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## THE WOMEN OF THE SOUTH.

Whenever the demagogue of northern politics grows weary of Ku-Klux in the south, he assails southern women. He claims that they were enthusiastic over secession, encouraged rebellion and that they still hate the "Yankee" with a bitterness almost personally dangerous. The first part of the charge is true—the latter an outrageous slander. Modern history cannot name a war in which the wives and mothers and sisters and daughters of an army were more enthusiastic and self-sacrificing. To the men of the south the war was the solution of a political problem. To the women it seemed an attempt of the north to conquer and desolate the country. They firmly and earnestly believed that the south had long been oppressed, and that the war was to further abridge rights and liberties. Believing this it may be safely asserted that nineteen out of every twenty women in the south were Spartans in their courage, Romans in their faith and self-sacrifice. Husbands and fathers and brothers were made ready for war and given a woman's blessing, and even had the Confederate conscription act been less stringent the able-bodied man who shirked military service could not have lived at home for the taunts of the women.

History will never detail the self-sacrificing and heroic courage of southern women. No matter as to the right or wrong of the cause—they believed it was right. The blow fell upon the family household early and with full force. In Virginia seven out of ten families were without men folk at home within three months from the first battle. Father and sons went together. The wife and mother gave all she had, and then turned to face further anxieties. There were thousands of women in the Old Dominion who had never laced their shoes or combed their hair. The slave was at hand to obey every nod. These women sent their husbands and sons to the front and then faced the question of food supply. In many cases the slaves ran away. When this occurred the women went into the fields and put in such crops as they could. Where the slaves remained the mistress was forced to act as her own manager and overseer and assume all responsibility. There are plenty of Federal troopers still living who found educated and cultured southern women wielding hoes and holding plows in the corn-field within six months of the opening of the war.

It was the Southern women more than the provost marshals who checked desertion and made the offense odious. The Confederate who left the front without leave found no welcome outside of his own family. He who came home by authority and with a wound to attest his bravery in action, was a hero until duty compelled his return.

No man ever saw a night so wild that a southern woman would not face it to carry news to Confederate soldiers. Every woman was a scout and a spy. If the mother could not go the daughter was sent. If there was no daughter a dispatch or message was hurried off by a negro or a signal was made. They came to accurately estimate the strength of marching columns, to identify one make of guns from another in the batteries, and where scouts and spies could not go the women could. It was a woman who saved Mosby again and again. It was a woman who told General Jackson the exact strength of the federal force at Front Royal before he fell upon it in carrying out his valley campaign. It was a woman who told Early just how Sheridan's army was distributed at Cedar Creek, and there was scarcely a battle on Virginia's soil with which women had not something to do as the bearers of information. Once en-

listed in the cause they did not know what despair was. They sent their bedding to the hospitals, their provisions to the army, and their jewelry to a buyer of Confederate arms in Europe. When the Confederate government could not furnish rations the Confederate women did.

I have asked hundreds of Confederate soldiers how they made a start after the war, and in nearly every instance the answer began with:

"Well, my wife, you know—"  
His wife had been the power to brace him up for the new start in life. The home was in ashes, the farm grown up to briars and the country overrun with outlaws, but the wife's words of hope and encouragement set the returned soldier to work. With any other class of women the south would have been built up by the inch instead of the foot. As they were enthusiastic in war, so also are they heroines in peace. In the real southern woman's heart there is no hatred of northerners. There is not even distrust or suspicion. In her parlor may hang portraits through which Sherman's men thrust bayonets, but her pleasant letters are mailed to and received from friends in the north. The war as a war is buried and forgotten, or if bitter memories force themselves to the surface there is no heartburning for vengeance.—M. Quad.

## Ambitious Women in Colorado.

Practically, a woman's life is only about half as long as a man's, and ten years of her prime are worth all the rest of it put together. In nine cases of ten she comes here young, hopeful, and frequently, handsome; willing to help her husband make a fortune that will keep them in affluence in the home of their preference. Long before the fortune is made the wind and sun have got in their work upon her complexion. Her hands and face are hardened by toil; all the intense determination required to bring and keep her here is etched in so many lines in her face. She has forgotten how to dress herself, has lost all pride in appearance, and the woman who does not know how to put on her clothes is about the most unprepossessing object under heaven. If the husband dies, she takes up the business where he left off and makes a success of it. We hear of it back in the states, praise her, possibly envy her the "wild, free life," but when she has finished the task she set for herself she is spoilt for everything else. This applies of course, to those who live on the plains, far from the cities. Where there is nothing else to do, and a necessity for doing something, it is very courageous, in a man or woman to come here and do just these things, and stay as long as may be required for the purpose set, but let not luxurious ignorance imagine that there is anything exhilarating about it; and, after all, there is scarcely one of these successful ones that by the same bravery and patience at home could not have achieved as much, without losing the advantages that have been denied them in their isolation.—Courier Journal.

The Mule-Whacker and the Major  
Maj. Sanger, who is known in military slang as a "bantam," was returning one day from Bismarck to Fort Lincoln, and the ambulance in which he was riding was delayed by a team and wagon driven by one of the class known as mule-whackers. The driver of the ambulance and the mule-whacker got into a wordy altercation, and Maj. Sanger got very indignant at what he believed to be impertinent language and unwarranted interference in his journey. He jumped from the ambulance, a Tom Thumb in size, but a Goliath in fury, and exclaimed: "Get that wagon out of the way."  
The mule-whacker looked at him quizzically and asked:

"Who the devil are you?"  
"I am Maj. Sanger, of the army, sir, and I want you to get that wagon out of the way."  
The mule-whacker ejected a mouthful of tobacco into the road and remarked:

"Do you know what I will do with you, Maj. Sanger, of the army, sir, if you don't make less noise with your mouth?"  
"What will you do?" inquired the Major, looking as large and fierce as possible.

"I'll set a mouse-trap and catch you, Maj. Sanger, of the army, sir, and give you to my puppy to play with."  
Russia's Designs Upon Bulgaria.  
LONDON, Sept. 10.—The Post's Berlin dispatch says: "Russian officers in Bulgaria are acting in a thoroughly revolutionary manner, and do not even disdain a coalition with the Nihilists. It is feared their action will bring back a crisis that will lead to the re-opening of the whole eastern question."

The Telegraph's Vienna special, referring to the affairs in Bulgaria, says it can be positively stated, that the object of Russia is to get rid of Prince Alexander and place its own nominee upon the throne. None of the powers will, however, tolerate the usurpation of the throne of Bulgaria by a Russian pretender, even if he should prove to be Grand Duke Sergius or Grand Duke Paul.

The Standard's Berlin dispatch states that the joining of Roumania in the alliance with Austria and Germany is an answer to Russia's coup d'etat in Bulgaria. The correspondent adds that the relations now existing between Germany and Russia are more than cold, and says it is reported that Russians are concentrating an armed force north of the river Pruth.

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CHARLEY.  
Astoria, September 24, 1883. 1-10-k

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