

THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

Reminiscences and Accidents of Interest to the Present Generation.

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wind of the impending calamity. Thus it came about that in a wonderfully short time after our arrival the fragrant incense of *la siempra flet lata* announced that his bountiful cheer had been discommodated by the keen rellah of a hunter. The gentleman was in his clutches, and he was in a most unpleasant mood; it was not many minutes before he heard the distant wailing of the drivers' horns, and presently the negroes rode up on a trot, with a fine cry of ten pounds following at their heels. Ephraim, the dog, was among the first to jump on the deer, and the beam, the alligator and garfish of the swamp, was mounted on his famous "Old Brown," whose sole fault as a driving-horse was a wind which was not only "broken," but comminuted, making his breathing audibly as far as he could be seen on a crooked road.

"Now, boys," said I, as they reined up and touched their caps, "whoever brings out a deer to me to-day will make his month's allowance of tobacco." "Ephraim," I got your deer, 'tween you and a buck—penned up in de Bluffe drive." "Oh, you've always got deer in a pen somewhere, Ephraim," said I, "but, somehow, nobody ever gets the meat."

"That's put in old July," with a chuckling laugh. "I spec Ephraim done put he mark in he ear, tie he two foot together so he can't run 'way. But I tell you, 'em deer gwine walk off on he hind foot like a man."

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"I've often heard my father tell the story which I am now going to tell you, but I don't think I ever told it to any of you before. The old gentleman was about twenty-two when the Revolutionary war broke out, and he served with Henry in Marion's Brigade, of which he was a most efficient officer. He had a great many strange tales, connected with the different parts of his neighborhood, in which he had seen service, and he loved to tell after dinner over a glass of brandy and water. It is something new to me, even in times of war, but perhaps it is only because the events in which we are actors seldom appear strange to us until we look back at them through a long lapse of time."

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