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Feb. 2, 1860. n6-1y.

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HAS permanently located at his residence, in the town of Sotoville, where he can be found by those needing his professional services.
Dec. 6, 1860. 25-tf

AUCTIONEER.

HAVING recently received License from the Board of Police, I am now prepared to sell all kinds of property at public vendue, on short notice and reasonable terms. JOHN F. JACKSON.
Dec. 6, 1860. n26-tf

GENERAL COLLECTING AGENT FOR PANOLA COUNTY.

HAVING business all over the county, I offer my services as General Collecting Agent. Memphis merchants will find it to their interest to send me their accounts for collection.
References:—Geo. B. Wright, R. R. West, Hernando; T. A. Hamilton, John H. West, Memphis. JOHN F. JACKSON.
January 19, 1860. 52-tf.

MANSION HOUSE.
WM. R. PARKER, - - PROPRIETOR

Having procured License for the above, I have opened a regular Boarding House in the Western part of town, where I am prepared to accommodate my friends by the meal, day, week, or by the month. No pains spared to render satisfaction.
WM. R. PARKER.
Panola, May 17, 1860. 17-tf.

Ambrotype Gallery.

THE undersigned would inform his friends and the public generally, that he has opened in connection with his stock of Jewelry, Watches and Clocks, a complete Sky-Light Ambrotype Gallery, and is now prepared to satisfy (and of pictures upon the most reasonable terms, warranted. All kinds of Watches, Clocks and Jewelry repaired in good style and upon the shortest notice.
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GAYOSO HOUSE,
SHELBY STREET,
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August 23, 1860. 33-tf.

THE GRANDMOTHER'S SECRET.

My old grandmother, was a young though a married woman at the time of our great Revolution; and during her last years, the good old lady used to take great delight in entertaining her relatives and friends with interesting reminiscences of the "days that tried men's souls." Though many years have now passed since the old lady was taken from us, and I was but a child then, I don't now believe I have forgotten a single incident that ever fell from her tongue; and now I mean to give your readers one of them.

In those days grandmother—grandfather generally was along with the army, as was right and proper—lived on the road between Valley Forge and Philadelphia—nearest the city, however—and during the winter of 1777, when Washington and his suffering followers were encamped at the former place, and Howe and his myrmidons occupied Philladelphia, grandmother saw a good deal of the royalists—much more than was either pleasant or safe—and ocessionally some little of the rebels.

Being nearest the city, however, she received the most visits from the royalists—not a day passing that one or more bands of red coats did not make their appearance at the humble little farm-house. It would be needless to say, I opine, that their visits were anything but profitable—they generally helped themselves to whatever they wanted, and, altogether, did pretty much as they pleased; and that their manners and language were proverbially insolent. Situated as she was, however, poor grandmother had no alternative but to bear it all with the best grace she could.

But to my story.

Late one evening, toward the close of the winter aforesaid, grandmother was startled by a sudden rap upon the front door. The sound was not by any means unusual, nor was grandmother particularly weak in the nerves—nervous people were much more of a rarity in those days than these—but for some unexplained reason, the rap sensibly startled her. In a moment, however, she recovered her usual equanimity; and the door being barred, quietly demanded:

"Who's there?"

"Some one who wants to come in, you may be sure," was the instant reply, which was greeted with a coarse laugh from a number of persons outside.

"It's no use asking any more questions," muttered my grandmother. "It's a party of red coats; and I might as well open the door at once, and say: "Walk in, gentlemen, and just do as you please."

Grandmother smoothed the wrinkles on her brow and calmly opened the door. As she expected, a dozen or more British soldiers confronted her.

"Good evening, ma'am," said one, who stood in advance, an inferior officer, as he led the way into the house, without waiting for an invitation. "You see before you, ma'am," said he, "a small party of very weary and very hungry men; we have been watching the rebels along the road all day; and in the name of the good king George, our liege lord and master, I command you, on pain of our displeasure, to bring out the very best your larder contains. D'ye hear that, ma'am?"

"Of course I do, sir," responded grandmother, with difficulty restraining her swelling emotions. "I will give you no cause of complaint in that respect."

"Quick, then, with the provender," cried the burly sergeant, for such was the fellow's grade.

"Yes, quick with the grub," shouted the others in concert.

"The villains, how I wish it were in my power to impale every one of them," indignantly murmured grandmother, as she reluctantly proceeded to set the table, for her uninvited guests.

Without stopping to thank their hostess, the unmannerly red coats gathered around the well spread board, and eagerly proceeded to stuff themselves, meanwhile heloading the king to the highest, and in the most insolent terms denouncing Washington and his rebels.

Grandmother had to bite her lips until the blood started, to keep her tongue between her teeth.

Suddenly there was another rap upon the door—a small, neighborly sort of a knock.

"There, ma'am, is another call for you," said the sergeant. "Who is it, my beauty, but mind you don't betray us."

The house being in tolerable proximity to the city, however, and his party numbering nearly a score of men, the sergeant, at all events a very self sufficient personage, did not really have many fears in the latter respect, as his easy manners indicated.

Without replying to the insolent Englishman, grandmother directed her steps to the door, which she opened, not knowing what else to do.

Just outside, a dirty, desperate looking man was standing.

As the door opened, the man looked beyond grandmother into the warm fire, and bright room and rested his eyes on the royalists, who were eating and drinking away, but still watching at the same time the door.

"What do you want?" inquired grandmother of the stranger.

"Something to eat and drink, ma'am, and to speak a few words to the officer there."

The speaker pointed to the sergeant, and the latter arose to his feet and advanced to the door.

"Well my man, what do you want with me?" demanded the pompous Britton. "First though, who are you and what are you?"

"A deserter from Valley Forge," was the reply.

"Blistered be your tongue for uttering the words!" cried my grandmother, unable to restrain herself any longer.

"Peace, ma'am," exclaimed the sergeant. "Your name?" he added, to the deserter; "and to save time and trouble, tell us what you're doin' here, and what you want. If you 'tempt to cheat us, your life won't be worth a pin."

"I shall be honest with you, sir," replied the deserter, advancing a little inside the door, and thoroughly making his unprepossessing appearance. "My name is Phillip Cole," he continued, and its not long since I was fortunate enough to escape from the American lines. I was never much of a rebel, sir, and therefore, you won't wonder that I wish to join the troops of our good king. God bless him! As fast as my weak and weary limbs would carry me, I was making my way to Philadelphia, but sick and hungry as I was, I felt compelled to stop and run the risk of soliciting some assistance. So help me God, this is the truth."

"Traitor!" cried my grandmother, impetuously; "dare you appeal to God! dare you call upon the Supreme Being to bear witness to the honesty of your words! Infamous villain, it is a wonder the almighty does not strike you dead!"

"Peace, you woman, peace!" cried the royal sergeant, in a loud and peremptory tone.

"I shall not keep my peace any longer," boldly and passionately responded grandmother. "I stand on my own native soil; and I will not be put down as if the very liberty of speech were denied me! Gentlemen, if you would let me to speak or he would not have given me the organs of speech; and as I live, I'll utter my thoughts, if I die for my independence!" Turning upon the deserter, she exclaimed, in deep and withering tones: "As for you, traitor and deserter that you are, the gibbet will yet be your doom, and well will you merit your fate!"

"What could I do, when everything looking so dark, and everybody coming so much?" stammered the deserter.

"Do, man, do!" cried grandmother in thrilling tones: "do like the rest will do—die, if nothing else! That were a million times better than turn traitor, and desert the flag of your country!"

"Silence, ma'am, silence!" shouted the sergeant, in stentorian tones. By St. George, I've heard enough of such talk as this; and if you don't stop up, I'll find a way to make you!"

Grandmother's blood was up, however, and, womanlike, she was firmly set upon having her say out, and expressed herself accordingly.

"You won't keep still, eh?" cried the sergeant, in a towering passion. "Here men," he suddenly added to his followers, "carry her into the other room, and lock her up."

There were two more upon the floor, and at the word of command, the muscular Britons seized upon grandmother's person, and, notwithstanding her struggles, bore her from the front to the back apartment, closing and fastening the small communicating door.

By this time grandmother's excitement began to cool off a little, and instead of crying out and pounding the door, as it may be supposed she would have done, she sat down, and began to reason upon her disagreeable, though dangerous position.

Meanwhile, the unusual sound of voices startled her from the adjoining room. The sergeant was still entertaining the deserter, and the latter was making a full and open confession.

A few moments afterward, grandmother was again startled by a very low knock upon the back door.

"Who can that be?" she said to herself. "A friend I think, from the way they knock."

Bending her head close down to the crack, she whispered: "Who's there?"

"Me, Molly," came distinctly to her ears, "your husband and nobody else; so don't be afraid to open the door."

Quietly grandmother opened the door, and the next moment grandfather stepped inside the room and clasped her to his bosom.

"What's going on in the front room, Molly?" whispered grandfather, at the same time, "I heard a number of voices as I came up, and was led to listen at the door, but couldn't make out anything except that there were quite a number of persons in the house, evidently men. That's the reason I came round here, you see. Now, what does it mean?"

In very brief space grandmother related all that had occurred.

"Good, as it stands!" exclaimed grandfather, as she concluded.

Grandmother looked surprised.

"You don't understand, of course," said grandfather, who, it may be said to state, was also a sergeant. "Well, then, I am out after this very deserter, and have been chasing the villain up ever since he crossed the lines. You understand now, don't you?"

"Why, yes; but you can't capture him single-handed, and of course, the red coats wouldn't let you even if you could."

"Very true, Molly; but out yonder in the thick woods I've a score or more of as brave laddies as ever pulled trigger in the cause of freedom, and, with their aid, I think I can carry this traitor back to Valley Forge, and his new friends along with him. At all events, I'll try."

"For more reasons than one, Henry, I am glad to hear you are not alone," responded grandmother. "And as for that traitor there, nothing would be too bad for him, not even the gallows."

"His days are numbered, Molly, I've no doubt," responded grandfather.

"Sh—!" said grandmother suddenly.

At that moment the voice of the sergeant issued from the other room, loudly calling upon grandmother to come out.

"Be patient Molly, and don't fear," whispered grandfather, as he quietly disappeared through the back door.

The next instant the door between the rooms was thrown open, and the burly sergeant appeared.

"Did you hear anyone, ma'am?" he demanded, questioningly.

"Yes, sir!" responded grandmother, with flashing eyes.

"Why didn't you come, then?"

"Because I wasn't ready!"

The sergeant looked astonished—positively dumfounded—and before he recovered himself the attention of every one present was attracted by another knocking on the front door.

"See who it is, Denny," said the sergeant, to one of his men.

"I think I've guess!" murmured grandmother, mentally.

The man addressed by the sergeant advanced forward and opened the door, and the next moment was knocked senseless to the floor.

A scene of alarm and commotion instantly followed, persons desired.

Immediately after the fall of the man, and, quick as a flash of lightning, with quick, grandfather and [illegible] followers leaped over the body into the room.

"Washington and liberty, forever!" shouted the [illegible], as they dashed at the bewildered sergeant.

The sergeant did his best to rally his men, but before they could make any sort of a stand, [illegible] they were—for their guns were [illegible] in an off-corner of the apartment, and in the power of the Continentals.

At the moment the [illegible] burst into the front room, grandmother was standing in the doorway between the apartments, and at the first cry of "Washington and liberty forever!" the deserter ability [illegible] through the door, and with redoubled force to knock grandmother prostrate to the floor. How he meant to escape, or what he really thought to do, however, the villain probably did not know himself; but, as entering the back apartment he gave the rear door and made directly for it, and as it was not then locked, readily found out.

Meantime grandmother found her voice, and frantically cried out: "Henry, Henry, here! here!"

In a second grandfather flew into the room, and grandmother pointed him to the open back door, saying:

"Quick, or that traitor will escape!"

"Grandfather dashed through the back door to the outside, and stopped to look around. The moon was shining brightly, and objects were plainly discernable.

The deserter was only a few rods from the house, though he was running at the top of his speed, and rapidly increasing the distance.

"Stop you villain, or I'll shoot you down!" cried grandfather.

"Never will I be taken back to Valley Forge alive!" he answered, fiercely.

"Stop, I tell you!" again shouted grandfather; "stop at once, or I'll fire upon you."

"Never! never! I know my fate and can't do worse now!" cried the fugitive, still dashing onward in the clear moonlight.

"Stop! this is the last warning!"

The deserter answered no more, but still kept on his way, and grandfather leveled his gun at the fast receding form of the villain. The next moment the air reverberated with the loud report of the weapon, and, with a cry of mortal agony the deserter fell dead to the ground.

Meanwhile, the struggle in the front apartment had ceased, and the royalists securely imprisoned; and, a few moments afterward, grandfather sent forward his companions, with their discomfitted captives, and the dead body of the base deserter. For himself, he remained at the house until morning, when he rejoined the army at Valley Forge. At the same time grandmother took up quarters at the house of a friend a few miles distant in another direction. When the British left Philadelphia, which was not long afterward, she returned to her old home.

AN ORDINANCE

To raise means for the defense of the State.

The people of Mississippi in Convention assembled, do declare and ordain as follows, to-wit:

Sec. 1. That it shall be the duty of the tax collectors of the several counties of this State forthwith, after the passage of this ordinance, to collect in the manner now provided by law for the collection of other taxes, from every tax payer in his county, an additional special State tax of fifty per cent. on the regular State tax of such tax payer, and also a tax from every inhabitant of this State of three tenths per cent. upon [illegible] owned or controlled by such inhabitant, and deposited, loaned or employed in the purchase of notes, bills, stocks, or any security for the payment of money, without the limits of this State, or kept from use and circulation within the State, at any time during the fiscal year, and to require such inhabitants to give in the said assessment, under oath, to be administered by said tax collectors, and to return a duplicate of said assessment to the Board of Police of the proper county, and one to the Auditor of Public Accounts; and should any inhabitant fail or refuse to give in said assessment, the said collectors shall levy and collect from such inhabitant the sum of five thousand dollars, provided, that the tax collectors shall for their compensation for collecting the taxes raised by this ordinance, receive three per cent. upon the amount collected from the tax payers and nothing for receiving the assessment that shall be paid by the Board of Police in discharge of the said tax of fifty per cent.

Sec. 2. That each assessor of taxes in this State, in all subsequent assessments for taxes, until all treasury notes are paid, shall require each inhabitant of his county to render an oath, to be by him administered, the amount of money controlled by such [illegible] loaned or employed in the purchase of notes, bills, stocks, [illegible] or any security for the payment of money, without the limits of this State, or kept from use and circulation within the State, during the fiscal year preceding the time of assessing; and the said assessors shall be authorized to administer the oath, and to return the same with the assessment roll of his county.

Sec. 3. That the Treasurer and Auditor shall [illegible] an accurate account of the [illegible] received, and have similar accounts of all other collections of money [illegible] shall be returned under oath. They shall also make annual statements of the amount of said tax, [illegible] signed and countersigned as aforesaid, and of the tax credits thereof that may have been rendered, and shall furnish such accounts to the Governor, who shall cause the same to be published, and shall lay the same before the Legislature.

Sec. 4. That the money raised upon the said certificates and notes shall be paid into the Treasury of the State, and shall constitute a part of the Military Fund, and shall be applied to the defense and military service of the State, in the manner directed in the first section of this ordinance.

Sec. 5. That it shall be the duty of the tax collectors of the several counties in this State, in every year commencing with the fiscal year beginning the first day of July next, to collect from every tax payer in his county, in the manner now provided by law, the additional special State tax, the same as is provided in the first section of this ordinance, and to pay the same into the State Treasury, according to the same laws, restrictions and penalties, that shall attend and govern the collection and payment of other State taxes; and the amount of said special tax, shall constitute a special fund for the redemption of the principal and interest of the treasury notes and notes to be issued under the provisions of this ordinance, and shall be fully applied to that purpose, and the said tax shall be kept separate by the Legislature, until said principal and notes shall be fully paid and satisfied, at which time the collection of the said tax shall cease and determine. Provided however, that if the first day of January, A. D. 1862, or any subsequent year, shall elapse after the passage of this ordinance, without the payment of any treasury note or certificate issued in pursuance of this ordinance, the said tax shall continue to be collected and paid into the Treasury as aforesaid, and be applied to the payment of the principal and interest of the said treasury notes and certificates, and the said tax shall be continued and be collected and paid as aforesaid, until the said principal and interest shall be fully paid and discharged.

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Sec. 8. That the said certificates or notes shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Auditor and the seal of the State is hereby pledged for the redemption of the same, and no law shall be passed to impair their validity and obligation.

Sec. 4. That the said certificates or notes shall be negotiable, and shall be receivable in payment of any money due to the State in any fiscal year in which they may severally fall due, and any officer receiving the same in payment or public dues, shall endorse on one of them the date of such receipt, and the amount of interest allowed thereon in such payment, and shall sign his name thereto, and the interest on such certificates or notes shall cease from that date; and it shall be the duty of each tax collector who shall have on hand any money collected under the provisions of this ordinance, to receive and pay any treasury note or certificate of loan issued in pursuance of this ordinance, and which shall be payable at the end of the fiscal year for which the tax in the hands of the assessor was collected; and if any tax collector, having sufficient money on hand arising from said tax, shall refuse to pay any certificate or note as aforesaid to the holder, on presentation and demand thereof, he shall be liable to the holder thereof in a sum equal to the amount of the said note or certificate, to be recovered on an execution in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

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