

THE DECORATING MANIA.



BARBARA and her city wife came home...

'You needn't purchase things,' says she, 'With a superior smile...

But when he found his old arm-chair That hugged the kitchen fire...

ADVENTURES OF A SPY.

A STORY THAT READS LIKE A PAGE FROM A WORK OF FICTION.

The remarkable career of Major W. C. Gorman, a spy in the service of the Confederates during the war...

After the retreat at Perryville, in 1862, began Major Gorman...

Six days later I was ordered to report to Senator Sims at Richmond, Va. for duty on behalf of the Confederate Government...

This plan was arranged out so far as circumstances would permit. I went to Northern Missouri and organized the Paw Paw militia...

There were a number of incidents on my trip. I returned to General Forrest's command and asked him for a pass...

I started on foot from Franklin, Tenn., for Hickman, Ky. making the trip in ten days, and stealing through both lines...

At Hickman, I tired, dirty and ragged from swimming streams and climbing through and over bushes...

When I reached St. Louis I found that my West Tennessee money and \$1,000 in greenbacks, I went to Higgins, Wright & Co...

On the 19th of January, 1863, I went to City Point and hired as a constable...

The next morning I was in Washington and I met Lieut. Zenas at a restaurant...

home together. This acquaintance was my starting point in Missouri...

At midnight that night 162 determined Confederates met there, inside the Yankee lines, and within four miles of St. Louis...

I left the next morning, going through the State on the south of the river, making my reports through the mail at Paris, Ill.

My next experience of interest was in St. Charles County, where I met with Craigill's Dutch Home Guards...

I learned that Colonel Kibbe had a brother toward Black River. I finally reached there after swimming two swollen creeks...

Gen. Odin Guitler was at that time commanding the Department of North Missouri, with headquarters at Columbiaville...

active service for the United States Government. The three freshbooters, armed to the teeth, and killing every man they met...

That night we ate supper at Charles Prather's in Columbia County, at the foot of Blackfoot Ridge...

General, I am a loyal Irishman. Your men took me prisoner, and, to show my loyalty, I have brought them back to you...

General thanked me, became satisfied as to my loyalty and gave me a pass, with which I got away as quickly as possible...

I was then instructed to return, and given the role of the Confederates in the North...

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When I reported they wanted me to return, to which I seriously objected...

General Winter insisted on one more trip. I started, crossing the Potomac half way between Mathias Point and the mouth of the river...

Going to Carlisle, I stopped with John D. White, a wealthy farmer of Macoupin County. Here I drilled my men openly...

The next morning I was at Springfield, Ill., where I met Judge Dixon, who was at the head of the movement in Illinois...

tween Washington and the mouth of the river, the condition of fortifications around Washington, and other valuable information...

I left for Cincinnati over the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, where I was arrested at Baltimore, being guarded by three Irishmen...

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I went to Madison, Carlisle, Springfield, Aurora, Cincinnati, Columbus, and Washington, returning with copies of the communiques...

The next morning my horse was dead, the noblest animal I ever saw. I was taken sick in this house, and while in bed I was captured...

After the war was over I went North and settled in Detroit, where I was elected as a member of the Michigan Legislature...

Said a Maine telegraph operator to the writer the other day: "You wouldn't think that spooly lovers would resort to such public means of correspondence as the telegraph...

"Perhaps you don't believe that such a message as this was ever sent, but I would show some of them to you if it wasn't against the rules."

"We fellows on the wire enjoyed quite an amusing incident not very long ago, in which Sophia sort of gave away John's brilliant scheme of popping the question by wire..."

"Sophia, in her ecstatic delight, evidently understood the query in a different sense from that which the ordinary reader of the epistle would, and, with joy and exultation depicted in every lineament of her countenance, she proceeded to the telegrapher's sanctum and left the following to be forwarded to the flower of her affection..."

"John: Yes. How about next Christmas? SOPHIA: This gave the thing dead away, and John was much chagrined when he received it. It accomplished its purpose, nevertheless, and now the couple are soaring in the rapturous realms of double bliss..."

"SMITH:—Yes, gods! Look at Briggs. Isn't he stuck up? What's the matter with him that he's grown so proud all of a sudden? Has he made a fortune, or—? BILLY:—No, his wife sent him down town the other day to match some cloth for her, and he came within two shades of getting the right color..."

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