

**STRANGERS IN A DUEL.**

Probably the Queerest Encounter Ever Described.

Story of a Meeting on the Field of Honor in the Days Before the War—A Scene and Who Did Not Even Know the Name of the Principal.

"I have seen one duel in my life," he said to a New York Tribune man. "I do not believe in dueling, of course, but since that duel I have not had the horror of it which I felt before. It did not seem like murder; it did not seem even brutal to me.

"I was in New Orleans and was sitting late one night in the hotel corridor, interested in a discussion ably conducted by both sides. It was on that subject which then hung on every man's lips. Both men were handsome, middle-aged and refined looking. The conversation became more and more heated until one of the men said sternly:

"You have insulted my State and me, sir."

"I have spoken what I believe to be the truth," said the other man, calmly, "and I can not change my sentiment."

"Then you offer to give me satisfaction?" said the other.

"In what way, sir?"

"As gentlemen give satisfaction."

"I do not fight duels," said the other, smiling slightly.

"Not when you have insulted a man?"

"No."

"You are not a coward," answered the other. "That is plain to see. I ask you as a gentleman to give me satisfaction."

"The man from the North looked at him steadily.

"I can not kill a man," he said.

"The other gave him a look which was almost one of appeal.

"If you do not give me satisfaction," he said, "or retreat, and I see you will not do that, I shall feel like a bound."

"Very well," answered the other, simply, "when shall it be?"

"As soon as possible."

"The Southerner accused himself to find a second. The Northern man turned to me.

"I am a stranger here," he said.

"Will you act as my second?"

"I don't believe in duels," I answered, feeling ashamed to refuse him.

"No more do I," he replied, coldly.

"I hesitated and consented. The four of us were driven below the city. I shall not forget the place where the duel was fought. We turned into a plantation at a point of the road where stood a majestic pecan tree which seemed to bow gravely as the wind rustled softly through its branches and the trailing moss swayed gently. Dawn was breaking and over the Mississippi hung a low mist. The distance was paced off by the second of my new friend's adversary, for I was absolutely useless.

"For some reason my principal took off his coat and waistcoat, and the other man did the same thing. They both seemed at their ease. In the grayness of the morning the white of their shirts was beautifully clear and pleasing. They took their positions quietly. No one had spoken a word since we had entered the field. My friend raised his hand and looked carelessly at his revolver.

"Gentlemen," he said, calmly, "I have never shot at a man in my life. This is not of my doing."

"I looked at the Southern duelist. His face whitened at this, but he was cool and graceful in his bearing.

"I forgot my principles. There was nothing brutal, uncivilized or cruel about this. It was beautiful. The calmness of the scene was exquisite. Both men faced each other as if they were paying compliments. There was a grace about their posture which charmed me. At that moment it seemed to me that to kill a man in so delicate a way was the refinement of courtesy.

"Gentlemen, are you ready? One? Two white-sleeved arms was all that I saw. I did not hear the rest, not even the shots. I saw the arms go up slowly, straighten out sharply, something like released springs, and the Southern man was in the damp grass, a bright stain on his white shirt. My friend was leaning over him, peering anxiously into the wounded man's face. When I ran up the one who was shot was very white.

"Henry," he said to his second, "take every care for this gentleman's safety," and he fainted.

"Perhaps this was one of the most remarkable duels ever fought. I, an unwilling second, did not know the name of the principal whom I assisted. I did not even know the cause of the duel. Each principal was ignorant of the name of the other. The only two men who knew each other were the Southern man and his second. But I, who believed dueling to be murder, found it, when forced to play a part in a duel, a fascinating picture, the like of which I have never before or since seen."

**A Wonderful Stone.**

A man living near Kingston, Ga., has found a most wonderful stone. While plowing on a sandbar in the Etowah river he saw something shining with the most brilliant of lights just to one side of him. He stopped his plow and went to pick it up. It was a clear, white stone the size of an egg, reflecting in one way all the colors of the rainbow. Turning it over the colors took on the character of a spirit-level, following each other up through the center of the rock till all were gathered in one end. The owner has been offered \$1,000 for it, but refused it. It emits a perfectly white light in the dark.

**A Mass of Worms.**

On returning from church a Lafayette (Ga.) man saw what seemed to be two small snakes about the size of a lead pencil and eight to ten inches long. They were barely moving. On closer examination, instead of a snake it was found to be a mass of little measuring worms, each about three-sixteenths of an inch long. By moving in this manner they escaped the dust, which would have been fatal to them if they had separated.

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Roanoke City, Va.  
[Report of analysis of Ripidolite, sample furnished by Mr. J. W. Neal, Roanoke, Virginia, July 7, 1890.]  
Mineralogical name, Ripidolite.  
Composition:  
Silica.  
Alumina.  
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M. V. CORSE.

**CERTIFICATE OF WM. D. ANGEL.**  
Roanoke City, Va.  
Roanoke, Va., July 21st, 1890.

Having made a thorough examination of the Green Stone Quarry at Prospect Depot, on the N. & W. R. R., I hereby certify that it is my belief that the quarry is very extensive, and almost inexhaustible in stone, and by proper machinery believe it can be gotten out very economically and easily.  
Given under my hand this day and year above written.  
WM. D. ANGEL.

**CERTIFICATE OF CAPT. R. V. DAVIS.**  
Prospect Depot, Va., July 16, 1890.

Having been requested by the "Virginia Green Stone Building Company" to give my opinion as to the quality of stone on the tract of land belonging to I. B. Fitzgerald and R. S. Paulet, at or near Prospect Depot, in the County of Prince Edward, and State of Virginia, I hereby state that I have worked and gotten out this stone for the past forty years or more, and therefore do not hesitate to state that, in my opinion it is in almost inexhaustible quantities, and is capable of easy working, handling, &c. Given under my hand this 16th day of July, 1890.  
R. V. DAVIS.

**STATE OF VIRGINIA.**  
COUNTY OF PRINCE EDWARD. To-wit:  
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Given under my hand this 16th day of July, 1890.  
J. B. GLENN, J. P.  
Roanoke City, Va.

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Roanoke City, Va.  
To B. Lacey Hoge, Secretary and Treasury.  
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J. McD. ROBINSON.

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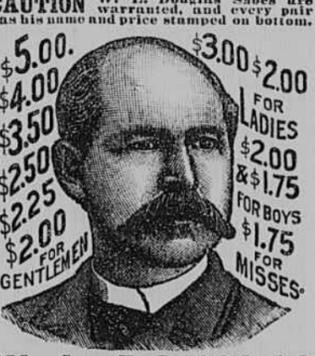
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