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Jephthah's Daughter.

BY A. J. H. DUGANNE.

On the warrior-soul of Jephthah
Fell the Spirit of the Lord;
When he passed from fearful Gilead,
To the Jordan's border ford—
All the lands of heathen Ammon
Smiting with the Hebrew sword;
When he vowed a vow to Heaven—
Unto High Jehovah aware—
Saying—"O! thou God of Israel!
Hearken now thy servant's prayer:
And the spoils of conquered Ammon
Let thy Hebrew people share!

And I swear—O dread Elohim!
If thine arm shall fight for me—
That, when I return victorious,
Israel's land in peace may be—
Whatso cometh first to meet me
Shall belong, O Lord, to thee!
When the Hebrew brow is lifted,
And the yoke of Ammon riven,
Whatsoever, from my house-door,
Cometh forth before high Heaven—
It shall be the Lord Jehovah's—
For my first burnt-offering given!"

Thus the chief—and, straightway marching,
Over Arnon's threatening shore,
Smote he all the heathen strongholds—
Castled towns a goodly store—
From the walls of ancient Minnith, (1)
To the ramparts of Aroer:
Smote the host of Ammon's children,
Till they yielded far and nigh—
Falling, like the withered grasses
When a simoon whirleth by,
Under sword of mighty Jephthah,
Captain of the Lord on high.

Through the tribes of rescued Israel
Sounded valiant Jephthah's name;
Only Ephraim's jealous clansmen
Mocked the Hebrew hero's fame;
Gathering fiercely, marching Northward,
Unto Jephthah's camp they came.
"Wherefore battledst thou with Ammon?"
Thus they spake, in pride and ire,
"And from us—of warlike Ephraim—
Did no braver help require?
We will burn thy house upon thee,
O thou Gileadite! with fire!"

Answered Jephthah—"Strove my people
Long against those heathen bands;
Vainly still, for Ephraim's succor,
Called we from our trampled lands;
Till I bared the sword for Gilead,
And my life put in my hands!
Lo! the Lord hath given me victory;
Wherefore come *ye* now to fight?"
Thus spake Jephthah; and, outbreaking,
Flamed his wrath, with sudden blight,
And the host of boasting Ephraim
Drave he back, in scattered flight.

Sad that day for jealous Ephraim;
Smitten hard by Gilead's men—
Swiftly, to the fords of Jordan,
Fled they down, through gorge and glen;
Sorely pressed, and seeking shelter
Far from wrathful Gilead's ken.
"Art thou Ephraimite?" quoth Gilead;
Say now "Shibboleth!" he cried;
But the lisping tongue of Ephraim
Only "Sibboleth!" replied;
Till, beside the fords of Jordan,
Two and forty thousand died!

Back from conquest over Ammon,
Back through Israel's ransomed land,
All his generous soul uplifted—
Swelling with emotions grand,
Jephthah, to his native Mizpeh,
Marched amid his warrior band—
Lofty faith and proud fruition,
Danger's daring—triumph's crown—
Troublous past and peaceful future
Building causeways of renown;
These the shapes of Jephthah's musings
Entering Mizpeh's ancient town.

Wild and free rose Israel's plaudits—
Gilead's welcome, long and loud;
Flashed the eyes of Gilead's chieftain,
As his brazen helm he bow'd;
Flashed above his shouting kinsmen,
With a meaning deep and proud.
But, why droop their startled glances,
Wherefore fails his spirit now?
Is it grief—or is it anger—
That hath paled his lofty brow?
O! thou just and wise Jehovah!
'Tis the memory of his vow!

Of his oath before high Heaven—
That whate'er should meet his eyes,
Coming first from out his house-door,
Should be marked—for sacrifice!
And, behold! 'tis Jephthah's daughter
That her father's glance descries!
Tripping forth, with sounding timbrel—
Dancing down the sunlit slope;
With her bright lips breathing gladness,
And her forehead flushed with hope,
And her dark eyes wet, like violets,
When to morning light they ope.

Tripping forth, with all her maidens—
Dancing down, with timbrel's beat!
Like the golden leaves of lilies
Glanced the sheen of twinkling feet—
Making music with the sunbeams,
As they kiss'd the charmed street.
And above them, and around them—
Flowing out, in lucent bars—
Hung a mist of shimmering garments
Like the amber light of stars;
Swaying tenderly and softly,
To the timbrel's mellow jars.

Crowned with garlands for the altar—
Dancing o'er the grave's abyss—
O, ye hero-hearts of Israel,
Battled ye for meed like this?
Gilead's princess—Jephthah's daughter—
Dying on her father's kiss?
O, Thou Mighty One, Elohim!
Just and terrible art Thou!
Prostrate, underneath thy judgment,
Jephthah's warrior-soul must bow,
And the daughter of his lost one
Must redeem her father's vow!

Half he clasped the radiant phantom—
Half her joy his soul beguiled;
With her mother's voice she murmured,
With her mother's smile she smiled;
With her mother's lips she kissed him—
And, she was his only child!
But he said: "Alas! my daughter!
Thou hast brought me very low;
Thou art one of them that trouble—
For I may not backward go!"
And she answered him: "My father!
As thine oath was, do thou so!"

"Only let this prayer be granted—
Last of all my father's boons—
That, with Gilead's loving maidens,
Singing low and solemn tunes,
Up and down, upon the mountains,
I may walk a twain of moons!"
Thus she spake; and, with her virgins,
Passed away from Gilead's plains;
Up and down, upon the mountains,
Singing low and tender strains:
As the custom still, for maidens,
In the Hebrew land remains. (2)

Through the lofty soul of Jephthah,
Gilead's outcast—Gilead's chief—
Like the rush of desert whirlwind
Swept the memory of his grief:
And it shook the chaff of triumph
From his manhood's golden sheaf.
But, adown the silvery pathway
Of his white and reverend eld—
Blossoming by bitter waters
That from all his sorrows welled—
Many flowers of Gilead's balm-tree
Jephthah's softening eyes beheld.

And he heard the cymbals ringing,
With their soft, melodious beat—
And the singing of the maidens,
Flowing low, like fountains sweet;
And he saw the silver sandals,
And the sheen of dancing feet!
'Till, at last—to meet and greet him—
Tripping forth from golden sills!
While the sweet, low beat of timbrels
Filled his soul with olden thrills,
Came the holy child of Jephthah—
Dancing down the heavenly hills.

1. Minnith was one of the Cahaanite cities, celebrated for its markets of fine wheat.

2. The old opinion that Jephthah's child was really immolated, as a burnt-offering, has been reconsidered by modern commentators, who incline to the belief that she was not sacrificed, but consecrated, as a virgin, to the service of God. J. H. Horne educes passages i. Deut., 12, 30, 31; Psalms, 206, 87, 38; Jer., 7, 31; and Ezek., 16, 29, 21, as express prohibitions against sacrificing children. The immolation of human beings is declared abominable in Deut., 66, 3. Jephthah would appear to have *devoted* his daughter, in his oath to make her "the Lord's," thus obliging her to remain single, and denying him posterity; which, it is said, she went "to bewail." Further, we are told that the women of Israel went four times a year to "talk with" the daughter of Jephthah, as the original conveys by the word translated "lament." In the Hebrew text the words are, "And it was a *law* in Israel that the daughters of Israel went yearly to *make presents* to the daughter of Jephthah, the Gileadite, four days in the year." The word rendered "lament" in our version [Judges, 11: 40] is in other places translated "reward," "hire," or "gift." Four different renderings of the Hebrew original have been made by commentators, each supporting the argument that the life of Jephthah's daughter was not taken, but that she was devoted to the Lord's service as a holy virgin.

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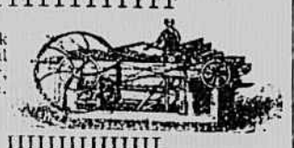

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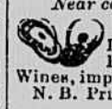

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Leave Wilmington [Union Depot]	3.50 A. M.
Arrive at Columbia	1.15 P. M.
Leave Columbia	8.20 A. M.
Arrive Wilmington [Union Depot]	5.30 P. M.

NIGHT EXPRESS TRAIN.

Leave Wilmington [Union Depot]	6.45 P. M.
Arrive at Columbia	6.30 A. M.
Leave Columbia	6 20 P. M.
Arrive at Wilmington	6.00 A. M.

No NIGHT TRAINS leave Wilmington or Columbia Sunday P. M.

Jan 13 JOHN C. WINDER, Gen'l Sup't.

Change of Schedule.

SOUTH CAROLINA RAILROAD COMPANY,
COLUMBIA, S. C., June 9, 1871.

Change of Schedule to go into effect on and after Sunday, 24th instant:

MAIL AND PASSENGER TRAIN.

Leave Columbia at	7.40 a m
Arrive at Charleston at	3.20 p m
Leave Charleston at	8.20 a m
Arrive at Columbia at	3.40 p m

NIGHT EXPRESS, FREIGHT AND ACCOMMODATION TRAIN, [Sundays excepted.]

Leave Columbia at	7.00 p m
Arrive at Charleston at	7.00 a m
Leave Charleston at	7.10 p m
Arrive at Columbia at	6.00 a m

Camden Accommodation Train will continue to run to Columbia as formerly—Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

A. L. TYLER, Vice-President.
S. B. PICKINS, General Ticket Agent.

Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta R. R

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., January 1, 1872.

ON and after Thursday, 5th instant, the following schedule will be run over this road:

GOING NORTH.	Train No. 1.	Train No. 2.
Leave Augusta	3 15 A. M.	6.00 P. M.
Leave Columbia	8 22 A. M.	11.04 P. M.
Arrive Charlotte	2.09 P. M.	5.15 A. M.
GOING SOUTH		
Leave Charlotte	7.15 A. M.	7.30 P. M.
Leave Columbia	1.35 P. M.	2.00 A. M.
Arrive Augusta	6.50 P. M.	7.30 A. M.

No. 1 Train daily. No. 2 Train daily, Sundays excepted. Both trains make close connection to all points North, South and West.

Through tickets sold and baggage checked to all principal points.

E. P. ALEXANDER, General Sup.
E. R. DORSEY, Gen. Freight and Ticket Agent

Change of Schedule.

OFFICE NORTH CAROLINA R. R. CO.,
COMPANY SHOPS, N. C., June 3, 1871.

ON and after SUNDAY, June 4, 1871, TRAINS will be run over this Road in accordance with the following TIME TABLE.

Trains Going East.	Express, ARRIVE.	Express, LEAVE.	Trains West. Mail, ARRIVE.	Mail, LEAVE.
Charlotte	5.35 a m			3.10 p m
Salisbury	8.03 a m	8.23 a m	5.26 p m	5.30 p m
Gr'nsb'o	11.08 a m	11.13 a m	8.25 p m	8.35 p m
Co Shop	12.40 p m	1.05 p m	9.56 p m	10.16 p m
Hillsb'ro	2.28 p m	2.33 p m	11.35 p m	11.37 p m
Raleigh	5.05 p m		2.05 a m	2.40 a m
Goldsboro			7-20 a m	
Charlotte	7.15 a m		8.00 p m	
Salisb'ry	4.32 a m	4.37 a m	5.15 p m	5.26 p m
Gr'nsb'o	1.25 a m	1.35 a m	2.10 p m	2.20 p m
Co Shop	11 37 p m	12.02 a m	12.30 p m	12.50 p m
Hillsbro	10.07 p m	10.09 a m	11.07 a m	11.10 a m
Raleigh	6.58 p m	7.40 a m		8.45 a m
Goldsb'o		3.00 p m		

June 6 W. H. GREEN, Maj. Trans.

Greenville and Columbia Railroad.

COLUMBIA, S. C., MARCH 1, 1871.

ON and after this date, the following schedule will be run daily, Sundays excepted:

UP.

Leave Columbia at	7.00 a. m.
" Alston	9.10 a. m.
" Newberry	11.15 a. m.
" Cokesbury	3.00 p. m.
" Belton	5.00 p. m.
Arrive at Greenville	6.30 p. m.

DOWN.

Leave Greenville at	6.15 a. m.
" Belton	8 05 a. m.
" Cokesbury	10.07 a. m.
" Abbeville	8.15 a. m.
" Newberry	1.50 p. m.
" Alston	4.05 p. m.
Arrive at Columbia	5.55 p. m.

THOS. DODAMEAD, General Sup.
M. T. BARTLETT, General Ticket Agent.

Summer Schedule S. & U. R. R.,

	DOWN TRAIN. Arrive.	Leave.	UP TRAIN. Arrive.	Leave.
Spartanburg		5.30	5.25	
Batesville	6.00	6.00	4 53	4.53
Pacolet	6 08	6.13	4.40	4.45
Jonesville	6.43	6.48	4 05	4.10
Unionville	7 25	7.50	3.05	3.25
Santuc	8.20	8.25	2 30	2.35
Fish Dam	8.40	8 45	2.10	2.15
Shelton	9.15	9 20	1.35	1.40
Lyles' Ford	9.40	9 45	1.12	1.17
Strother	10 05	10.10	12.50	12.55
Alston	11 00			12.00

May 24 THOS. B. JETER, President.

Schedule on Blue Ridge Railroad.

Leave Anderson	6.00 P. M.
" Pendleton	7.00 "
" Perryville	7.45 "
Arrive at Walhalla	8.30 "
Leave Walhalla	3.45 A. M
" Perryville	4.30 "
" Pendleton	5.30 "
Arrive at Anderson	6.30 "

Waiting at Anderson one hour for the arrival of up train on Greenville and Columbia Road.

July 2 W. H. D. GAILLARD, Sup,

Just Received.

10 HALF CHESTS assorted TEA. Though the price in market has advanced 15 per cent, we succeeded in getting our August bill duplicated, which we offer at same price as before.

LOBLOY & LOWRANCE.