the regular army and especially desiring a rest from that dangerous activ ty which all army officers incurred.

"Well, sir, you are welcome at my house, and I hope you'll find your stay pleasant. My daughter, who can row a boat to perfection, will cheerfully contibute to your enjoyment."

coffin boat; "but I heard he had bought a piece o' land over the meuntains an' has opened a farm."

"Did you ever meet him?"

"Believe I did meet him once at Mr. Anderson's house. 'Peered to me like he was sorter in love with the Anderson tribute to your enjoyment."
"I understand," looking at him, "that gal."
"Don't suppose that I could find him,

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Several days passed and still I made no progress. I was not regarded in that light of suspicion which I thought would characterize my appearance among the people, and I was soon convinced that the farmers around were not in sympathy with the distillers. Finally I told Anderson my business.

"Well," he said, "if I can do anything for you, I'll do it cheerfully, but led me advise you not to go into the hills. Watch the river, as that is the only way they can possibly ship the stuff. I am going up the river to day after some walnut lumber, and if you will accompany me we may make a discovery. As you have no doubt noticed I make a great many coffins. Not for government officials," he added, with a smile, "but am supplying cheap coffins for the New Orleans market. During an epdemic, it is almost impossible to get coffins to the city fast enough, and at such times I employ quite a number of men. Come and I'll show you my place of business.

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The shop stood near the river bank. Several workmen were employed in dressing walnut lumber. Coffins were stacked up all around, and a flat boat was being loaded with the deathly furnitive. The coffins were found to be lined with tin, and although ominous

several government officers have been killed by illicit distillers in this neigh-

willed by illicit distillers in this neighborhood."

"Yes," he replied; "shamefully murdered. Well, I won't say murdered, for the distillers no doubt considered it self-defense. Up in the hills, here, somewhere, there is a large distillery, but it will be a long time, I think, before the government breaks it up. It is almost impossible to conduct a party of men through the hills, and it is almost certain death, for the distillers can see almost every turn. My advice would be to watch for the whisky that's sent away, capture the men handling it and compel them to show the exact location of the distillery."

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"Mout find him if you wuster go over the hills."

"That's unnecessary," I remarked, stepping from behind a tree and confronting the villains. They threw up their hands and prayed that their lives might be spared. We did not intend to give them the least chance of escape and securely pinioning their hands, we took them down to the boat, where, after gaining all possible information, I left them under a strong guard. We were not slong in gaining the neighborhood of Anderson's residence. It was a late hour at light, and we surrounded the house without alarming anyone. I instructed one of my officers to call Anderson, and again I secreted myself.

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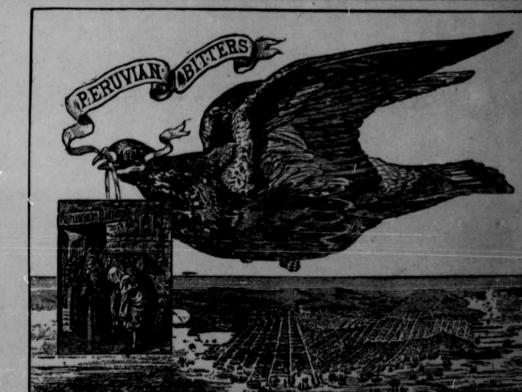
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