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ap 30—1m*

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feb 28—3m

TAKE NOTICE.

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Whole suits, Coat, Pantaloons, and Vest, of thin cloth or cassimere, for $12.
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He keeps always on hand a large assortment of fancy articles, such as Shirts, Gloves, Cravats, Umbrellas, &c.

"Sole Agent for the sale of Scott's Fashions."
mar 19—tj.

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Also, a few very pretty MOURNING MANTILLAS.

All the above styles just received and this day arranged for inspection in our Mantilla Room, second story.

MAXWELL & BROTHER,
328 Pa. ave., bet 9th and 10th streets.
may 11—eo3t

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I HAVE now on hand, and constantly finishing, a very large assortment of Pleasure and Family CARRIAGES, of the latest fashions, which I will sell as low as the same quality of work can be sold in any of the principal markets of the United States.

The subscriber is now dealing exclusively in Carriages of his own manufacture, and all work sold by him will be warranted, and compare favorably with any work in this market. As I always keep a large assortment, I invite purchasers and others to examine my stock before purchasing elsewhere.

Carriages built to order Old Carriages taken in exchange, or repaired at the shortest notice.

THOMAS YOUNG,
Sign of the Golden Horse,
No 499 Pa. avenue and 4½ street.
may 1—eo3m

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Plated Coffee Sets, Castors, Baskets, Spoons and Forks, on best Albata.

The articles are warranted as represented, and will be sold at a small advance.

H. SEMKEN,
330 Pa. avenue, bet 9th and 10th streets.
mar 29—tf

FOR SALE.—A Pair of BAY MARES, 7 years old next spring, well-bred, sound, stylish, gentle, spirited and capital goers. They are well-broken and perfectly free from tricks, and will particularly suit any gentleman who is fond of driving. The owner parts with them only because his purpose is to retrench his expenses. They can be seen at Southron's (late Birch's) Stable, on 14th street, south of Pa. avenue. For terms, or an opportunity to try them, enquire at the counter of the Star office. They will be sold a bargain.
ap 3—tf

Mr. W. HENRY PALMER,

HITHERTO KNOWN AS

ROBERT HELLER,

HAS much pleasure in informing his friends and the public in general that he has determined on locating himself in this city, and is prepared to receive pupils for instruction on the PIANO FORTE, HARMONY and COMPOSITION. He is permitted to refer to Mr. George Riggs, Jr., and Mr. A. T Kieckhoefer, and any communication addressed to him at Hilbus & Hitz's music store, Pennsylvania avenue, will have immediate attention.
ap 13—tf

Auction Sales.

By JAS. C. McGUIRE, Auctioneers.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE and eligibly situated House and Lot on Maryland avenue, between 4½ and 6th streets west.—By virtue of a deed of trust bearing date on the 5th day of February, 1853, and recorded in Liber J. A. S, No. 52, folios 83, &c., the subscriber will sell, at public sale on THURSDAY, the 31st day of May, 1855, at 5½ o'clock, p m., on the premises, all that piece or parcel of ground lying and being situate in the city of Washington, and known and distinguished as Lot 6, in the subdivision of Lots Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 in square No. 492, fronting 23 feet 5 inches on Maryland avenue, between 4½ and 6th streets west, and running back to a 20 feet alley, with the buildings and improvements, which consist of a well and substantially built two story and attic brick dwelling house, with two story frame back building and necessary outbuildings.

The above property is situated in a healthy and desirable location, and rapidly enhancing in value, and offers a favorable opportunity to persons desirous of obtaining a convenient and comfortable residence, or making an investment.

The terms of the sale will be one-half cash, and the balance in 6, 12, and 18 months, for notes bearing interest from day of sale, secured by a deed of trust on the property.

If the terms of sale are not complied with in six days after the sale, the property will be resold at the risk and expense of the purchaser upon one week's notice.

All conveyancing at cost of purchaser.
Title indisputable.

CHAS. S. WALLACH Trustee.
JAS. C. McGUIRE,
may 9—eo3ds Auctioneer.

By J. C. McGUIRE, Auctioneer.

CHANCERY SALE OF VALUABLE AND ELIGIBLY situated improved and unimproved Real Estate, consisting of Dwelling Houses and Lots, vacant Lots, and Wharf.—By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia for Washington county, made in the cause wherein John A. Fraser is complainant, and John Walker, Ellen S. Fraser, and others, heirs at law of Simon Fraser, deceased, are defendants, No. 899, in Chancery, the subscribers, trustees appointed by said decree, will sell at public auction all those pieces or parcels of ground lying and being situated in the city of Washington, and known and distinguished as being Lots Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24, in the subdivision made by said trustees of Square No. 412, fronting respectively and variously from 18 feet 1 inch, to 30 feet 8 inches on 8th and 9th streets west, and E and F streets south, by various depths to an alley, with the improvements and appurtenances, which consist of a commodious and well and substantially built 3½ story Brick Dwelling House on Lot 8, and a comfortable and well built 2 story Brick Dwelling House on each of Lots Nos. 18 and 16, in said subdivision; lot No. 4, in Square No 388, fronting 25 on F street south, between 9th and 10th sts. west, by 125 feet deep, with the improvements and appurtenances, which consist of a 2½ story Frame Dwelling House; part of Lot No. 3, in Square No 730, fronting 40 feet on Pennsylvania avenue, running back to "A" street south, with a width on said "A" street of 43 feet 7 inches; and part of Square No. 472, fronting 44 feet on Water street, at the termination of 7th street west, with the valuable Wharf thereto attached and belonging, extending to the channel of the Potomac river, and now occupied by George Page and used as a steamboat wharf

The sale of the several Lots in the subdivision of Square No 412, with the improvements and appurtenances, will take place on Thursday, the 24th day of May, 1855, at 5 o'clock p m., on the premises.

The sale of Lot No. 4, in Square No. 388, with the improvements and appurtenances, will take place on said Thursday, the 24th day of May, 1855, at 6 o'clock p. m, on the premises

The sale of part of Lot No 3, in Square No. 730, will take place on Friday, the 25th day of May, at 5½ o'clock p. m., on the premises.

And the sale of part of Square No 472, with the valuable Wharf thereto attached and belonging, will take place on Tuesday, the 29th day of May, 1855, at 5½ o'clock p. m., on the premises.

The above property is all situated in desirable locations, rapidly enhancing in value, and offers to capitalists and others a most favorable opportunity for investments or procuring a desirable residence.

The terms of sale, as prescribed by said decree, will be one fourth of the purchase money in cash, and the balance in six, twelve, eighteen, and twenty four months, to be secured by the purchaser's bonds, bearing interest from day of sale, with security, to be approved by the Trustees.

Upon the full payment of the purchase money and interest, and the ratification of the sale or sales by the Court, the Trustees will convey the property to the respective purchasers in fee.

If the terms of sale are not complied with in six days after the sale, the property the terms of the sale of which are not so complied with will be resold at the risk and expense of the purchasers upon one week's notice.

All conveyancing at the expense of the purchasers.

CHAS. S. WALLACH, } Trustees.
EDW'D SWANN,
JAS. C. McGUIRE,
may 9—eo&ds Auctioneer.

By J. C. McGUIRE, Auctioneer.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE AND eligibly situated House and Lot on 6th street west, between E and F streets north.—By virtue of a deed of trust, bearing date on the 10th day of February, 1853, and recorded in Liber J. A. S., No. 51, folios 364, &c, the subscriber will sell at public sale, on MONDAY, the 28th day of May, 1855, at 5½ o'clk p. m, on the premises, Lot No. 4, in Square No 488, fronting 24 feet 9¾ inches on 6th street west, between E and F streets north, by 93 feet 4 inches deep, with the buildings and improvements, consisting of a four story brick dwelling-house, with a back building, built of the best material and in the best manner, and very commodious, with all the modern improvements, and in all respects one of the most desirable houses in Washington, and but recently built, and well known as the property of Peter Hevner. The property is situated in one of the healthiest and most desirable parts of the city, and offers to persons seeking a residence or investment an opportunity seldom occurring.

The terms of sale will be: One-half cash, and the balance in 6, 12, 18, and 24 months, for notes bearing interest from day of sale, secured by a deed in trust upon the property. If the terms of sale are not complied with in six days after the sale, the property will be resold, upon one week's notice, at the risk and expense of the purchaser. All conveyancing at the expense of the purchaser.

CHAS. S. WALLACH, Trustee.
JAS. C. McGUIRE,
ap 26—3taw&ds Auctioneer.

By GREEN & SCOTT, Auctioneers.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL Estate.—By virtue of a decree of the Orphans' Court of the District of Columbia, for the county of Washington, approved by the Circuit Court of said District, sitting in chancery, passed in the matter of the petition of William Whitmore, et al, children and heirs-at-law of William W. Whitmore, late of said county, deceased, I will, on THURSDAY, the 31st day of May, 1855, at 6½ o'clock p. m., in front of the premises, proceed to sell Lots of ground numbered seventeen (17) and eighteen (18) in Square numbered five hundred and three (503) situate in the city of Washington, and District aforesaid.

The above described property is situated on the northwest corner of 6th street west and N street south, and contains in the aggregate about fourteen thousand square feet of ground.

Terms of sale: One-third cash, and the residue in two equal payments at six and twelve months, with interest from day of sale. The deferred payments to be secured by the notes of the purchaser or purchasers, satisfactorily endorsed.

Upon the full payment of the purchase money and interest and the ratification of the sale by the Court, the trustee will convey said lots of ground to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, at his or their cost and expense.

If the terms of sale are not complied with within five days from the day of sale, the trustee reserves the right to resell said lots, or either of them, upon reasonable notice, at the risk and cost of the first purchaser.

RICHARD R. LASKEY,
Trustee.
GREEN & SCOTT,
may 15—eo2w&ds Auctioneers.

A CARD.—LOOK HERE!

ALL ye lovers of the good things of this life, and we will tell you where you may obtain at least some of them. Thankful for past favors, I would respectfully ask a continuance of the same during this Spring and Summer. I am prepared to furnish all who will give me a call with the sweet and cooling Beverages in my line at short notice. Such as Ice Creams, Water Ices, of all flavors, Scharlotte Reuse, Blancmange, &c Cakes of all kinds. Also, foreign and domestic Fruits and Confectionery, generally kept in well regulated establishments of the kind.

Particular attention will be paid to furnishing Wedding or Bride's Cakes. Also, Parties, Balls, Excursions, Pic Nics, &c, &c., and upon reasonable terms.

Call at the old stand, Massachusetts avenue, between 9th and 10th streets, Northern Liberties.

may 7—co3m JOHN W. RIGHTSTINE.

Amusements.

GRAND MOONLIGHT

EXCURSION AND PIC NIC

OF THE

AMERICUS CLUB,

TO THE

WHITE HOUSE PAVILION,

On MONDAY, May 21st, 1855.

THE AMERICUS CLUB take great pleasure in announcing to their friends and the public in general that they have chartered the Steamer GEORGE WASHINGTON, and will give a grand EXCURSION AND PIC NIC as above, on MONDAY, the 21st instant. The Club pledge themselves that no pains or expense shall be spared on their part to give general satisfaction to those who may honor them with their company.

The LAZELLA INSTRUMENTAL CLUB have kindly volunteered their services, and will enliven the company with some choice instrumental and vocal music.

The very best Cotillon Music has been engaged for the occasion.

The Refreshments and Supper will be furnished by an experienced caterer at city prices.

Omnibuses will leave the corner of Seventh and L streets at 1 o'clock, and be at the wharf on the arrival of the boat at night. Fare 12½ cents each way.

☞Tickets ONE DOLLAR—admitting a Gentleman and Ladies—to be had of any of the Managers and at the wharf on day of excursion.

The Boat will leave Georgetown at 1 o'clock; Washington at 2; and Alexandria at 3.

☞In consequence of the unloading of a number of vessels at the Navy Yard, the Navy Department could not give the Club the privilege of landing there. They will, therefore, receive their Navy Yards friends at the Washington wharf.

Committee of Arrangements.

Charles Matlock, John G. Robinson, Jr,
W. E. Morgan, F. A. Rearden,
Samuel E. Culverwell.

Managers on the part of the Club.

S. P. Robertson, J. W. Houck, E. B. Barrett,
E G. Evens, D. D. Darden, Jno. T. Essex,
Robt. Johnson, W. H. Johnson, Wm. Thomas,
W. H. T. Dice, E. F. Queen, Geo. Essylin,
Thos. Johnson, M. Birkhead, Nicholas B. Ray.
may 7,9,12,14,16,19—6t

GRAND

REGIMENTAL BALL.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE on behalf of the First Regiment, Third Brigade of the Militia of the District of Columbia, take great pleasure in informing the citizens generally, that their FIRST GRAND BALL will be held at the NATIONAL THEATRE, on MONDAY EVENING, May 21st, 1855.

The Committee would respectfully beg leave to cordially invite the ladies generally, and sincerely hope that they will greet us with their appearance, and regret exceedingly that the shortness of time for making arrangements compelled them to dispense with Special Invitation.

Prof. Munder has kindly volunteered his services as Floor Manager on that occasion.

Tickets $1, and can be procured at Flint's Hotel; Wm. F. Bayly's Stationery Store; M. H. Stevens & Co., Browns' Hotel; Willson & Hayward's, Union Hall; and of any of the Executive Committee.

OOMMITTEE OF RECEPTION.

Col W H Hickey, Capt J A Tait,
Lt Col Riley, Capt P B Key,
Maj Keyworth, Capt Jos Peck,
Adjutant Bacon, Capt Schwarzmann,
Surgeon Morgan, Capt Devers,
Qr Master McCollum, Lieut Com'g Mulloy,
Qr Master Sergt King, Capt Shekell,
Capt Davis, Capt Jamieson,
Capt Towers, Capt Reese,
Capt Bright,

MANAGERS ON PART OF THE MILITARY.

Washington Light Infantry.

Serg't James E. Powers, Henry Warner,
Charles E. Nelson.

National Greys.

Serg't Eagan, Jno Bradley,
Corp'l Maguire.

Boone Rifles.

Pioneer Robinson, Henry Green,
Serg't Buckingham.

National Guard.

Ensign Lloyd, Private Johnson,
Serg't Bishop.

Montgomery Guards.

Serg't McEniry, Private O'Leary,
Secretary O'Sullivan.

President's Mounted Guard.

Serg't Hayward, John T. Evans,
Samuel Owens.

German Yagers.

Serg't Ruppell, Conrad Finkmann,
Julius Viedt.

American Riflemen.

Serg't Gibson, John Y. Donn,
Corp'l Champion.

Washington Highlanders

Sgt Campbell, Andrew Bain,
James Harrover.

Scott Guards.

Sgt Keyworth George McKean,
Charles Masi.

Union Guards.

Qr Mr Donelly, Sgt Harrison,
Mr O'Callahan

Marion Rifles.

Sgt Foxwell, Sgt Galt,
Henry Keefer.

MANAGERS ON PART OF THE CITIZENS.

George Washington Park Custis

Hon J T Towers	Francis Mohun	H Taylor
Walter Lenox	E Doyle	J D Hoover
W W Seaton	Wm Dougherty	Arch'd Campbell
Peter Force	A N Clements	Jas Adams
Silas H Hill	G Ennis	Thos Parsons
W W Corcoran	C Dunnington	E C Morgan
E B French	Jno L Wirt	J A Linton
G Parker	R J Roche	Jos Gales
J H Eaton	J L Henshaw	Andrew Hancock
W H Winter	J W Forney	H S Polkinhorn
A Provost	T Carberry	A Dickens
C H Winder	Jas G Berret	J H Kirkwood
J F Coyle	C Hill	A T Kickhoffer
R Wallach	C Wheeler	A J H White
Chas Maury	Dr Maynard	S Lewis
S Reifern	T S Donoghue	G A Jillard
R Smith	B F Middleton	J J Joyce
W T Dove	E F Bell	P A Hoe
Jno Ennis	B J Semmes	E Wheeler
J P Pepper	W H Winder	Francis Miller
W D Wallach	R E Doyle	James Tower
Wm Towers	Edw Towers	J C McGuire
S C Barney	C H Calvert	W J McCormick
G S Gideon	R A Willard	R Stuart
G Cameron	W P Bayly	Jas Clarke
C S Wallach	M Brown	J C Fitzpatrick
H Sweeney	Dr W B Magruder	J H McNair
E S Pendleton	S P Franklin	W K Spalding
Franck Taylor	Vespacian Ellis	Alex Lee
Edw Owen	B Coyle	Thomas Berry.
Chas Kleman	W H Thomas	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Lt Clarke, Infantry,	Capt Reese, Highlanders
Lt Shekell, N Greys,	Lt Simms, A Rifles,
Lt Sanderson, B Rifles,	Lt Wallingsford, S Guard
Lt Bird, N Guards,	Lt Flint, P M Guard,
Lt Riley, M Guards,	Lt Wroe, M Rifles,
Lt Debille, G Yagers,	Lt Briggs, U Guards,

Capt. J. Y. Davis, of the Light Infantry, Treasurer
may 15— (Intel)

GRAND PIC NIC

OF THE

NORTHERN LIBERTIES' FIRE CO.

THE NORTHERN LIBERTIES' FIRE COMPANY respectfully make known to their friends and the public generally that they will give their first PIC NIC, on THURSDAY, June 7th, 1855, to the WHITE HOUSE.

The Company will spare no pains or expense to insure satisfaction.

The Refreshments will be served by an experienced caterer, Mr A Columbus.

Visiting Companies will appear in uniform.

The boat will leave Georgetown at 1 o'clock; Washington at 2; Navy Yard at 2½; and Alexandria at 3 p. m.

Tickets ONE DOLLAR—admitting a gentleman and ladies—to be had of any of the Committee of Arrangements.

Committee.

E G Evans,	H Knight,	S Culverwell,
S P Robertson,	H Keenan,	R Warren,
J T Halleck,	C Matlock,	A Columbus,
J H Goddard, jr	T Dawson,	J Slatford,
Mid Birkhead,	L Newmyer,	J King.
S Taylor.		

may 12—eotd

PROPOSALS FOR FUEL.

QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE MARINE CORPS,
Washington, 10th May, 1855.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office until Friday, the 25th of May inst., at 10 o'clock a. m., for supplying to the Marines stationed in Washington city from 1st July, 1855, to 30th of June, 1856, such quantities of Wood and Coal as may be required upon the Quarterly requisitions of Commanding Officers

The wood to be best oak sapling, and the coal best anthracite, free from dust, broken and screened, both to be delivered at such points within the barrack walls, as may be designated, free of expense to the United States. may 11—3taw25th

EVENING STAR.

VILLAGE COURTSHIP.

Tapping at the window,
Peeping o'er the blind;
'Tis really surprising,
He never learns to mind!
'Twas only yester evening,
As in the dark we sat,
My mother asked sharply,
"Pray, Mary, who is that?"
Who's that, indeed—you're certain
How much she made me start;
Men seem to lose their wisdom
Whene'er they lose their heart.

Yes—there he is—I see him;
The lamp his shadow throws
Across the curtain'd window,
He's stepping on his toes;
He'll never think of tapping,
Or making any din:
A knock though e'en the slightest,
Is worse than looking in!
Tap! tap! would any think it!
He never learns to mind;
'Tis surely most surprising
He thinks my mother blind!

'Tis plain I must go to him;
It's no use now to cough,
I'd ope the door just softly,
If but to send him off!
'Tis well if from the door-step
He be not shortly hurled—
Oh man! there ne'er was trouble
'Till he came in the world!
Tapping at the window,
And peeping o'er the blind;
Oh man, but you are a trouble,
And that we maidens find.

THE HUNTERS.—POOR TOM'S FATE.

At the foot of the Ozark Mountains, where the rocky slopes extended far into the cultivated settlements, and at no great distance from the bank of the Mulberry, which foamed and roared against the sharp ridges of ice with which the extraordinary severe winter threatened to imprisoned it, two white hunters walked wrapped in their blankets, along the stream, and seemed to be looking for a place where they could cross to the other side.

They were two powerful looking fellows, as they walked on with their rifles on their shoulders, and the elegant fringed leggins, the closely-fitting and carefully soled moccasins showed that they had assumed the habits of the woods and not of those "land hunters" who, especially at that day, had begun traversing the western part of the State in order to find out the most favorably situated districts, and purchase, or at least lay claim to them.

"Bill," one of them at last said, as he stopped, "our searching is of no use—you see I was right; the stream here is too wide for us to find a tree laying across it, and if I really went to work with my little tomahawk, and felled one of the nearest plane trees, it would not be long enough. Besides a heavy storm is gathering behind us, and I think we should not do wrong were we to make arrangements for passing the night better than the last; it will be bitter cold."

"It's very annoying, though, Bill," answered his brother crossly, "that we should not reach the ravine over there to-night, for in the first place we should find famous quarters in one of the numerous caves, and then, besides, I should have liked to look for bears; there are sure to be some there. The water's too cold for us to swim across, and the storm will not be a trifling one; so then, to work; here are old trees enough lying about, and a bark roof can be easily made."

"There are almost too many trees lying about," Tom replied, look all around him, "and those still standing seem rotten and ready to fall. I do not much like the thought of coming here, for you know the story father told once about such a place."

"Nonsense!" Bill said laughingly. "Can we find a better camping place? The little stream runs along at our feet, there's plenty of wood close at hand, the young trees will furnish famous poles, and the bark there is first rate for a roof."

Tom made no further objection; the spot looked too inviting, and they were booth soon engaged raising a rough shelter that night at least, which could afford them refuge against the collecting storm. Under such good hands the work was easily accomplished, and the next half hour found both under their quickly erected roof, watching the pieces of meat broiling in the fire.

"It's strange how cold it has suddenly turned," Tom at length broke the silence, "only look, the water in the tin pan is frozen quite hard, and the wind has chopped round to the north east; it blows confoundedly sharp, too."

"Let it blow," Bill yawned, as he wrapped himself closely in the folds of his blanket; "I am tired and want to sleep, Tom, lay a couple of boughs on the fire before you turn in, and the one first awake to-morrow must arouse the other."

Midnight was past, and the fire had nearly expired, but the two brothers slept firmly, and the icy north wind that howled over the snow-clad hills into the valley, could not disturb their slumber. Heavy masses of clouds had, however, collected together from various quarters; darkly threatening they brooded over the rustling forest, and the stately trees shook and bowed their leafless branches as if in timid forebodings of the approaching storm. A bright flash of lightning suddenly burst from the black heavens, and a terrific peal of thunder almost instantaneously followed the messenger of destruction. One of the terrible winter storms was impending, and the unchained hurricane howled and tore through the narrow mountain ravines.

"Bill!" cried Tom, springing up in horror, "Bill, get up; we dare not lie down; see how the old trees quiver; and you hear, there's one of them cracking!"

"Hallo!" Bill replied, as he quickly threw off his blanket, "has it caught us? Hi! Tom, lay hold of the roof; I'm blessed if the confounded northwester won't take it along with it."

His fear was not entirely unfounded, for at the same instant such a furious blast burst from the opposite valley that it half uncovered their resting place in a second, and burning ashes and sparks were carried far away in the gloom of night. A lightning flash again burst forth from the clouds, and the thunder deadened the sound of the howling storm. Then it suddenly seemed as if the whole earth was torn from its foundations; far, far away on it came, like the crash of a thousand cannons; then nearer and nearer it roared, spreading wild and terrible overthrow and harrowing desolation around.

"Almighty God, a hurricane!" Tom cried, starting up in terror, for at the same moment the storm reached them. The giant trunks, which had withstood centuries, bowed like thin twigs, and with one blow that struck terror to the hearts of the listeners, the whole forest was mowed level with the earth by the hand of the Almighty.

The hurricane raged further and further with frightful velocity: for miles around it overthrew the tall oaks, and hurled them like reeds to the ground; for miles around it marked its path with desolation and destruction; but silence, grave-like silence, followed in its track, and rested over the widely-scattered trees; not a breath was stirring, and the calmness of death, after this horrifying outbreak of the elements, affected the poor heart of a mortal with more agonizing shudder than it had felt even in the most terrible fury of the storm.

Bill had miraculously escaped, without even the slightest injury; clinging tightly to an immense tree that had previously fallen; another oak that had fell across it only served to save him, as it guarded him from the other continually falling branches and smaller trees; but now, as soon as the first most pressing danger passed, he jumped up and cried, filled with terror, to his brother:

"Tom—brother Tom—do answer, Tom. Great God! has such a terrible end fallen to your share?"

No! it would have been better for him if that had been his lot; he still lived, and his weak voice at no great distance, struck the hunter's attentive ear.

"All-merciful Heavens!" the latter cried when he had quickly leaped over a couple of trees lying in his way, and with a blazing pine torch in his hand, stood before him he sought.

"All-merciful Heavens!" he repeated in almost maddening agony, and covered his face with his hands, for close to him, as pale as a corpse, with both his thighs buried beneath an immense oak, which was shattered from top to bottom, lay his Tom, his brother, the playmate of his youth, the darling of his heart.

"It's very cold," the unhappy man whispered, and looked up imploringly to the hunter, who apparently incapable of any further movement, stood near him as if hewn out of stone—"it's very cold, Bill; can't you bring me a little fire?"

The words broke the charm which seemed to possess his half unconscious brother.

"Tom, Tom!" he cried, as he threw himself with groans on the mutilated body of his dearest companion.

"You hurt me, Bill, the latter entreated; my arms pain me, and it is so cold."

"Wait, you shall have fire in a few seconds." Bill now cried, as he sprung hastily up, "lie there a minute longer, and I'll fetch you some ashes, and then help you up—only a moment's patience;" and in haste he flew back to the still burning camp-fire. Ah! he did not notice the features of the unhappy man, as he begged him to have patience. He hurriedly collected all the ashes and burning wood his arms could hold—the flames scorching his hunting shirt and hands—he did not notice it, and flew back to his brother's side, plenty of drift wood lay around, and in a few momoments a bright, cheering fire flared by the side of the tree, under whose giant weight the poor fellow lay buried alive.

Bill now regarded with shudder the terrible scene, and madly threw himself on the tree, which a hundred men could not have raised, and tried his utmost strength on an impossibility.

"Bill!" Tom gently begged him, "come here; come, give me your hand; that's right. And now, Bill, do you really love me?"

A convulsive grasp of his brother's hand answered the question; speak he could not, for the tears he had suppressed with difficulty suffocated every sound.

"Will you do me a service?" Tom implored, drawing the unresisting man closer to him.

"A service!" Bill whispered—"a service! What can you ask that I would not do for you if it was in my power?"

"You promise to do its?"

"What is it?" the hunter asked, in terror.

"Take your rifle," Tom begged, "and put an end to my sufferings."

"Tom!" the brother cried, as he sprung up in horror.

"Put an end to my sufferings," the unhappy man entreated. "Bill! brother! if you ever loved me, prove it now. Do not let me perish here, slowly and horribly."

"I will save you if it costs me my life," Bill cried. "I will return with assistance this very night."

"That is not possible," the poor fellow replied, sorrowfully shaking his head. "The next settlement is by the nearest road, at least fifteen miles from here; but the road you would have to take to go round the rocks and ravines, is twenty; and if you come back, if you brought fifty men with you, what help can they give me?" Both my thighs are shattered, and the nearest doctor lives at Little Rock, hundreds of miles from here, and whither we scarce know the direction. Bill will you let me lie here for days, and afterwards see me perish miserably?"

"Ask my own life, and you shall have it with pleasure; but don't require such a terrible thing from you; it must be possible to save you—I have my tomahawk—I can cut this tree through—I can——

"Can you cure wounds like these?" Tom interrupted him, and pointed with his hand to his thigh. It was a terrible sight, and the brother fell upon his knees, with a groan.

"I cannot murder you," he gently said.

"And do you call that murder? Oh, Bill!" he continued, "could you only fancy the pain I am now suffering, you would take compassion—would not let me beg in vain."

"I will give you a rifle; don't make me my brother's murderer," Bill groaned.

"My right arm is also broken; I cannot even if I would."

"Tom!" the powerful man sobbed, as he threw himself by his brother's side, "what is it you want of me?"

"What did you lately do to Nestor when the bear had torn him so terribly?"

"I shot him."

"He was your favorite dog."

Bill only answered with sobs.

"And you loved him more than me?" Tom now asked, almost reproachfully.

"Oh! why did I not heed your warning when we last night reached this unhappy spot? Why did I not avoid the decayed trees that threatened us on all sides? Why——

"Bill! the unhappy man interrupted him, "do you mean to free me from my tortures?"

"I will!" the poor fellow sobbed on his brother's neck. They held one another in a cold embrace for a long while, but when Tom tried to unloose his hold, his brother only held him the tighter. Day at length broke in the east, and the sun shone on the chaos of wildly-scattered trees around.

"Let us part," Tom whispered; "be a man,"

"Well, then, be it so. I see you are right. It is impossible to save you. I know, too, that I should have asked the same of you in a similar case; and you would not have refused me. Pray to God for the last time, and pray too for me, that he may forgive me the the murder of my brother!"

Bill tottered away to fetch his rifle, but he returned in a few moments with a firm and certain step. With his gun in his hand, he swung himself with his right hand over the shattered trunks, and soon stood again by the side of his brother who looked affectionately in his face.

"I am ready," said the latter, with a smile, "do not tremble, and God reward you for your kindness—good bye!" He offered him his hand as he turned away his face.

"Brother!" the tortured brother cried, in agony, and threw himself again on his breast. Once again they held each other in a close embrace, till Tom entreated gently, "Do not delay any longer." With a hasty bound the hunter stood on his feet, raised his rifle to his cheek, and lay the next moment unconscious by the side of the brother he had shot.

What more have I to tell? Shall I describe how he awoke, and piled branch upon branch on his brother's corps, so that the wolf and panther might not fasten their greedy teeth in the beloved remains—how he tottered away and wrestled with death for many months in the wild dreams of fever, carefully nursed by kind friends? No! enough of this sorrowful tale. His brother's blood-covered face did not long trouble him in his nightly dreams, or cause him to spring in terror from his bed, and try to fly. On an expedition against some plundering Creeks, a compassionate bullet put an end to his life, and kind friends buried him where he fell. But his memory is still retained in that neighborhood, and when a hunter camps at night, and turns an enquiring glance towards the giant trunks which menacingly surround him, then a gentle prayer of even the roughest and wildest of the band arises and whispers, "God preserve me from poor Tom's fate."

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Miss Andrews, NY
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