An After-Dinner Toast That General

Sherman Interrupted.

Richmond Dispatch.

Washington, D. C., October 27th.-When the national convention of lawyers met in the West some vears ago, Mr. Du Bignon was sent to represent Georgia, his native State. Being one of the rising young men of his region. he was also invited to respond to the toast: "The Young Manhood of the South," at the large banquet to be giv-

The young lawyer prepared his reply with care, feeling he had done his best, which was all the Bar could exexpect of him. His toast was the tenth in line, and the toastmaster had pronounced in distinct tones the title of the toast, and added that Mr. Fleming Du Bignon, of Georgia, would reply.

The lawyer rose slowly to his feet. glancing as he did so down the long double line of expectant, polite, upturned faces smiling at him, encouraging him to proceed.

he remembered every planned gesture, every turn and "point" he proposed to make.

His "piece" was all clearly in mind

"Gentlemen of the Bar," he began, "I---"

"General Sherman," delightedly broke in the toastmaster, and "Sherman! "Snerman!" was echoed all down the table, which saw dozens of men stand to their feet to greet the great soldierlawyer as he entered the room.

General Sherman had promised to attend this convention, but had been detained by other engagements until this late hour, and his advent was hailed with a burst of welcome as he advanced down to his vacant chair. Ev ery one was shaking hands with him, creating quite a hubbub.

When it finally subsided, the toastmaster turned again to the young Georgian, and said

"Will Mr. Du Bignon now proceed with the toast, 'The Young Manhood of the South?"

HE WAS DAZED.

The Georgian sat for an instant dazed. He was young, and the excitement breaking into his speech had "floored" him.

What was he going to do? What was he going to say? Every line of his prepared toast had left him, every bit of his plan of thought had deserted him. To stand there a confirmed dullard; to be unable to respond to the toast that involved all his patriotism, when that speech was intended to show the Northerners just what the South erners could do and be! It was humiliating; it was agonizing.

All this, however, did not occupy the space of time it takes to tell it. It flashed through his brain like lightning, and even during the latter part of these thoughts he was rising me-All this, however, did not occupy the of these thoughts he was rising mechanically to his feet.

He stood still for a second and saw General Sherman's face looking at him with interest. The silence was appalling! "Poor fellow, he doesn't know what to say."

In a quiet tone, in which, however, he felt a quiver, he commenced

"Gentlemen, I am confounded! The advent of so noted a warrior as General Sherman has made me forget every word of my speech"-the men all look ed anxious and interested-"but think you can scarcely wonder at my confusion. Georgians are so used to the fact of General Sherman following them, that it is enough to simply paralyze any one of them to be asked to follow the General." There was a pause for an instant over the young fellow's audacity, and then the room rang with appreciative applause of his excellent wit.

Men leaned over their plates and immediately fixed themselves into attitudes of interest; they at once perceivthat, at least, an original young chap was going to speak.

Mr. Du Bignon telt the personal magnetism he had excited reflect on himself, and continued with more as-

He said that he would tell a story about the young manhood of the South the very young manhood, including his first impressions of General Sherman.

HIS GOOD STORY. The time was the civil war, the place Milledgeville, Ga. "I was only a little shaver," he started, "staying at home, taking care of my mother and ounger brother. All the men had cone to war. The cry started early in he morning, 'Sherman is coming!' It ncreased from a whisper to a trighten-

MARCHING THROUGH GEORGIA. ed shout. The old negroes who were at home left the field and plow and gathered in their cabins, exactly as if it had been, said, 'The Judgment day is coming ! People stood irresolute in the street, not knowing what to do or whether it was best to go anywhere. Even the chickens and cows seemed to understand that portentous phrase that was filling the air-Sherman is com-

> "And later on, he came. Soldiers ad horses, they began to fill the little town and the people's houses, and fear was the prevailing element.

> "I insisted that my Shetland pony and my brother's pet rooster must be saved. My mother equally insisted that I was to stay in the house, for if I did not the soldiers would carry me away was made a prisoner, but owned a window, and when I saw one of the oldiers go under our house and catch he rooster and wring its neck, I was certain my pony would go next. So, umping out of the window, I ran to he soldier and, doubling up my fist, eried: 'Dog-gone you, old Yankee, if you take that pony I'll report you to Jeneral Sherman."

> He stopped for an instant, and then continued, courteously: "General, he did take my pony, and this is my first opportunity to report to you."

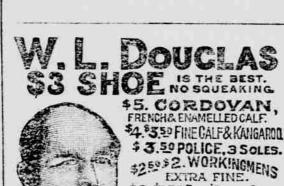
Mr. Du Bignon, of Georgia, won the day. Men cheered him as he took his seat for his cleverness, and General Sherman., jumping up, said: "Will Faver and some one present me to the young reb-CLAIRE CLAXTON.

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