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War Song.

BY ALEXANDER B. REEK.

Would'st thou have me love thee, dearest,
With a woman's proud st heart,
Which shall ever hold thee nearest
Shrined in its inmost heart?
Listen, then! my country's calling
On her sons to meet the foe!
Leave these groves of rose and myrtle;
Drop the dreamy harp of love;
Like young Kerner, scorn the turtle,
When the eagle screams above.

Dost then pause? Let dotards dally—
Let them for thy country fight!
'Neath her noble ensign fully—
"God our country, and her right!"
Listen! now her trumpet's calling
In her sons to meet her foe!
Woman's heart is soft and tender,
But 'tis proud and faithful, too.
Shall she be her land's defender?
Lover! soldier! up and do!

Seize thy father's ancient falchion,
Which once flashed as Macedon's star!
Time's swe t pinions—the bow and halcyon,
Sit 'ed the stormy skies of war!
Listen! now thy country's calling
On her sons to meet her foe!
Sweet is love in moonlight bowers!
Sweet is the altar and the flame!
Sweet is springtime with her flowers!
Sweet is far the patriot's name!

Should the God who rules above thee
Doom thee to a soldier's grave,
Hearts will break but fame will love thee,
Canon's roll among the brave!
Listen, then! thy country's calling
On her sons to meet her foe!
Rather would I view thee lying
On the last red field of life,
'Mid my country's heroes crying
Than to be a dastard's wife!

THE STEEL PEN DISEASE.—Some of our readers, says the Boston Journal, will recollect a notice which appeared in the Journal last February, relative to a theory advanced by President Felton, of Harvard, that the debilitating and sometimes paralytic affections of the hand and arm experienced by those accustomed to write much, were attributable to the use of steel pens. Since the appearance of the notice in question there has been a good deal of speculation regarding the theory it described, and many practical tests of its reliability have been instituted. President Felton has received a great many letters proving the efficacy of reverting to the old goose quill in curing partial and almost complete paralysis of the hand and arm caused by using steel pens. One instance is very remarkable. An eminent publisher in this city, some two years ago found himself unable to steady his hand to write. His hand and arm swelled so that he was forced to employ an amanuensis; and such was his necessity, only at very brief intervals, until he happened to see a description of President Felton's theory in the Journal. He adopted the goose quill instead of the steel pen, and in a month thereafter was able to do his own writing, which he continues to do without any trouble. It may save parties the risk of annoying President Felton with inquiries relative to the basis of his theory when we inform them that he has none to explain.

COMMENDABLE LIBERALITY.—Mr. Benjamin E. Pope, a wealthy and patriotic citizen of Southampton, noted far and wide for his liberality, says the Petersburg Express, dedicated the service of his entire force, a day or two ago, to the cause of the Confederate States, in a manner at once most acceptable and becoming. He ceased all labor on his farm for the day, and devoted his energies and those of his servants and teams in behalf of the gallant men stationed at Burwell's Bay in defence of the liberty and honor of the State. All his wagons and carts—several of each—were packed and loaded down with the good things of life—hams, (which he cures so nicely,) bread, flour, vegetables, and numberless delicacies which we cannot mention; his horses were hitched, and his negroes drove down to Burwell's Bay, and the astonished soldiers made to receive (not unwillingly, we reckon) the large and acceptable contributions. Among the items on the list, we almost forgot to mention the important one of eight hundred chickens and an infinite number of eggs. Such devotion as this to the comfort of our soldiers and service of our cause, speaks for its if. Language fails in commending it, and gratitude is unable to repay it.

A BROAD WOMAN.—The Princess Mary of Cambridge, whose betrothal to the Duke of Newcastle has been announced, is a very comely personage, but very stout; so stout, in fact, that she finds crinoline entirely superfluous, except around the bottom of her skirt; and it is said that it has been necessary of late to enlarge the door of her carriage. A marriage was proposed between her and Victor Emanuel, and she was delighted at the prospect of a connection with the royal family of England through the owner of so charming a face as that of the portrait which was shown to him. But when, on his visit to England, he saw the lady, *il re galantuomo*—himself, no slender lad—he retired precipitately from the negotiation. "I cannot marry that woman," said he, "she's broad enough to sit upon the seven hills of Rome."

PRETTY SHARP.—Some miserable creatures, wearing the outward form of human beings, are getting to apply the term *traitor* to every man who does not endorse the policy of an Abolition Administration, and hurrah for civil war. We have only to say to every fellow who applies the term to us, that he is meaner than a dog, a craven-hearted scoundrel, a base and dirty liar, beneath the dignity of our contempt!—*Circleville (Ohio) Watchman.*

THE LINSEED CROP.—The manufacturers of linseed oil in the West held a meeting at Cincinnati on Monday last. Their report showed that there will be a deficiency of about 384,000 gallons this year. Based upon this, the manufacturers agreed not to sell their present stock of oil less than 55 cents, which is an advance of 4@5 cents per gallon over the rate it had been selling at.

HOW TO MAKE A ZOUAVE.—We got our information from one of the French drill Sergeants himself, thus: "Take a recruit—keep him forty eight hours—nothing to eat; den march him forty-eight hours—*nothing to eat;* den let him fight like h—l forty eight hours—*nothing to eat;* by dam, he one Zouave."

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