaf;
100 bundles of duck metal---white and yellow;
Tin foil, in sheets and books;
Tinsel of all the usual colors.

☞ French and American PAPER HANGINGS.

.....**WINDOW GLASS, &c.**.....

5000 bxs American Window Glass, all sizes;
700 do English and French, from 8x10 to 33x65
300 lights fine Plate Glass;
120 bxs double thick American, from 8x10 to 20x30
1000 lights colored glass;
100 Glazier Diamonds;
500 bundles glazier tins;
10 tons White Lead, in 25 to 700 lb kegs;
5000 canisters and kegs colored paints, in ½ oz to 100 lb packages;
2500 lbs fine French Green, dry and ground in oil;
1000 bbls Whiting and Paris White, of my own manufacture, fire dried.

Paint Mills of all sizes and every article usually kept in a general Paint, Oil and Color Store, will found at

R. CLANNON'S,
nov 2, 1853 46 Canal street, New Orleans

LEEDS' FOUNDRY,

CORNER OF DELORD & FOUCHER STREETS, NEW ORLEANS.

IS prepared to furnish vertical and horizontal Steam Engines, Sugar Mills, Vacuum Pans, Sugar Kettles, Clarifiers, Filters, steam and horse power Draining Machines, Saw Mills, Gin Geering, Iron Columns and Fronts for buildings Furnace Mouths, Grate Bars, etc., and all machinery required for the South.

They respectfully call the particular attention of the planters of Louisiana and the adjoining States to their style of Steam Engines, Sugar Mills, Vaccuum Pans and Draining Wheels, which for strength, durability and convenience, have not been excelled.

New Orleans, February 8, 1854. 1y*

Phila. Saddlery Warehouse.

[Sign of the Golden Horse Head.]
No. 6 Magazine, near Canal street,
NEW ORLEANS.

MAGEE & KNEASS,
Dealers in Saddlery, Harness and Trunks, Leather Materials and Findings for saddlers, coach, trunk and shoemakers. Saddlery, Hardware, Whips, Tin Ware and Brushes

MILITARY GOODS AND TRIMMINGS.

We are agents for the sale of India Rubber Packing for steam joints and boilers, belting for machinery and other articles. Peacock and Carey PLOUGHS, on commission. Regalias and Jewels for the Masonic, I.O.O.F. and S. of T. orders. Prices as low as any other house. dec 21, 1853

Notice.

ACCORDING to arrangements entered into previous to the decease of Mr. JAMES WRIGHT, no change of interest or style will take place in the firm of **A. J. WRIGHT & Co.**, and the business will be carried on as heretofore by the undersigned, who will attend to the settlement of all the liabilities.

N. Orleans, Oct. 12, 1854-n1 A. J. WRIGHT.

50 PACKAGES CHOICE BRANDIES, WINES and WHISKEY for sale by
j15 L. E. CARTER.

POOLEY, NICHOL & Co.,
(Successors to John Hunt,)

Florida Yellow Pine Lumber Yard,

Corner of Cedar and Julia streets—New Basin, NEW ORLEANS.

SUPERIOR Dressed, Tongued and Grooved Flooring and Ceiling, Laths, Shingles, Deck Plank, and a general assortment of Building Lumber, well seasoned and always on hand.

All orders from the country carefully and promptly filled. ap5-1y*

WM. P. CONVERSE. T. M. CONVERSE. W. P. CONVERSE, JR.

CONVERSE & Co.,

GROCERS

And dealers in Western Produce,

Corner of Fulton and Canal streets, and corner of Common and New Levee streets,

[Opposite the Steamboat Landing,] NEW ORLEANS.

HAVE constantly for sale on the most accommodating terms, a large stock of TEAS, WINES and GROCERIES generally; together with every description of Western Produce. January 4, 1854-1yis

JED'H. WATERMAN. CHAS. M. WATERMAN.

J. WATERMAN & BROTHER,

HARDWARE MERCHANTS,

Corner of Common and Magazine streets, New Orleans.

HAVE on hand and are daily receiving by foreign and domestic arrivals, a general assortment of articles, comprising in part as follows:

Hardware, Cutlery, &c.

Iron, Steel, Nails, Rope,
Axes, Chains, Scythes,
Carpenter's Tools, complete,
Cooper's Tools, complete,
Anvils, Vices, Bellows,
Stock and Dies, Screwplates,
Ploughs, Hay Cutters, Corn Shellers,
Agricultural Implements,
Mill, Cross-cut and Pit Saws,
Ox Yokes, Bows, Singletrees,
Turning Lathes,
Platform Scales,
Corn Mills, Cob Crushers,
Hoes, Hames, Shovels and Spades,
Andirons, Fenders, Shovels and Tongs,
Copper and Iron Coal Hods,
Single and double barrel Guns,
Coffee Heclas, Chafing Dishes,
Chinese Gongs, Iron Bedsteads,
Britannia and Plated Ware,
Meat Cutters, Sausage Stuffers,
Stock Kettles, Portable Forges,
nov 15, 1854 Seines, Fishing Tackle, etc etc.

Forwarding Business.

THE undersigned has this day entered into the receiving and forwarding business in New Orleans. Having had six years experience as shipping clerk for Wright, Williams & Co., he hopes to merit the patronage of the public. JNO. L. VIVEN.

Refer to: Wright, Davenport & Co., Converse & Co. Peters, Millard & Co., New Orleans; colonel B. M. Johnson, Shreveport; col. John F. Jett, Memphis; T. Whaley, Vicksburg.

Goods to my address will be forwarded with the greatest despatch. N. Orleans, July 22, 1854-aug2-1y

DAVID TAYLOR & Co.,

Boots, Shoes and Hats.

NEW STORE,

No. 41 Magazine street, opposite the Arcade,

DAVID TAYLOR & Co., inform their friends, country merchants, and other customers, that they are now occupying their new and spacious store, No. 41 Magazine street, opposite Banks' Arcade, and have on hand a large and well selected stock of Boots, Shoes, Brogans and Hats, of every description, to which they are constantly receiving additions, by the latest arrivals, from the eastern cities. We offer to buyers advantages over the eastern markets, taking into consideration the time consumed in shipments, with the extra expenses attendant upon such purchases. Purchasers are invited to call and examine the large stock of the above named goods, which will be sold on the most liberal terms. N. Orleans, Feb. 8, 1854-1y

Drugs, Medicines, &c.

THE subscriber has now a complete assortment of fresh Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Preparations, Paints, Oils, Glassware, Perfumery, etc., and would respectfully call the attention of country merchants, druggists, physicians and planters to the same—which will be sold on the most reasonable terms—among which are the following articles:

1000 ozs sulph: quinine,	200 lbs pow'd rhubarb,
100 " sulph: morphine,	100 lbs ipecac,
100 " strychnine,	500 lbs senna,
200 " nitrate silver,	1500 lbs gum arabic,
10 bbls refi'd camphor,	500 lbs tartaric acid,
100 kegs sup: carb: soda,	200 lbs blue mass,
25 bbls epsom salts,	200 lbs calomel, E & A.,
20 casks sal soda,	500 lbs indigo,
25 bbls copperas,	50 lbs chloroform,
10 bbls madder,	20 gross seid'z powders,
25 bbls castor oil,	25 " yeast " "
20 bbls linseed oil,	25 " soda "
40 bbls alcohol,	300 bottles aq: ammonia,
1000 bxs window glass,	200 " sp: nitre,
1500 bxs ass'd glassware;	200 " sulph: ether,
10 bbls putty,	40 gross sugar lemons.

A full assortment of Patent Medicines, Paints of all kinds, Surgical Instruments of every description, Perfumery, etc., etc. G. N. MORISON,
Wholesale Druggist, 12 Magazine st.,
dec 14, 1853 New Orleans.

CHINN & BOLTON,

Wholesale and Retail Druggists,

No. 61 ST. CHARLES STEEET—(Corner above the St. Charles Hotel)—New Orleans.

OFFER for sale to PLANTERS, PHYSICIANS and Merchants, an extensive stock of

Pure Medicines, Chemicals, Oils,
AND PATENT MEDICINES,

of the past year's importation. Physicians and Planters will find in their establishment every article of **Medicine**; also every description of **Instruments** that they may require.

Merchants will find Fancy Soaps, Colognes, Medicine Chests, and Patent Medicines at MANUFACTURER'S prices and terms.

Persons visiting the city will, on application, be furnished with a book containing a list of every article in their line, as the number and variety of articles are too great for newspaper publication.

Their terms and prices will be as reasonable as any house in the southern country, and their goods will be packed and marked so as to suit the requirements of planters.

☞ A constant supply of **FRENCH BRANDIES** and **WINES for medicinal purposes** always on hand.

New Orleans, January 25, 1854. 1y

Drugs, Medicines & Chemicals.

THE attention of planters and others is directed to the large and carefully selected assortment of GENUINE MEDICINES and their preparations, constantly for sale at fair prices by

DR. EDW. JENNER COXE, Druggist,
Camp street, near Poydras, New Orleans.

Dr. Edw. Jenner Coxe's Preparations,

Too long and favorably known to require more than their announcement.

SOUTHERN COUGH SYRUPS,
For coughs and other affections of the lungs.

EXTRACT OF COPAIVA, SARSAPARILLA & CUBEBS,
With full directions, which, if duly followed, the result will be all that is required.

BLACKBERRY AND DEWBERRY CORDIALS,
For Dysentery and Diarhœa.

THE CHOLERA REMEDY,
Consisting of a syrup and pills, with full directions for the different stages of this disease.

POWDER AND OINTMENT,
For the relief and cure of Hemorrhoids, or Piles.

TONIC AGUE SYRUP AND PILLS,
Very rarely has this combination been known to fail, even in the most severe and stubborn cases.

COXE'S HIVE SYRUP.

In that sudden and dangerous disease, Croup, or Hives, this remedy, prepared as it should be, will scarcely ever fail to arrest the progress of that disease, or cure even the worst forms.

☞ Particular attention devoted to the treatment of Consumption and Bronchitis, and plan of proceeding to ward them off, when, from hereditary or acquired predisposition, these generally incurable diseases may manifest the first symptoms. DR. E. J. COXE,
dec 14, 1853 Camp st., near Poydras, N. Orleans.

SOUTHERN MANUFACTORY OF

Saddles, Bridles, Harness, &c.

On Texas street, Shreveport—opposite the Nelson House.

THE subscriber, having established himself in the above business, is now prepared to manufacture every thing in his line at the shortest notice and of the very best material, the workmanship unequelled by any in the south. Gin Band Leather always on hand and bands made to order. Every thing in his line sold as low or lower than any eastern slop-work brought to this market. Call and see for yourselves.

jy6-1y H. A. ZOLL.

25 BARRELS and 20 sacks of Irish Potatoes, just received and for sale by [a26] L. E. CARTER.

My Duel with Capt. Elliott.

"My duel with capt. Elliott," said the doctor, lighting a fresh cigar, "took place during the war with Mexico. But, before I proceed, I must give you a short account of my previous history."

"Elliott and I had been rivals and enemies from our boyhood. We were educated at the same public school. Before I arrived, he was the pet, the hero, the Napoleon, so to speak, of the school, the leader alike in study, in sport, and in mischief. He was a proud, imperious, overbearing boy, though with many endearing qualities, and, out of school, his will was law to the boys, as much as that of the teacher in school.

"When I arrived, however, being about his own age, and a lad of considerable spirit, I refused to submit to his authority, and, there being many malcontents in the school, who secretly disliked him, they one by one enrolled themselves under my standard, and we were thus divided into separate factions. Numberless were the pitched battles which we had, as well as the personal conflicts for supremacy, numberless the 'bloody noses' and cracked crowns, numberless the reprimands and even more tangible inflictions of the teachers. Elliott and I were, in fact, always at variance, always crossing each other, and agreeing in nothing except in hating each other cordially.

"When we left school he went to West Point, and I to the medical college, and we lost sight of each other for some years. In due course of time, I commenced practicing as a physician, but, finding it did not pay very well, and being besides of a somewhat roving and adventurous disposition, I applied for and obtained the appointment of army surgeon, and was immediately ordered to fort ——

"I had been there but a short time, when the commandant, brave old Gurley, whom some of you doubtless remember, died of fever. An officer, of the name of Elliott, was appointed to succeed him, and you may judge of my mortification when I found that it was my old enemy. Much as it galled my pride, I was obliged here to submit to his authority, but I did it, I assure you, with a very bad grace.

"Elliott had essentially changed since I had last known him, the impetuous, overbearing boy had become a grave, quiet, reserved man, who could, if he chose to, render himself a very agreeable companion, but who seldom took the trouble to do it. Many of the officers, however, and all the men, liked him very much, but somehow, there seemed to be an impassable barrier between him and me. I disliked his reserve, which I attributed to pride, and he complained of my boisterousness, as he was pleased to call it. He did, indeed make some efforts to conciliate me at first, but seeing I repulsed them he withdrew behind his entrenchments, and treated me ever after with a coldness absolutely freezing.

"Things were in this state, when an uncle of Elliott's, with his wife and daughter, stopped for a short time in the vicinity of the fort, on their way to Washington. The daughter, Miss Eveline, was a charming young lady, and every unmarried man in the garrison immediately fell in love with her. It would weary you to enumerate the pic-nics, the water-parties, the drives, the balls that were given in honor of her. A good-humored rivalry prevailed among us for her preference, and bets were taken as to whether Davis, or Jones, or the doctor, or the commandant himself, had the best chance.

"For myself, I was, I do think, seriously in love with the charming girl. To be sure she did not give me much encouragement, but I tried to encourage myself. I rode with her, walked with her, danced with her, and kept by her side as much as I possibly could. I saw that Elliott scowled darker than ever upon me, but I did not care for that, in fact, I was glad of an opportunity of giving him pain, and showing him that his dislike for me was not shared by all his connections.

"On the evening before her intended departure, there had been a farewell ball. I had danced with her the whole evening, while Elliott, who did not dance at all that night, sat moodily conversing with her father. I was so fascinated with her, and so grieved at the thought of her leaving, that before I slept that night, I resolved to see her in the morning and make her a tender of my heart.

"Accordingly as early as decency would permit, I called, and was, by the blundering servant, shown at once into her presence, where an extraordinary scene presented itself. On a sofa in the room, her face buried in the cushions, her dress disordered, her beautiful hair, which curled naturally, "all in a tangle," and her attitude denoting the very prostration of despair, lay the charming girl I had parted from last night in the exuberance of youthful and light-hearted joy. On a table beside her, and on the floor, were scattered innumerable letters, and a portrait, a locket, a blue ribbon, and a withered rose, lay carelessly among them.

"She rose on my entrance, and would have denied herself; but it was too late. Her eyes were bloodshot with weeping, and her fair cheeks swollen and discolored, I took her hand, and with much solicitude inquired the cause of sorrow. A fresh burst of grief was her only answer, and it was some time before she was sufficiently composed to give me an explanation.

"It appeared that she had been a long time engaged to her cousin Elliott, and that he had, in a fit of mad jealousy, returned her letters and tokens, and formally broken the engagement.

"'It was my fault,' said she, sobbing, 'all my fault. I did wrong to play with his noble nature.'

"'His noble nature!' said I, bitterly, for, as you may suppose, I did not feel in the blandest of humors at the discovery I had just made.

"'Oh, dr. C——,' you do not know him. He is the best, the noblest of men, and I have lost him—lost him by my own mad folly.' Here she fell into such a passion of weeping again, that I forgot my own disappointment in my solicitude for her. I suggested that perhaps an explanation could be made.

"'Impossible!' said she, 'it was my flirting with you, and Mr. Jones, and Mr. Davis, that offended him—and how could that be explained? I am sure it was not that I cared a cent for one of you,' (fancy my feelings!) 'but I am naturally fond of admiration. I have tried to cure myself of it, but cannot. Oh dr. C—— my heart is broken! Here—read this note!'

"She gave me a piece of a paper, crumpled with her burning hand, and wet with her tears, on which I read as follows:

"'Madam: In returning you the letters and tokens, which I have had the honor to receive from you, I wish you to understand that the engagement between us is broken off, now and forever. You are now at liberty to flirt with whom you please. I cannot share a heart with twenty others.'

"'Just like him!' said I, with bitterness, when I had finished this laconic and sententious epistle, and was going to indulge in a phillipic against him, but she checked me with such spirit, that I was fain to hold my peace. I then offered, for her sake, to go to Elliott, and endeavor to explain the matter.

"'Alas!" said she, "you cannot, he went off this morning before daylight, on a three months' furlough, leaving that cruel note and the packet of letters, to be delivered to me on awaking. He has gone, I presume, to New Hampshire, where his friends reside."

"Here we were interrupted by the entrance of Miss Eveline's mother, and I took my leave quite cured of my love-fit, and very thankful that I had not subjected myself to the pain of a refusal.

"But I am spinning out my story too long.

"When Elliott returned from his furlough, he treated me with even greater coldness than before, in fact, we never spoke to each other at all, except when duty compelled us to do so. This made it so disagreeable to me, that I was on the point of applying for an exchange, when the war with Mexico broke out, we were ordered on active service, and private animosities were forgotten in our zeal against the common foe.

"Elliott and I continued on much the same terms, although, in spite of my dislike, I could not help admiring his bravery, his noble daring, his energy and presence of mind, and his fatherly care of the troops under his command. Still, however, the flame was smouldering in our bosoms, only waiting an opportunity to break out. At last the opportunity came.

"Elliott had been left in charge of a large number of sick and wounded, while the rest of the army pressed on toward the halls of the Montezumas. I of course was there, with several assistants. We were encamped in a picturesque little hamlet, situated in a wild, romantic neighborhood, and the country being pretty quiet, we were in the habit of venturing some distance, or perhaps flirting, for you know our fellows did not extend to the Mexican senoritas the hostile feelings with which they regarded the men. For myself I cannot say that I admired them much, some of them were very pretty, to be sure, but that abominable habit they have of smoking cigaritos spoiled them in my eyes. I like a good cigar myself," said the doctor, relighting the one he held, which had gone out, "but I don't like to see a woman smoking. I couldn't fancy Venus herself with a cigar in her mouth.

"Well, one morning I had sauntered forth, port-folio in hand, for the purpose of taking some sketches, and in the course of my wanderings came upon a pretty little dwelling by the side of a waterfall, in a sweet sequestered spot. On a mossy bench by the door sat a young girl of wonderful beauty, in a showy but picturesque dress, with a guitar in her hand, the sweet melody of which blended delightfully with the soft murmuring dash of the waterfall and the gurgling of the little stream beyond it. It was a picture of surpassing beauty and loveliness, and I immediately sat down on a fallen tree to commit it to paper.

"While thus employed, a man was observed approaching, whom I soon found was none other than Elliott himself. As he neared the cottage, the young girl, who had evidently been expecting him, threw down her guitar, and ran eagerly to meet him. He sat down beside her on the bench, when suddenly observing me, he started as if a serpent had stung him, and hastily approached me. He gazed upon me with a look in which all the hatred that had been gathering for so many years seemed concentrated.

"'This is the second time, sir,' said he, fiercely, 'that you have crossed my path—it shall be the last time! Follow me if you dare!'

"'If by 'crossing your path,' said I, 'you mean an allusion to that young woman, I assure you I have not spoken to her, nor approached nearer to her than I am now.'

"'Must I call you a coward?' said he. 'Will you follow me or not?'

"I threw down my writing materials and followed him. He entered the chapparal, and led the way to a clear space near a running brook. Here he turned, and drew his sword. 'Defend yourself!' he exclaimed.

"'Captain Elliott,' said I, 'although I am not conscious of having injured you, I am ready to give you the satisfaction you demand. But had we not better return to the camp, obtain seconds, and conduct the affair in a regular manner?'

"'No,' said he, 'I will not wait. I will hold no further parley with you, defend yourself!'

"Thus adjured, I drew my sword, but had scarcely done so when something whizzed past me, a sharp report was heard, and with a wild cry Elliott fell at my feet. I looked for an instant behind me, and saw the dark countenances of half-a-dozen Mexicans as they prepared to reload their pieces, and then fled into the chapparal, 'tarrying no longer to question.' On—on I sped, this way and that way, through the tangled thicket, tripping my feet on long trailing vines, scratching my hands on thorns until completely worn out, I climbed up a lofty tree and hid myself among its branches. Here I remained for several hours, and heard my pursuers crashing amongst the underwood, shouting swearing, calling to each other, but gradually the sounds died away, the chase seemed to be given up, and I was left alone in the wild unbroken solitude.

"The afternoon was far advanced when, driven partly by hunger, partly by dread of passing the night in the chapparal, I ventured to descend from my lofty covert, where the mosquitoes had made a feast of me, and the monkeys had chattered at me with their strange, mocking gestures. By the aid of my pocket-compass, I found my way back to the clearing whence I had so suddenly departed. After carefully reconnoitering, to see that none of my Mexican friends were lingering near—(to this day I suspect that young woman of having sent them after us)—I advanced to the spot where poor Elliott had fallen.

"He was lying on his face in a pool of blood, his hands clutching the grass, his hair and uniform dabbled in blood, and his fine, manly form, (he was one of the finest-looking fellows in the army,) pierced with three or four ghastly wounds. "Ah! poor fellow!" said I, as I stood and gazed upon him, for though I was rid of a mortal enemy, I could not help feeling sorry that so brave a soldier should perish like a dog, shot down by an unseen foe. "But, thank God!" I ejaculated, with a thrill of indescribing pleasure "thank God, I did not kill him!"

"I had turned him over on his back, and as I thus stood moralizing, I thought I perceived his bosom heave. I placed my hand upon his heart, and found that he still lived. As I knelt by him, uncertain what to do, he opened his half-glazed eyes, and I saw his parched lips try to form the word 'water.' My first impulse was to run to the brook which flowed at a short distance, my next to stop and consider. Should I restore to life the man, who, a few minutes before, had been thirsting for my blood?—who had wronged me, slighted me, and even called me a coward? No! I would leave him to the fate which his own rashness had provoked. I turned my back upon him, but suddenly, as if traced with a finger of fire, there were borne into my mind the words of holy writ: "If thine enemy hunger, give him food, if he thirst give him drink." And fast upon them came that other divine sentence: "Inasmuch as ye did it not unto these, ye did it not unto me!"

I seized his cup and ran to the brook after water, with which I moistened his parched lips and bathed his gory temples. Taking my case of instruments from my pocket. I then proceeded to probe his wounds. The Mexicans, I forgot to mention, had rifled him of his watch and other valuables, but, in tearing open his shirt, I found a small locket suspended from his neck by a hair-chain, which had escaped their search. I opened it, and it contained his mother's portrait. (He was her only son, and she was a widow.) "Thank God that mother's curse will not light on me," I again ejaculated.

"What to do with my patient, after having dressed his wounds, was what puzzled me. To remove him myself was impossible, and to leave him there, exposed to wild beasts, to the burning rays of the sun, after having partially restored him to life, seemed cruel and unnatural, but there was no alternative. Before leaving him, however, I had carried and half dragged him into the shade of a tree, about a hundred yards distant. It would be impossible to describe my sensations, when I found myself with my deadly enemy in my arms—the two hearts so lately boiling over with malice and revenge, and all the darkest passions of our nature, now throbbing peacefully against each other, his, poor fellow! with a motion so faint and low, as to be scarcely perceptible.

"Well, I hurried to the encampment for assistance, and soon had him conveyed thither in safety. For many weeks he lay, hovering between life and death, for the pain of his wounds, which were very severe, the loss of blood and exposure to the sun, brought on brain-fever, and nothing but the most unremitting care and attention saved his life. He bore his sufferings with that noble endurance which is true heroism and which, let me tell you, is a much rarer article, than mere courage in the field. In fact he displayed during his sickness so many admirable qualities, that it was a mystery to me how I could have mistaken his character so completely. Whether it was owning to this, or to my having done him a service, I cannot tell, but insensibly the hatred all melted from my heart and in its stead sprung up a feeling of strong regard for him. Curious, wasn't it?

"But whether this feeling was reciprocated, or not, I know not, for although his manner toward me was peculiarly soft and gentle, and his eyes would light up when I approached his couch, he remained as taciturn and reserved as ever, and never made any allusion to the subject of our quarrel. I felt a little piqued at his silence, for I could not help thinking that my having saved him from a miserable death, deserved at least a few words of acknowledgement. More than once, he seemed on the point of broaching the subject, but he appeared to be waiting for me to begin it, and I, of course, waited for him.

"At last, he was so far recovered that my professional services were no longer required. As I arose to take leave, at my last visit, I signified as much to him and added:

"'Am I to understand, captain Elliott, that we return to the same footing as we were on before?"

"'The same footing? God forbid!" he exclaimed, with a sudden earnestness that surprised me.

"'Because," continued I, "if you wish to finish the quarrel so inopportunely interrupted, you will find me ready at any time."

"'Do you wish to renew that unhappy quarrel?" asked he, an expression of deep disappointment overspreading his countenance.

"'Who, I? Most certainly not," said I, but you demanded satisfaction, captain Elliott, and until that demand is withdrawn, I must of course hold myself in readiness to grant it."

"'I withdraw it now," said he speaking very quick. "'I ask your pardon for my rash and injurious words. If that will not satisfy you, I will bear my bosom to your sword, but I will never," said he with emotion, "raise my hand against the noble, the magnanimous preserver of my life!" Those were his very words. After a pause, he added: "Dr. C——, we have all our lives misunderstood each other—believe me, had I known your worth sooner, I would have acknowledged it. We have been enemies long enough—let us now be friends. Will you try to overlook what is past? Will you be my friend?"

"'My dear captain Elliott!" cried I, deeply touched by this generous speech, "I am your friend. Since I carried you in my arms, in that lonely glade of the chapparel, I