

## CASTLES IN THE AIR.

With frescoes and costly gildings,  
With tapestries soft and rare,  
I have furnished these noble buildings—  
My castles in the air.

But I turn from the halls that glitter  
And sparkle with every gem,  
For I know that his lot is bitter  
Who tries to live in them.  
—Harry Romaine in Ladies' Home Journal.

## THE SCOUT'S RIDE.

Christmas day, 1892, found the Army of the Potomac in winter quarters near Falmouth, Va., writes Major George F. Williams in The Rider and Driver. With that elasticity of spirit so characteristic of the veteran soldier, the Union troops had already recovered from the effects of that terrible battle at Fredericksburg, when the several corps were buffeted by Lee's guns on St. Mary's Heights. Many a familiar face was missing from the ranks, but convalescents were rapidly arriving from the hospital, and the army was preparing for its approaching spring and summer campaign, which ended at Gettysburg.

While his staff was exchanging Christmas greetings soon after reveille General Hooker summoned to his presence Jim White, one of the headquarters scouts.

"White," said the general, "I learn from Washington that it is believed that the rebels contemplate a movement through the London valley. You must go and ascertain if this is true."

"All right, general," replied the scout, with a brief salute as he turned to leave the tent.

"What route will you take?" asked the general.

"I shall go by the Warrenton road and leave our lines from the pickets of General Sykes' regulars. From Warrenton to Aldie gap is a day's ride, and then I will be in the valley."

"I hope to see you then in five days." "If I get back at all, sir, you will see me on New Year's eve. It can't be done any quicker."

"Very well. Go and get your pass." It was a great disappointment for Jim White, this being summoned for dangerous duty on Christmas day, for he had intended being one of the guests of a comrade who had received a fat turkey from home. But, putting aside all thought of the proposed festivity, Jim got his pass for the picket line, and saddling his horse rode away from headquarters.

Reaching the little village of Aldie on the afternoon of the second day, Jim rode through the gap as the setting sun began to gild the mountain tops. Dressed in faded butternut, the usual costume of a Virginia farmer, the scout had met with no adventure, and he was looking forward to a speedy termination to his errand.

The horse Jim rode was a remarkable animal. Possessing good blood and action, it nevertheless was rather uncouth in appearance. Its coat was very rough, and as the scout seldom used the curry-comb, the brute did not look like a fast one. Jim, however, knew the good qualities of his beast, for they had often been proved in critical moments. Always adopting the character of a Virginia farmer, Jim's shaggy horse aided in the deception, and only those who knew his real character would recognize a famous scout in the queer picture he made in the saddle.

"Seems to me," said the scout, soliloquizing, "those people in Washington are always finding mare's nests. Here I am in the London and not a reb in sight." As he uttered the words, Jim came to another road which crossed the one he had been following. In an instant he discovered the approach of a Confederate cavalry patrol. Accustomed to such perils, Jim very coolly checked his steed and waited for the little party.

"What you cum from?" demanded the cavalry leader as he and his men rode up. "Bin down in Aldie," drawled Jim. "Went to see how things looked down there."

"Bin to the army?" "Well, not exactly, though I've done my share toward thinning out the Yanks."

"Oh, then you are one of Mosby's men?" "Yaas."

"And what are you going?" "Up by the way of Ashby gap. Promised to be in Martinsburg tomorrow."

"Is that the road to Aldie?" "Yaas. It's the way I've come."

"Well, good day; we must get through the gap tonight."

"Ye can do it easy. There's no Yanks this side of Warrenton."

"Thanks."

And then the patrol proceeded. Jim having mentioned Ashby gap was compelled to take the road just left by the Confederates, for unless he did so he knew their suspicions might be aroused. Thanking his lucky stars for getting by them so easily, Jim supposed he had escaped. He had not yet got out of sight, however, when he heard one of the men say:

"Pears to me, sargint, that fellow's a Yank. Mebbe he's a scout."

Jim White dug his spurs into his horse's flanks. The animal started off on a gallop. Having got so good a start, the scout decided to risk everything by instant flight. The rapid reverberations of his horse's hoofs on the frozen earth betrayed his purpose, and the patrol was soon thundering in pursuit after him.

Jim knew that he was in danger of being shot, but as he was also aware that the aim of galloping horsemen is always very uncertain he entertained very little fear on that score. To him capture meant certain death at the end of a rope swung over the convenient trunk of a tree. Unless he could outstrip his pursuers his career as a Union scout was at an end.

On and on rode the fugitive scout and his pursuers, the latter occasionally giving voice to the yell so often heard from Confederate throats. Gradually the distance between Jim and the patrol widened, and it seemed tolerably clear that

Here Jim paused to refill his pipe, and we took advantage of the opportunity briefly to debate the question as to whether or not Mrs. Sammis was justified in doing as she did. Jim then proceeded: "The other case I was thinkin' of is different a hull lot. Th' woman in it was 'bout th' same caliber as t'other one, I reckon, but more perseverin'."

"It was up in Dakoty, too, this here case; over 't Gilman, 'bout 20 miles fr'm Bessemer. It was sherriff then an known ev'rybody in th' blame county. B'sides th' gyurl was a sorter relation o' mine, how I came t' know s'much about it."

"This here gyurl was a dandy high stepper. Her ol' man was w' fixed an she'd went t' school t' St. Louis an was purty pernickety. Blame fine gyurl, stunnin purty an nice, but pernickety, 'cause some o' th' finest and best fixed boys in th' county wanted 'er, an she turned up her nose at th' hull bilin. Treated 'em all like an 'ell that, but treated 'em alike, n'ice was onpleasant fer th' boys."

"The trouble was, I reckon, she'd be'n readin a hull lot o' blame trash, an 'pected some prince was comin 'long t' offer himself, w'ich did happen, only he wa'n't no prince, 'cept, mebbe, 'ordin t' her notion. It was a blame doct'r fr'm somewhere east th't struck town an got a job 't th' Cleveland smelter keepin time—a feller named 'r callin himself Ward Fortescue."

"He hadn't hardly struck th' camp b'fore him an Mame meets each other an is mashed, most immetig. He was one o' these alim, purty ducks th't o'n sing lots an put up a real smooth talk, an make book love—one o' these sweet warts th't a feller aches t' spank an kick. I s'pose it's women's natur t' git stuck on 'em, 'cause they allus do."

"Anyhow, Fortescue, as he called himself, wades right in an rushes Mame fer all he was worth, an Mame she liked it all right, so t'wa'n't long 'fore she up an tells her folks th't him and her is goin t' git spliced. The ol' lady was tickled lots, 'cause Fortescue had lied t' her consid'le 'bout his folks an how rich they was, an so on; but th' ol' man kicked right smart, tellin Mame th't Mister Dood had got t' cough up his papers an show his hand, likewise givin Smith names of people they c'd write to fer recommends."

"Mame, as I said b'fore, had sperrits herself, an she kicked hard, sayin she was of age an her own boss, an c'd do as she pleased; but th' ol' gent got hot in the collar an tol her t' shet up, w'ich she done, keepin up heaps o' thinkin all th' time."

"Th' ol' gent come t' me an chinned awhile; then he went an seen Berry Wright, th' lawyer, an he writes some letters, w'ich, for a wonder, one was answered right prompt. Pinkerton's agency wrote th't th' d'scription b'longed to a chap named Ward th't was wanted in Michigan fer shakin his wife and leavin th' bank he worked for in th' hole."

"I tuck th' letter an started fer Smith's after I'd et supper. On th' way up, here come Smith, like a hen with 'er head cut off, shakin han's with himself an tur'le 'xited, 'cause he'd be'n t' see Fortescue, an Fortescue told 'im he was dead sure t' marry th' gyurl if she didn't shet 'im."

"I tol th' ol' gent 'bout th' letter an other evidence, an he felt better. Then we walked up t' th' house and waded inter th' gyurl, provin 't her th't the cuss was as low lived a scamp as they was out o' jail. D'y'e think she keered? Oh, no. She jes' rips out at me, and you bet she roasted me bad, windin up b' hopen she'd never see me again. Then she turns on th' ol' gent with a lot o' 'bout his slanderin Fortescue, an how she loves the blame rascal an is goin t' foller 'im t' th' devil or somewhere."

"Th' next mornin her an the dood was missin. They went t' th' next camp, got married by a jestic o' th' peace an skipped. She wrote t' th' ol' folks fr'm Denver, askin t' be forgiven an sayin how happy she was, but her pa wrote back sayin she c'd come home jes' w'en she pleased if she'd leave Ward—Smith called 'im Ward, w'ich 'was his name, sure 'nough—an came t' stay."

"Did she come? I sh'd say no. She stuck t' Ward an got treated like a dog for it. He used t' get drunk and 'buse Mame, an raised Cain all sorts o' ways—an still she didn't kick none. We never give Pinkerton's any more information, so Ward wasn't bothered none fr a couple o' years. Then he up and run away fr'm Mame an th' kid, leavin 'em nary red; but it jes' happened he met a feller th't knowed 'im, an he was gently runned in an tuk t' Michigan. They socked it to 'm hard, too, 'cause his first wife's folks was riled up, an the bank he'd stole from was likewise achin t' take a fall out o' 'im."

"Mame? She's at D'troit—I don't know how she got there—in sewin and tryin t' keep her an th' kid alive till that skunk gits out o' jail."

"Don't women beat th' very dooce!" And Mr. Hardin shook his head and sighed heavily.—R. L. Ketcham in Argonaut.

Spent \$30,000 to Match a Color.

One cannot turn away from Chinese art objects—porcelain particularly—without a deep impression of the dignity and value of their "solid colors." Many attempts have been made by European manufacturers to imitate them, but without success. The attempt to reproduce the sang de bouf, or "bullock's blood," cost and Englishman \$30,000 before he abandoned the effort in despair. The Chinese themselves have always set the highest value on their achievements in this line.

For a long time they refused to part with the choicer examples of sang de bouf "coral," "peachblow" and crushed strawberry, and it is only in recent years that the "foreign devils" have been able to obtain them. The objects have no other decoration than that of a single color, ranging from darkest to lightest shades—from black, deep red, blue, green or yellow, the most vivid, to palest pink or violet or delicate ivory.

It is because we have in them the perfection of color united with an antique simplicity of form that their art value is so great.—Carpet and Upholstery Trade.

When rooms are heated by stoves, economy lies in never letting the fire go down in cold weather, as it takes more heat to warm the rooms when the walls are chilled than it does to keep them so for days.

### Sidewalk Resolution No. 9.

For a sidewalk on the south side of Madison street from Washington avenue to Egan avenue, also on the north side of Madison street from Washington avenue to the alley in block 4, original plat; also for the north side of Madison street from Egan avenue to alley in block 4, town proprietor's first addition; also on the north side of Center street from the city hall to Union avenue; Be it resolved by the city council of the city of Madison, that it is necessary to build a sidewalk on the south side of Madison street from Washington avenue to Egan avenue; also on the north side of Madison street from Washington avenue to the alley in block 4, original plat; also on the north side of Madison street from Egan avenue to alley in block 4, town proprietor's first addition. Also on the north side of center street from the city hall to Union avenue; and that the owners and occupants of lots 12 and 13 block 10, lots 6 and 7 block 9, lots 6 and 7 block 8, lots 6 and 7 block 7, lots 6 and 7 block 6, lots 6 and 7 block 5, lots 6 and 7 block 4, lots 6 and 7 block 3, lots 6 and 7 block 2, lots 6 and 7 block 1, lots 6 and 7 block 10, town proprietor's first addition to Madison lots 6 and 7 block 2, and the west 86 feet of lot 13 block 8, original plat of the city of Madison S. D. be, and they are hereby notified to construct at his or their own cost and expense in front of and abutting upon said lots and parcels of land, a sidewalk five feet and six inches wide of one inch lumber laid upon four 3x4 inch stringers the outside stringers not to be over two inches from ends of boards, except lots 6 and 7 block 7, and the west 86 feet of lot 13 block 8, original plat, where sidewalk must be constructed of two inch lumber, laid upon five 2x6 inch stringers and ten feet in front of said lots and parcels of land, a sidewalk abutting property owners on or before the 5th day of July, 1898, will be constructed by the city and the cost thereof levied upon the abutting property in proportion to frontage thereon.

Adopted May 4, 1898.  
Approved May 5, 1898.  
Attest: H. J. PATTERSON, Mayor.  
ELMER SHERIDAN, City Auditor.

Mortgage Sale.

Default having been made in the payment of the principal and interest due November 25th, 1898, on a certain note secured by mortgage dated November 25th, 1897, given by Severn M. Severn, a single man, to the Fidelity Loan and Trust Company and duly recorded in the office of the register of deeds of Lake county, then territory of Dakota, now state of South Dakota, on the 11th day of August, 1898, at 4 o'clock p. m., in Book U of mortgages, on page 251.

The amount due to be due thereon at the date of mortgage is \$779.55. No action now proceeding at law or otherwise has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof. Now, therefore, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale at public auction, by the sheriff of said Lake county, or his deputy, on the 17th day of June, 1898, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, at the front door of the Court house in the city of Madison, in said county and state, and substantially described in said mortgage as follows, to-wit:

The southeast quarter of section twenty three (23) and the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section twenty-six (26) township one hundred and one (101) north, range fifty-one (51) west of the 5th P. M.

Dated at Sioux City, Iowa, May 1, 1898.  
S. E. HOWERTON, Mortgagee.  
Attorney for Mortgagee.  
N. A. Fox, Sheriff.

### Notice.

State of South Dakota, county of Lake, ss. In circuit court, second judicial circuit. Edward Wells, plaintiff, vs. Darin Hubbard, The American Mortgage and Investment company of Madison, Dakota; The Madison National Bank of Madison, Lake county, D. T.; Matthew W. Daly, as assignee of the American Mortgage and Investment company of Madison, Dakota; May E. Merrill, Frank R. Van Slyke, R. B. Mills, Alton A. Bartlett, H. N. Luce, James Farmer, John Jones, K. Thompson, Ole T. Thompson, and the Acme Hay Harvester company, defendants. Notice is hereby given, that under and by virtue of a judgment and decree of foreclosure and sale rendered by said court in the above entitled action on the 9th day of January, A. D. 1898, and a special execution thereon duly issued out of said court and this day placed in my hands, I will on Friday the 2nd day of June, A. D. 1898, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day at the front door of the court house in the city of Madison, in the said county of Lake and state of South Dakota, sell at public auction the real property required by said judgment to be sold or so much thereof as may be necessary to raise the amount required by said execution, to-wit: Two thousand seven hundred and thirty-three dollars and five cents, (\$2,733.05) besides interest and costs. The said real property is situate in the county of Lake and state of South Dakota, and described as follows, to-wit: The north half of the northwest quarter of section six (6), township one hundred and one (101) north, range fifty-two (52), in Lake county, South Dakota, excepting therefrom the east half of the northeast quarter of said northeast quarter of section six (6), township and range aforesaid.

Dated at Madison, South Dakota, April 25, 1898.  
Winser & Kittredge, Plaintiff's Attorneys.  
N. A. Fox, Sheriff of Lake Co.

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Notice of Chattel Mortgage Sale.

Whereas, default has been made in the conditions of a certain chattel mortgage, made by John C. Johnson, to Johnson & Gustine, mortgagees, dated March 24, A. D. 1898, to secure the payment of the sum of eighty-five and 85/100 dollars, with interest at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from date until paid, which mortgage was filed in the office of the register of deeds for Lake county, South Dakota, on the 24th day of March, A. D. 1898, at 4 o'clock p. m., upon the following described property, to-wit: One Jackson wagon No. 11706, been in use since 1890; one cream colored horse, seven years old, weight 1,400 lbs; one gray mare, five years old, weight about 1,400 lbs; one pair of hobs side by side, by T. G. Mandt Mfg. Company, bought in year of 1891.

Consists in this, to-wit: That the said mortgagee has failed to pay or cause to be paid to said mortgagee or any one for him, the principal or any part of said mortgage debt, principal or interest, although the same has been long past due, and payment thereof has been duly demanded, and the said mortgagee deeming themselves insecure under and by the terms and conditions of said mortgage have declared the same due and there is now due and payable to said mortgagee the sum of seventy-seven and 5/100 dollars, principal and interest. And whereas, I have taken possession of said property of the request of said Johnson & Gustine as agent, under the provisions of said mortgage, to foreclose the same for the payment of said mortgage debt; Now, therefore, take notice that on the 13th day of May, A. D. 1898, at 3 o'clock p. m., at the front door of Hubbard Bros. feed and sale stable in the city of Madison, in the county of Lake, South Dakota, under and by virtue of the provisions in said mortgage contained, I shall sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the above described property, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said sum of seventy-seven and 5/100 dollars, together with an attorney's fee of five dollars, as provided in said mortgage.

W. C. BEAMAN, J. A. MCGOVERN, Att'ys for Mortgagees. Ag't for Mortgagees.

Notice.  
Land office at Mitchell, South Dakota, April 25, 1898. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of her intention to make final proof in support of her claim, and that said proof will be made before the clerk of the court, at Madison, S. D., on June 10, 1898, viz: Christine A. McGill, tract No. 14338, for the northwest quarter, section 31, township 106, range 54. She claims the following witneses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: W. H. Williams, of Winfred, S. D.; J. M. Johnson, of Winfred, S. D.; J. D. McLeod, of Winfred, S. D.; Dean McKee, of Winfred, S. D.

R. N. KATZ, Register.

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