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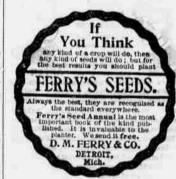
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at the door, there is no telling what she might have done to Souri. To have been thus duped put her in a towering passion. She went into Souri's cell and perated her with her tongue and shook

her fist in her face, but refrained from outhing her. When Souri asked for a woman's dress she at first flatly refused, but fearing she would incur the dis-pleasure of the provost marshal still further than she had if she should send a girl to him not properly dressed she selected an old calico frock of her own and gave it to her.

Souri and Jakey were led to the mar-shal's office, followed by a crowd of curious people, who were aware that they had been the means of the escape of a spy, but when they arrived the crowd were left outside.

Never was a man more puzzled what to do with prisoners than the marshal in the case of Souri and Jakey. He saw a simple, modest, poor white country girl, apparently not out of her "teens," and a stupid looking boy, who was not very far into them. "Who are you?" he asked of Souri not

unkindly. "Missouri Slack." "Where do you live?"
"On the Anderson road, not far from

Jasper."
"And this boy?" "He's my brother."
"When did you come from home?" "Three days ago." "What brought you, or how did you

know that the prisoner was here and in "Jakey sent me word."

"This boy?" "Yes." "How?" "He sent me a silk hankercher what I give t'other un."

"How did you send it, boy?" "Niggers."

"Well, you two are pretty young to e engaged in such mischief. The officer looked at them with interest and vexation mingled. He had lost a prisoner for whom he was responsible, but he could not but wonder at such a dull looking boy achieving so difficult a

could not but admire the sacrifice made by the girl. "What do you think I ought to do with

"Reckon y' mought gimme back my gun," said Jakey. The officer could not repress a smile.

"What gun?" "Th' one yer tuk t'other day."

"Go and get the boy's gun, orderly, he said to a soldier on duty at the door. The gun was not to be found then, out was recovered later, and Jakey was happy in receiving it. you know what you've been do

ing?" the officer resumed, addressing who will doubtless carry information to the enemies of your country." Souri made no reply. She stood look-

daughter about her age. hailed from Jasper had been sent for lonly a week. Never had he passed such prisoners. Several of them recognized would again.

not a harsh man, saved them from pun-ishment. There was a great deal of feeling against "renegade" east Tennesseeans, and had they been men they would have been taken back to the "black hole" at the jail and kept there till it was found necessary to move them from the approaching enemy. As it was, the marshal directed that they be taken into another room till he could hear from headquarters regarding them. He knew

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Souri, whose only clothing was that left her by Mark, begged Mrs. Triggs to get her more suitable apparel before being taken out of the jail. Had the old woman any excuse, indeed had it not been for the presence of the guard at the door, there is no talling what its Respectfully referred book to them. Respectfully referred back to the provest marshal with authority to do with these pris-oners as he thinks for the best interests of the service. The spy having escaped it does not appear that there is any reason to hold them.

The brother and sister were brough in again to hear what was to be their fate. Souri was aware of the enormity of her offense and expected a severe punishment. She had determined to beg the officer to send Jakey back to his parents.

then he might punish her as he liked.

"Suppose I let you and your little brother go home," said the murshal, "will you go there and keep out of any interference in matters that concern the Confederacy hereafter?" "I'll go home," said Souri,

"Well, I reckon you'd better go," plied the officer. Then to the guard: "Send the corporal here." "Take these children," he said to that person when he arrived, "to the other side of the river and turn them adrift, and see that they don't get back here.'

Souri's heart jumped into her throat for joy. Turning her expressive eyes on the officer, she said, "Thank you. "Mr. Ossifer," said Jakey, "I thank y' fur gimmen me back my gun." A smile broke over the faces of those

present. The next day the brother and sister arrived at home, and great was the re-joicing in the Slack family.

CHAPTER XVI.



task as sending the communication, and "This is a gentleman who-Mr."-When the trap door of the attic had closed over Laura Fain after her inter-view with Mark he stood for a few minutes pondering on her strange treatment of him. Then he turned to the breakfast. He had eaten nothing since the evening before and the sight of the greater part of a fried chicken (it had been killed by Laura's orders for him only that morning) was especially grateful. Mark applied himself to his meal, and while he ate he went over the scenes through which he had passed since he set out on his mission. Surely he must have been gone a month. He counted "You've helped a spy to escape ill doubtless carry information to evening of the twentieth of August: Chattanooga on the morning of the twenty-second, tried on the twentying at the officer with her big black fourth, was to have been hanged on the syes. Fortunately for her, he had a twenty-seventh, escaped on the twenty-Meanwhile some Tennesseeans who fore. It was now the twenty-seventh sixth. That was only the evening be

and they came in to have a look at the a week before, and he hoped he never both Sonri and Jakey, and told the mar-both Sonri and Jakey, and told the mar-shal that they were what they pretended. fast a hand was extended through the This and their youth, together with trap, a pitcher of water and toilet arti-the fact that the provost marshal was cles were left and the dishes taken. At noon a meal was handed in by the same

hir hand. Though but two meals had been thus left, Laura began to perceive that she could not thus feed her charge without soon being discovered. When she took Mark's dinner to him she entered the attic and had him close the trap after

"It will not do for you to stay here much longer," she said. "My mother has already become suspicious that I have something on my mind, and I fear being detected carrying these meals. dare not tell her all, and I dare not risk her discovering that you are here, "I will go tonight.

"It will be sure capture for you to go. The negroes tell me that the country people are all out looking for the-the

spy."
"I can't stay here and compromise "I have a plan. This evening I will watch for an opportunity for you to go down stairs. You can introduce yourself as a guest, and though you will

every minute in danger you will be safer than here." "And, in case I am discovered, will

not be caught like a rat in a trap. "You can appear as a traveler. You must have a hat. I will bring you one. At the first opportunity after dark I'll come to the trap and knock. Followine down stairs. I don't think any one will recognize you in these clothes. They have been packed away since my brother went to Virginia a year ago. Mamma only saw you, when you were here before, after dark on the veranda, and—well, I think there will be a very good chance for you to play guest without detection."

"The servants?" "They would never betray a Yankee.

"Not an unpleasant occupation on a pleasant day," said Mark irrelevantly. "Should anything happen, I only fear mamma: And, after all, she is a wom-

un," she added significantly.
"Which you pretend not to be." "If all goes well you will be assigned 2 room—the guest chamber perhals— and if it is not safe for you to be down

Mark was better pleased with the plan than remaining where he was. He did not expect to remain in the house longer than till the next night, when he hoped those who were seeking for him would

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She lowered her eyes under his look of gratitude and then went below.

As soon as it grew dark Mark listened for the signal. It came a few minutes before nine o'clock. Mrs. Fain had remained in the parlor up to that moment, when she went unstairs to get some art, but the signal of the parlor up to that moment, when she went unstairs to get some art, but the signal of the property of the signal of the sign

a minute elapsed between the signal and

his arrival there. It was not long before Mrs. Fain was neard groping about up stairs in the dark, heard groping about upstairs in the dark, wanting to know who had turned out the lights and calling on a servant to relight them. When she entered the parlor she was surprised to see her daughter in company with a stranger, who was standing, hat in hand, as though he had just come in from without.

"Mamma," said Laura, with her heart.

"Mamma," said Laura, with her heart in her throat, but with the most assured of innocent tones, "this is a gentleman

"Rhett," supplied Mark.
"Mr. Rhett, of"— "South Carolina." Any old Virginia or South Carolina name was quite enough to insure a wel-come from Mrs. Fain. Without waiting to hear what he might say further or an

"Mr. Rhett is traveling, mamma. says that-that"-"I am looking for mines, madam, You may not know it, but you are in the center of a rich mineral region. It is pleasant to hear that fortune may come soon, and Mrs. Fain was evidently much pleased at the informa-

'Indeed!" she said calmly. "Yes, madam, I have been looking for ore. I presume I need not say whether in government interest or not; we must have cannons, you know."
"Government officers are not bound to disclose their identity or their objects,

"I have been prospecting, madam, and am separated from my party owing to the stupidity of the driver of the vehicle which contains my crucibles and chemicals. I appeared at your door and your daughter was kind enough to ask in-not surprising, considering your far famed Tennessee hospitality. "You are quite welcome, sir."

Mark bowed low, with his hand on his heart, like a South Carolina gentleman of the old school. "Have you supped?" asked Mrs. Fain.

"Yes, madam; I succeeded in getting a meal by the way. A poor one, indeed a very poor one, with burned beans for But since the abolition Lincoln government has violated all rules of civilized warfare by this cruel blockade -intending to starve us into subjection -I suppose we must take what we can An' when she tak the sofy seat there wa'n't ma get. I repeat it, we must take what we

can get, madam. Mark's eyes flashed with well feigned indignation. "It is our duty to bear our depriva-

tions cheerfully," said Mrs. Fain. "We shall gain our independence at last, and that should be an incentive. "It should, madam, and let me tell

you we are about to see stirring times and great successes. This region has come of especial military importance. Our forces will be in front of Nashville, perhaps Louisville, very soon, while General Lee can't fail with such noble men as he has in his army-the very flower of the south-the flower of the south, madain—he can't fail, I say, to Headache, Small like Beans,

drive the Yankees out of Virginiar "You are very hopeful."

While Mark was thus performing, Laura stood with downcast eyes, and if her mother had not been so interested in the hopeful words of the garrulous South Carolinian she would have noticed a slow heaving of her daughter's boson, with here and there a slight spasmodic action.

"And now, madam," said Mark, "may I beg a night's lodging? I fear it is too late to find my party." "Certainly, sir. Call Mirands, my

They would not a coming down to the second floor in the front chamber on the second floor in the front of the house.

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mained in the parlor up to that moment, when she went up stairs to get some article uccessary to a piece of work she was doing. Laura followed her, turning out the hights by the way and keeping on up to the attic.

Within a few seconds after her knock Mark was descending the stairs and in a twinking was in the parlor. Not half the second was a stairs and in a twinking was in the parlor. Not half the second was a stairs and in a twinking was in the parlor. Not half the second was a stairs and in a second was Iosa, Or., March 20, 1893.

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account of how he came to be there so suddenly, she said:

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